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Remixes

Donna De Lory

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A child of the music industry in Los Angeles, Donna De Lory grew up watching her acclaimed record producer father work with an array of musicians, rose to fame touring with Madonna, and matured into a gifted artist able to incorporate styles of the Middle and far East into a highly danceable mixture of gorgeous singing, irresistible beats, and spiritual grace. On Remixes she recruits some of the best producers from world music scenes, including Madonna's producer Mac Quayle and top DJs and musicians like Desert Dwellers, guitarist Dave Dale, and Atom Smith, to rework her songs in an array of new directions. The results are as infectiously listenable as De Lory's originals, while being alive and full of love in a whole new way.

With its stunning Massive Attack sample centering Mac Quayle's heavenly, spacious production, "Hey Ma Durga" becomes both a devotional kirtan and a radio-ready ballad of gratitude and spiritual yearning: "Hey Ma Durga / I want to love through your love," she sings. "Hey Ma Durga / I want to feel what you feel / Hey Ma Durga / I want to see beyond this illusion / To what is real." "Jai Ma" (remixed by Eastern Sun) is one of the hottest, sultriest tracks on the album and would be as at home in a hip New York club at

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five in the morning as in a yoga or tantric dance course. Or better yet, playing for a pair of entwined lovers necking in slow-motion on a tapestry-covered futon with the scent of patchouli drifting from the candle on the floor, as the sun comes up.

Her exploration of the kirtan is boosted by a funky backbeat by in "Om Namah Shivaya," remixed by Eastern Sun, while Atom Smith turns "Ganapati Om" and "Om Namah Shivaya / Thy Will Be Done" into a minimalist, percussion-centered down-tempo journey. De Lory's vocals give a deep echo that draws you in and provides a perfect companion to the edge-hit conga slap that acts as percussion. Madonna even steps in to sing some backup and pay back the favor. Even fans who have De Lory's original albums will want to get their hands on this. Its sonic warmth and spacious spiritual highs are unmatched, if you don't mind those tears of gratitude streaming down your beaming, newly awakened face as her voice lifts you up and parts the clouds.

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- "Jai Ma"
- "Om Namah Shivaya"

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