

## Renaissance of Grace Reviews



### Aurora Juliana Ariel with Bruce BecVar *And Other Illustrious Musicians*

#### **Creations Magazine**

*Review by Mark Maxwell Abushady, NYC*

**Here is an interesting, interesting piece of work.** The music, which I could only poorly describe with words, at times felt (not sounded) Enya-like, but with a Latin sensibility, a perception which was helped along by a Spanish feel to the words. But then, the words weren't quite Spanish. A look at the liner notes provided the clue: the songs are channeled (though the artist doesn't use that word), as is the language." What amazed me in this offering was the lack of self-consciousness in the music (as well as the performance), and the quality of the language, which over the course of the album seemed to encompass all that is melodic in the various languages of our planet. I believe these songs. The shape of the tones and words are evocative and expressive without involving left-brain comprehension. The back-up musicians are also excellent, and take the term "world music" to a new level.

#### **Radio Indy Review**

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**"Renaissance of Grace" is the beautiful solo debut** from Hawaiian new age/gypsy artist Aurora Juliana Ariel. Centered around the exotic, sensual, and worldly vocals of Ariel, and with the help of multi-instrumentalist and backing vocalist Bruce BecVar, this album delivers nine solid new age songs that fans of the genre and new age newcomers alike can thoroughly enjoy. The musical arrangements are led by stunningly and skillfully styled finger picking acoustic guitar work, though they incorporate a number of exotic and worldly instruments, such as the flute, violin, and percussive instruments, as well as light ambience, to perfectly accompany Ariel and BecVar's stellar vocal performances. The songs are mystical, transcendent, and uplifting, and take you to a happy place. "Renaissance of Grace" is well-recorded with a great balance of vocals and arrangements, and has a great sound for wine tastings or relaxation. "Breathless Wind" is a slow-paced track with some flute work, an excellent finger picking guitar arrangement, and great vocal harmony between Ariel and BecVar. "Under a Shiva Moon" has a solid arrangement with nicely layered rhythm and lead guitars, a nice beat, and immaculate dueling and harmonic vocals between Ariel and BecVar. "Renaissance of Grace" is truly an incredible debut from Aurora

Juliana Ariel with something to offer not only new age and world music fans, but also music fans in general. -  
*Chris & the RadioIndy.com Reviewer Team*

**Aurora, thank you for your heavenly music.** Your voice is the sound of alchemical healing through the Feminine magic you have so much of! You walk this Earth as a Holy woman. I thank you on behalf of all who are touched by your Earthly presence and don't even realize it. Namaste. --*Serena Hoke*

**I call it, "Love's Calling."** Aurora's singing is mystical and magical and divinely inspired. Exquisite soundings evoke remembrances of love and harmony of the ancient past, into the present and for the future-- from this realm and others. These enchanted and evocative callings invite us to remember who we are and what we are here to do as love, with love- for creative personal and global transformation and peace. --*Satya Deborah Kirsch, Somatic Educator, Therapist, California*

**It is beautiful, magical. I love love love it!** I think the healing of all beings would be to find their personal language and song, and sing it, or drum it or play it.....this is the healing we all need now....to be the music, the song of spirit. *Namaste, Serena.*

**I received your CD at this year's BEA in LA.** I'm just now listening to it. It is beautiful and amazing. Thank you so much for sharing your gift with the world. Your and Bruce's voices blend seamlessly for a sound that is both healing and transformative. I'm so excited to have you in my collection! --*Lutishia Lovely, author, A Preacher's Passion, Love Like Hallelujah, and Sex in the Sanctuary*

**I just listened to the whole Renaissance CD again and loved every minute of it!** It helps me escape the seeming reality of illusion of my current life scenario! -*Bruce BecVar, artist and vocalist on the album.*

**Within only moments of starting your C.D.** on this beautiful morning, I have been brought to tears upon hearing your voice. I'm speechless! Thank you so much! -*Jody Mack, Broker, Aspen, Colorado*

**Beautiful!** - *Michal Cohen, TheQuest™ Master Counselor student*

**I am just now listening to the CD and its very SWEET energy!** Definitely a lot of love emanates from the two of you on this project, a lot of Angelic presence as well as through your voice. Congratulations on what I KNOW is such a commitment for completion. Bruce's guitar playing and vocal presence is, as usual, beautiful and strong. - *Melanie Hutton, Recording Artist, Musician, Massage Therapist*

**Querida Aurora, Que bueno que el disco nació y mucha gente pueda escucharlo y abrir su corazón.** Te felicito es un buen disco y también un saludo a los hermanos músicos que están en tu disco. Abrazos desde los andes de Perú. – *Peruvian Shaman, musician, and Healer, Tito La Rosa*

**Aurora, Beautiful and Blessed Graces are crowning you,** I am very happy that you are fulfilling your vision of singing healing into people's hearts and souls - I am feeling like our paths will also join with music and traditional Native American Chanting and water drums, rattles and flutes. I know that we will create some very inspirational videos for meditative and contemplative healing for people and couples as well as children one day. - *Fidel Moreno, Shaman, Film Maker*

**Reviews**  
***Journey of the Heart & Under a Shiva Moon***

**Napra Review**  
*Journey of the Heart*

The sweet duet “Journey of the Heart” is a dance of masculine and feminine voices delicately interspersed with exquisite guitar rhythms. As I listen to this and other pieces, I am transported to a land where love and romance abound and the beauty of nature flows through my heart like a river of gold. This recording is deeply passionate, exotic, and simply unforgettable. --*Betty Timm*

**New Age Voice Magazine**

Aurora’s and Bruce’s duets on “Journey of the Heart” and “Under a Shiva Moon” are two of the most heartfelt ballads you will hear on any release this year, their voices soaring together and weaving in and out of fluid guitar lines, gentle piano, bass, flute, and percussion. --*DL*

**Wind & Fire Review**

Aurora has a lovely lilting soprano that compliments Bruce’s tenor nicely. --*Bill Binkelman*

This music mixes some great guitar work with the heavenly voices of Bruce Becvar and Aurora Juliana Ariel. This is music to make love by... or to meditate upon the simplicity and beauty of life... --*Tony Malone, Reviewer (Lucerne Valley, CA United States)*

Your joined voices are just as heavenly as your Union of Spirit. --*Pamela Polland, Recording Artist*

Aurora’s voice is like an Angel! --*Leila, Miss Hungary 1998*

Aurora and Bruce, your music is just wonderful and soul nourishing. I'm grateful for the work you are doing, and the contribution you are making to our universe. With people like you, we may still make it through these hurdles I feel are happening, and will get more severe before we can experience the reality of universal love. My support to you, and thank you very much for your gift of music. --*Anne-Lise, owner, Eco Resort*

I love your voices together on songs. I love Under a Shiva Moon. I so celebrate you are alive, living your gifts, and love, sharing the essence through music! --*Wendy*

Aurora’s voice gives the album an incredible feminine mystique. --*John Conti*

I've been enjoying the lovely and warm sounds, sweet melodies, and positive spirit that you bring forth. The vocals portray the sweetness of the singers. --*Joshua Leeds, Applied Music & Sound*

Bruce & Aurora ~ I was delighted to meet you both last evening in such a sacred atmosphere hearing your angelic voices sing the song of life in praise of the divine servant.... --*Jagadisa Dasa*

The singing is gorgeous... --*Elisa*

Thank you Aurora for holding the light of Love and Healing. --*Emerald STARR, Sacred Mountain Sanctuary, Indonesia*