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VICTOR JAMES NESRALLAH

Inside Out

(FFM/Indie Cassete)

Victor's been an active member of the Ottawa music scene for quite a few years now. He's played the role of performer, producer, sideman, frontman, you name it. He occasionally releases his own material. On his third release "Inside Out", Victor has added a bit of an edge to his music; a more electric, bluesy sound. The production sparkles and he is very comfortable with the blues based folk/rock format ie: Bruce Cockburn (ed - who?). Victor handles all the vocals, plays the piano and an acoustic (rhythm) guitar, while the familiar Ottawa crew act as back up (Ross Murray, Peter Keisswalter, Dave Binder (terrific snappy guitar)). Terry Tufts puts in a nice slide guitar riff on "I'm Your Man", a standout track. The slower, softer "A Summer's Daydream" comes a close second; a lazy tune great for the bicycle. The opening track ("Keep Your Hold On") hits bang on for what he's trying with this release: funky uptempo music with great lyrics. Victor's style is comfortable and very entertaining. This may not be very challenging stuff but if John Martyn (ed - who?) or Steely Dan (ed - who?) turn your crank, then this cassette will fit comfortably in your collection.

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