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**Bree Sharp** A Cheap and Evil Girl CD Courtesy of Trauma Records

With a sultry singing voice hich sounds like Natalie Merhant's and clever songs it is hard ir way, we'd of to find at least a couple of enerville said. ertaining songs on Sharp's latest ease A Cheap and Evil Girl. ey cheaper for She already has one radio hit her song "David Duchovny" probably will not have any

n today's entertainment intry, originality is necessary for gevity, so she should have the of what the mame future as every other onewonder that gets their song on er, a Universite radio—none.

said it is best. The lyrics to some of her ongs are cleverly written and her SEE BOOKS (N) pice is intriguing enough to keep he CD player on, but not for

With similar guitar and drums very song, the music sounds same throughout the entire m, leaving the audience throom which song they

POLIS (AP) - The two best songs on the alschool library ham are "America" and "The sechool library heap and Evil Girl," both of med Davidby thich invite the fans in with can use the watchy beats and hooks.

But it will take more than
Minneamis hese things to make this album Minneapolis' almost 28 vorth while. (Grade: C) gloods

- Scott Harris



**Terry Dexter** Terry Dexter CD Courtesy of

Warner Bros. Music

Terry Dexter has a lot going for her. Apart from being raised in the birthplace of Motown and a slinky look designed for video presentation, Dexter has a voice that can wail with Whitney Houston or scratch like Mary J. Blige.

Unfortunately, one of the few things she doesn't have a gift for is the process of selecting produc-

Her songbird voice is reduced to pop blah against a backdrop of Muzak-generic instrumentals the rest of the industry left alone long

Despite her producers' complete inability to step out of the pack, Dexter makes the album a showcase of her ability to croon with the best of them.

When Dexter stretches it out for a ballad, such as on "Alone" and "You'll Never Miss Me," her heart-wrenching delivery con-

The only two up-tempo tracks on the album are a dramatic statement of "I'm Every Woman" pop sensibility.

It is a shame this lovely talent is not backed up by musicians of the same calibre.

Until she is, she will never get the attention she deserves. (Grade: C+)

— Stephen Wells



JACT CD Courtesy of Trauma Records

JACT can easily be described as a poor imitation of a whiny

British rock band. Music fans should not be forced to put up with any other

Oasis-style band. Every single song is a slow, melodic rock tune with the same annoying singer and uninspired

The current single "(Through With) Excuses," which can be heard overplayed on the radio, is a perfect example of how the en-

tire album sounds. The band never experiments with style or tries anything original, but keeps the same depress-

ing beat song after song. The only interesting song on the album is "Magic #3," which takes a stab at trying something different from the rest of the

mediocre album. The lyrics are uninspired and, for the most part, unintelligible.

This is a band that should have never left touring coffee houses and never should have been payed to make music.

With all the talented artists out there today making innovative and original albums, this is a band that can be overlooked and easily forgotten. (Grade: C-)

— Kyle Whitacre





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