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1. *New afro Spanish generation* 2. *Little freaky girl* 3. *Jodida pero contenta* 4. *Échate a mi vera* 5. *Qué pasa* 6. *Talk to me (Háblame)*, written by José Vera Lopez 7. *Se me escapan las palabras* 8. *Tu caramelo* 9. *Soleá de libertad* 10. *Niña de fiesta + Bailando mi pena* 11. *Nostalgias*, music by Juan Carlos Cobián, lyrics by Enrique Domingo Cadícamo

Influenced by Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington, Queen of Flamenco Concha Buika's debut album fuses a wide range of genres, from traditional Spanish to jazz to electronic funk, with her smoky, soulful vocal tones. Released in 2005, Buika features snippets sung in English ("Talk to Me," "Little Freaky Girl") and includes the hit single "New Afro Spanish Generation." ---Jon O'Brien, Rovi

I first heard snippets on the BBC and I was already hooked. Between YouTube and Amazon I listened to pieces of this album and finally made the purchase. I was not disappointed. Buika, self titled after María Concepción Balboa Buika, aka Concha Buika, has a fabulous voice that is alternately clear or smoky, sexy, soulful, de tona clásica, ethnic yet traditional and mature and it demonstrates strengths in flamenco, copla, jazz, and rhythm and blues. Her phrasing and timing are excellent.

The album does suffer a couple weak selections - not that keen on "Little freaky girl" as it smacks of pop influence. She's better than the song. My favorites: "New afro Spanish generation" "Jodida pero contenta" ""Tu caramelo" and "Nostalgias".

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She's an award winner (the award for Best Produced Album at the Premios de la Musica) for a previous album and she has worked with top notch musicians. This album, though a tad uneven, is recommended. Lastly, listen and enjoy "Soleá de libertad" a slow, jazzy, totally Spanish musical meal. The last two selections round out the meal with catchy, pieces that allow the musicians, percussion and technicians a chance to round out this project. --- steuben, amazon.com

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