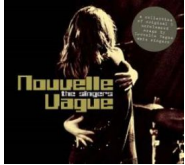


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01 – *Peut Etre Pas* (Melanie Pain) 02 – *Les Petroleuses* (Nicole Feat. Camille) 03 – *Private Meeting* (Shania Halligan) 04 – *Fade Out Lines* (Phoebe Hilder & The Short Straws) 05 – *Perfume O Caricias* (Meeko Feat. Eloisia) 06 – *Bui U* (Karina Zeviani) [play](#) 07 – *At The Moment* (Nadeah Miranda) 08 – *Do You Dream* (Gerald Toto) 09 – *Galaxy* (Jenia Lubich) [play](#)
10 – *Le Temps Elastique* (Marina Celeste) 11 – *My Girl* (Nouvelle Vague Feat. Sophie Delila) 12 – *If* (Helena Noguerra)

As its title states, *The Singers* pays homage to the vocalists that complete Nouvelle Vague's atmospheric sound. This collection of songs from the singers' other projects just reaffirms why Marc Collin and Olivier Libaux chose these particular vocalists: tracks such as the delicate chamber folk of Melanie Pain's "Peut-Etre Pas" and Shana Halligan's lounge-y "Private Meeting" don't stray far from Nouvelle Vague territory. Indeed, the ambience is almost identical to a proper Nouvelle Vague album, minus some of the winking inherent in the band's recasting of new wave, post-punk, and synth pop into smoother sounds (although Nadeah Miranda's "At the Moment" boasts a simpatico cabaret flair).

The Singers also covers more moods than a typical Nouvelle Vague album does, spanning Karina Zeviani's festive "Buii" to Meeko featuring Eloisia's torchy, seductive "Perfume e Caricias." Other highlights include Phoebe Killdeer & the Short Straws' "Fade Out Lines," which ventures into smoky jazz, and the trip-hop stylings of "Nicole" by les Petroluses featuring Camille, probably one of the better-known singers outside of Nouvelle Vague's confines. *The Singers* doesn't offer anything drastically different than what Nouvelle Vague fans have come to expect, but it's a nice companion piece that adds some depth to the project. ---Heather Phares, Rovi

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