## Anita Baker - Rhythm Of Love (1994)



1. Rhythm of Love 5:50 2. The Look of Love 4:47 3. Body and Soul 5:42 4. Baby 4:25 5. I Apologize 5:09 6. Plenty of Room 4:57 7. It's Been You 4:59 8. You Belong to Me 4:41 9. Wrong Man 5:51 10. Only for a While 5:16 11. Sometimes I Wonder Why 4:37 12. My Funny Valentine 5:06 Anita Baker - Vocals Andy Snitzer - Saxophone George Duke - Piano, Arranger, Producer Greg Phillinganes - Keyboard Barry J. Eastmond - Piano, Strings, Synthesizer Bucky Pizzarelli, Dean Parks, Ira Siegel - Guitar Michael Thompson - Guitar (Rhythm) Nathan East, Anthony Jackson, James Genus - Bass Steve Ferrone - Drums Steve Thornton, Bashiri Johnson - Percussion

As the 1990s progressed, Anita Baker was sounding more and more contrived. One hoped that someone with so appealing a voice would challenge herself and try something different -- perhaps recording more standards or exploring straight-ahead jazz (which she's obviously quite capable of doing). But instead of gambling with inspiration and risking a decline in sales, Baker tends to play it safe and offers a disc that often sounds like formula at work. Though Rhythm of Love is a generally decent album and even contains a few gems (including the dusky "Wrong Man," the torchy "Sometimes I Wonder Why," and heartfelt interpretations of "My Funny Valentine" and "The Look of Love"), Baker is capable of a lot more. The diva gives the impression that she desperately needs to follow Natalie Cole's lead and get away from catering to radio. –Alex Henderson, Rovi

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