

One of the most exciting vocal talents

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One of the most exciting new vocal talents to burst on to the scene this year is Steven Dante, and having waited all summer for the release of his debut album, I found that listening to "Find Out" has been a real pleasure.

This strong set of ten songs compares favourably with Will Downing's marvellous album from

earlier this year, not only in quality but also in musical style.

Steven Dante first came to the public's attention last autumn when Jellybean asked him to sing on his fabulous dance track "The Real Thing" which became a Top 20 hit. This appears on the new album and is the highpoint. Most of the other uptempo numbers are oozing the same quality in terms of vocal performance, rhythm, melody and production.

My particular favourites are "I'm Too Scared"

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which has given Steven a Top 40 hit in his own right, "Ready To Love" with its driving, drum-based rhythm and catchy refrain, "Imagination" with its tuneful, singalong chorus, and "Love Follows" with soulful vocals and another great rhythm.

The three slower tunes need listening to several times before you can really enjoy hearing them. "It's Only Love" is probably the best of the batch but Steven's version of "Ghosts" comes a close second. His talents are not confined to singing because he also co-wrote eight of the songs with various partners.

Jellybean

Jellybean has released a double album of 12-inch remixes, entitled "Jellybean Rocks The House". It includes some fabulous seven and eight minute

club mixes of the hits he has enjoyed over the last 12 months, and remixes from last year's "Just Visiting This Planet" L.P.

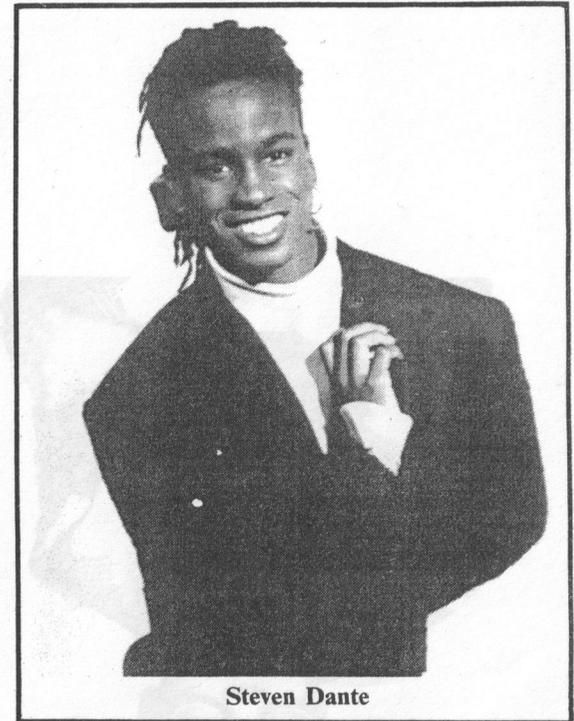
Producer and keyboard musician Jellybean was one of the key men who helped Madonna in her rise to fame and on his recent records he has enlisted vocal help from talented unknown singers like Elisa Fiorillo, Adele Bertei and the aforementioned Steven Dante.

Risque

They have all made their name on Jellybean's hit songs and have subsequently carved out successful solo careers. The highlights of this set include the two distinctive remixes of "The Real Thing" (differing from the version on the Steven Dante LP), a memorable mix of the instrumental

"Jingo", the U.S. Club Mix of "Who Found Who" featuring Elisa Fiorillo, and the lesser known "Little Too Good To Me" with vocals from the same lady.

Beggars Banquet are releasing the three risqué comedy albums by Ivor Biggun (better known as Doc Cox on BBC T.V.'s "That's Life") on compact disc. The first in this series is "The Winker's CD, originally issued on the LP record format in 1978. As well as being a clever musician performing in an updated George Formby style, Doc has a wicked way of twisting the English language with double meanings, so many of the songs can be interpreted the way the listener wants them to be! So if you have a clean mind you have nothing to worry about! Nevertheless, this is a CD for the adult market and should be kept out of the reach of "Miners" as Doc spells it!



Steven Dante

LP Chart

1. Hot City Nights (Various)
2. Kylie (Kylie Minogue)
3. Rap Trax (Various)
4. BAD (Michael Jackson)
5. Tracy Chapman
6. Sunshine On Leith (Proclaimers)
7. Buster (Original Soundtrack)
8. Conscience (Womack and Womack)
9. First Of A Million Kisses (Fairground Attraction)
10. Push (Bros)

Bob Woodhead