

O's Drummer Features

The Drummer Loves Ballads

John Armato

Drummer John Armato is an unusual cat for a drummer. He favors the warm vibe of ballads to the pounding of a jam session, as he explains on “How ‘bout a Ballad?” The Drummer Loves Ballads is his debut album. He assembles a team of 25+ musicians to kindle your fire. The flow of special guest artists starts with Warren Vaché (t) on “Dreamsville”. Lisa Henry (vocals) and Doug Talley (sax) are featured on “At the Trocadero”, Brett Jackson stars on “Night Lights”, Houston Person (sax) and Vaché team up on “Don’t Worry ‘bout Me”, then Rob Gutierrez and the late Molly Hammer sing on “Moonlight”. Armato keeps it light with brief interludes then shows his chops on “Poinciana”. A fine effort that reunited friends to express fine music.



Shawn Glyde

Drummer, composer and educator

Blue Canoe

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The Pyramid Factor

Shawn Glyde leads a fine band that includes bassists Jimmy Haslip and John Patitucci, guitarists Larry Koonse and Rich Severson, vocalist Meghan McKown and many others. The Pyramid Factor is a compilation album on Blue Canoe with some of his best work to date. The music is all remixed and remastered by Rick Breen. We enjoyed “Tony’s Temple”, “Gong’s Market”, the club groove on “Blind”, and “Nine Steps”.

Abe Rounds

The Confidence to Make Mistakes

Australian drummer, percussionist, vocalist and composer Abe Rounds now resides in Los Angeles playing with Meshell Ndegeocello. Abe steps out with his first solo recording, The Confidence To Make Mistakes, a heavily percussion-laden session. He is portraying a massive dose of inner feelings in eleven songs spread over 22 impactful minutes!

