

WELCOME BACK TO REALITY - Album Review!

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'*John Harley Weston*' travels across many genres with passion and conviction in every word written and performed. Something not often seen in today's music scene. He is a *true* STORY TELLER of the Millennium!

Having seen John in the 'Live Arena', can best describe his originality and uniqueness in one word 'UPLIFTING'. He does give you a sense of hope and faith in '*everything is going to be OK*' and given today's social and economic climate...that is something you just can't buy! A consummate professional with *many* Songwriting accolades and awards under his belt over the years, John's New Album 'Welcome Back to Reality' is no exception to the high musical standards he constantly sets for himself, *raising the bar here*, which will not only please his allegiance of current fans, but invite many new ones into the John Harley Weston Family.

Stand out songs on this album are hard to single out, due to *each one* having its rightful place and melodic appeal, however let me try.

'*What ever Makes You Happy*', certainly does make *me* happy, with 'What Do You Want From Me' pulling you right into this aching emotional ride often associated with relationships, we have all been through! The title track 'Welcome Back To Reality' is cleverly a constructed *beatlesque* meets *Billy Joel* offering, snuggled in warm backing vocals and harmonies that has you reaching for the 'repeat' button. Onto 'Righteous Son' which is the acoustically driven yet hauntingly true story of Van Nguyen, a young man driven into becoming a drug mule, carrying drugs into Singapore to save his brothers debts, is both empowering & poignant. A fabulously patriotic addition to this album is the unofficial Australian anthem 'Waltzing Matilda' that I BELIEVE should replace ALL other renditions across the globe! This review could continue *indefinitely*, however I just have 2 suggestions for you left . . . BUY IT & ENJOY! for this is an album that you will play until it is well worn, then pulled it off the CD shelf again in 2020 to have you feeling the exact same joy and emotions that made you purchase it in the first place! ***** 5 Stars for this Aussie STAR!

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