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The Ultimate Matt Monro a proper tribute to music legend's memory

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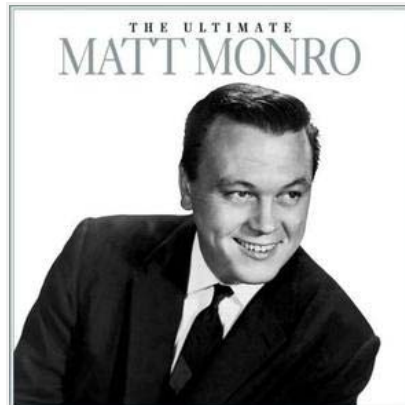
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Good morning, everyone. I hope your day is off to a great start. I've been covering a lot fo mainstream music since starting the Reel Reviews blog. And for the longest time, I've wnted to branch out some and start covering more jazz and classical, too, as I love both those styles of music, too. This morning, I finally get a chance to do that, if only a little bit. This morning, thanks to the Reel Reviews music department, I have the honor of bringing you one of the more recent releases from singing legend, Matt Monro. In anticipation of an upcoming review for his new bio, *The Singer's Singer: The Life and Music of Matt Monro*, I've got the 2005 compilation, "The Ultimate matt Monro." And very soon , I'll also have that book review. In the mean time this morning, I offer to you, dear readers, "The Ultimate Matt Monro."



Credit: EMI/Capitol Records

The Rat Pack. Mel Torme. Bing Crosby. Everybody knows these famous names, regardless of whether or not they're fans of old school jazz and classic music in general. But how many music lovers out there know the name of Matt Monro? Born Terry Parsons, Monro rose to fame as one of the great pop singers of the 1960's. He was Britain's answer to America's pop greats. And today, he's still considered by true audiophiles as one of the great pure vocalists of all time. One of the releases that best exemplifies that is EMI/Capitol's 2005 release, "The Ultimate Matt Monro."

"The Ultimate Matt Monro" features some of the greatest standards that Monro covered during his career. Among the compilation's most representative pieces of Monro's talents are: The Leslie Bricusse penned, 'My Kind of Girl' and 'Gonna Build a Mountain' (penned with Anthony Newley), Simon & Garfunkel's 'Bridge over Troubled Water', and perhaps one of the greatest songs ever written in 'From Russia With Love.' This sampling of songs really show Monro's understanding of different styles and emotions of songs, and hi s ability to adapt them without losing their original style.

'My Kind of Girl' and 'Gonna Build a Mountain' are great up-tempo big band swing style songs with equally positive lyrics. 'Bridge over Troubled Water' is one of the most emotional songs in modern music history. It's been covered by countless artists since Simon & Garfunkel originally recorded it. Matt Monro's cover of this standard is undoubtedly a wonderful rendition. He really grasps the depth of emotion in the lyrics with his dynamic changes. Nex to Johnny Cash's cover, Monro's rendition of this classic is one of the best ever. And then there's his cover of the equally famous title song from Sean Connery's second James Bond flick, 'From Russia With Love.' Monro belts this piece with every bit of his being. It could be argued that his version is actually better than the original written and performed by Lionel Bart for the movie.

The covers noted here are just a small fraction of the whole that is "The Ultimate Matt Monro." Fans all have their own favorite songs by this music legend. And this collection of covers is a wonderful starting point for fans who want to be re-introduced to this musical master and for fans who want to learn his style for the first time. The album is out now on EMI/Capitol.

More information on Matt Monro is available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/mattmonro>.

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