

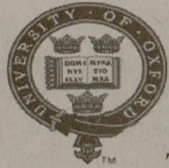


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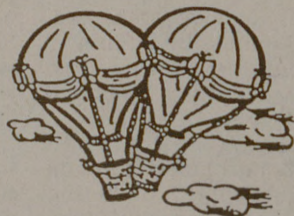
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*Girl's Night Out*  
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*Holding Up Half*  
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What is *The Matrix*? This past weekend thousands flocked to the theaters to find out. Not counting the *Star Wars* trailer and *Wing Commander*, *The Matrix* is the first sci-fi offering of the year.

Directed by the Wachowski brothers, former writers for Marvel comics and directors of the 1996 independent hit *Bound*, the two combined elements from many forms of underground culture to create *The Matrix*.

The film also boasts an excellent soundtrack that complements the movie perfectly and adds to the overall feeling, a rarity for film soundtracks which rely on popular artists.

Actually, the soundtrack is more of a personal compilation, by the Wachowski brothers, of cool tunes since about only half the songs appear in the movie. The soundtrack has older tunes from Rage Against the Machine, Deftones, Monster Magnet and Rammstein as well as newer ones from Marilyn Manson, Ministry and Propellerheads.

Lesser known acts like Rob D, Meat Beat Manifesto, Lunatic Calm and Hive have some of the best tracks on the album. *The Matrix* soundtrack is a great album by itself, and the songs add to the film in general, making the entire movie a cool experience. (Grade: A)

- Kyle Whitacre

CMT has made another attempt to market albums compiled from recent work by already established country artists. Each compilation produced offers nothing more than the same songs overplayed on their television network.

Rarely does CMT offer anything original or on the edge of country music.

Featured on this album are singers Sara Evans, Martina McBride, Mindy McCready and Lorrie Morgan. Not to underestimate the ability of these women — it can be said their talents are great. The problem with *Girl's Night Out* is the inability of the producers to choose any of their lesser-known work that has not been featured on the CMT top ten countdown in the past three years.

The vocal ability of each of these ladies is immense, and some of their less-known work deserves a chance to be spotlighted in project like this.

It seems as though those in charge of the final product were more interested in the ladies looking good for a cover shoot.

If producers had spent as much time selecting music as they had doing the artists make-up, the effort would have been more worthwhile. (Grade: C-)

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