Kathi McDonald - Above & Beyond (1999)

1. Above and Beyond 2. Don't Give up on Me play 3. Georgia Sunday Morning 4. A Soulful Prayer 5. Girl You Don't Move Me 6. I Put a Spell on You 7. Stray Cat 8. Dallas play 9. Two Drifters 10. Chicken Today Feathers Tomorrow 11. Ain't It Wonderful 12. Season of the Witch [Live]
Kathi McDonald (vocals); Rich Dangel (guitar); Lee Oskar (harmonica); Brian Auger (keyboards); Bunny Brunel (bass); Ralph Penland (drums).

Have you ever heard a voice that came from your own inner soul? A voice that sang through your dreams in the dark hours of the night, that you never thought could possibly be captured on record? That's how I felt when I first heard Kathi McDonald, especially the title track "Above and Beyond." It's the voice I've always wanted to be able to sing with, and she knows everything I feel. This cd has not been out of my player since I bought it. I'm addicted to it. Some of the most beautiful tracks are "Above and Beyond", "A Soulful Prayer", "Two Drifters", "Ain't It Wonderful", and "Girl You Don't Move Me." I cannot recommend this album highly enough - no one has moved me like this since I first heard Janis and Aretha. I cannot compare their styles or music to Kathi's, I can only compare the raw emotion. Slow, sultry, sexy, soulful, spiritual...this is an absolutely amazing woman. She has several other recordings that are sadly out of print (most notably "Insane Asylum", with a cover of "To Love Somebody" that absolutely blows Janis' cover out of the water) but it is well worth your while to try to track them down. Get copies for all your friends and make Kathi McDonald the household name that she deserves to be!!

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