

Lana Rae's Necessary Christmas CD

First off, I have to say that Lana Rae's New CD is a delight.

Rae, known for her talent at

demands keeping their attention focused where it should be, imagining the lyrics as she sings and dancing when necessary.

catalogue.

I have to say that I am glad someone here in the Yukon has finally released a Christmas album. I hereby put forth a challenge for all Yukon musicians to follow in Lana Rae's footsteps in the snow and find the time to create Christmas music.



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with Bill Polonsky

writing and performing children's music, has put on her Santa hat and elf boots on with this one.

With a blend of folk, country and world-beat influences, her music is all about movement.

Rae has created her own niche up here in the Yukon and infused it with a joy that she cultivates with each live performance. Personally, I enjoy her tunes *Mud Is My Bud* and *I've Been Looking at Bums* anytime I hear them.

She writes and performs her own songs with children as her primary audience. Continuing in her inimitable style, she has created a wonderful seasonal album of songs to delight and entertain the entire family.

I have no children of my own, but I had some little friends drop by to give some age appropriate observations and generally groove to the vibe.

Using no real scientific method, we listened to the CD through and talked about the music.

Dahlia, Constance and Emma all started to dance and run around. There was much twirling and some hopping. After a spell, they started taking turns running the length of my living room getting my small dog, Charlie, excited.

"Bill! Bill! Bill!" shouted Dahlia. "I like it!"

"I like it, too," Constance chimed in. "Me, too," added Emma.

Out of the mouths of babes comes the basic appeal of Lana Rae. She has contributed a body of work culminating with this CD, to the great entertainment of children, wherever her music is heard.

Everyone has heard of Frosty, but now we have Henry, Frosty's brother. With an irreverence that children can relate to, Henry has a chocolate cookie nose, potatoes for eyes and a licorice smile. Henry wears a sombrero, a poncho and moves to Mexico.

This is an example of Rae's imagination fuelling her lyrics. What child in Canada wouldn't want to join Henry on his adventure? I know, as the temperature drops, there are many parents that would jump at the chance to go with Henry to Mexico.

There is another charm to Rae's songs. They allow parents in on the joke at the same time as giving children the freedom to experience a new Christmas song that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

Rather than drag out the old Christmas chestnuts and throw together a compilation of seasonal tunes, Rae takes her skill and love of children to make a solid contribution to the genre.

Ray is a treasure. She has a knack for songwriting that delights children and entertains adults. She can deliver a story in a song with exuberance that her audience

Lana Rae has a website at www.lanarae.com where you can listen to samples from this album and cuts from her entire

Bill Polonsky is found, with chilly feet in a warm bullion bath, at www.strangethingsdone@hotmail.com.



Lana Rae's self-titled new Christmas CD is written for children ... but enjoyed by adults, too.



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