Subject: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by elektratig on Tue, 02 Aug 2005 14:04:54 GMT
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I buy few new cds these days, but this one's got me excited. The Kronos Quartet is releasing a new disc, featuring Asha Bhosle, probably the most popular Indian vocalist who's ever lived. Indian vocal music is certainly an acquired taste, but Bhosle came to my attention years ago via her "Legend" collaboration with with Ustad Ali Akbar Khan, http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/B000006DBM/qid=1122994377/sr=1-4/ref=sr_1_4/102-8326899-9216167?v=glance&s=music , which remains one of my favorite Indian discs. (Bhosle is the Queen of Bollywood, and you'll see that some traditionalists fault Bhosle's classical technique; I don't care.) The new disc can be heard in its entirety by clicking the "Kronos Quartet" link at the beginning of the Boing Boing entry below. The Boing Boing entry also provides some surprising information about the lyrics to one of the songs.
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Subject: Re: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by Manualblock on Tue, 02 Aug 2005 19:55:05 GMT
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Long time no hear. Is she Northern Indian?

Subject: Re: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by elektratig on Wed, 03 Aug 2005 00:49:41 GMT
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Hey, MB!The Legacy album with Ali Akbar Khan is in the northern Indian classical tradition.The cuts I've heard on the Kronos Quartet album (Correction: In the link above you can hear two complete songs, not the entire album; still better than the 30 second cuts you get on Amazon) are not identifiable to me -- a cross between Kronos eclecticism and Bollywood?

Subject: Re: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by Manualblock on Mon, 08 Aug 2005 01:10:01 GMT
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Welp; there's a new CD in the rack. Next to the Shostakovitch which I have learned to love.Where do you think it fits in with Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan?

Subject: Re: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by elektratig on Tue, 09 Aug 2005 10:20:01 GMT
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MB,They're very different!You've got me nervous. As I tried to signal, Indian vocal music is, uh, shall I say, idiosyncratic. I've got my fingers crossed.

Subject: Re: Kronos Quartet and Asha Bhosle
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 10 Aug 2005 19:48:10 GMT
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No; I like to try new stuff, if you didn't have recommendations I would probably end up with stuff that sounded much worse or odd. Besides, so far you are batting a thousand.