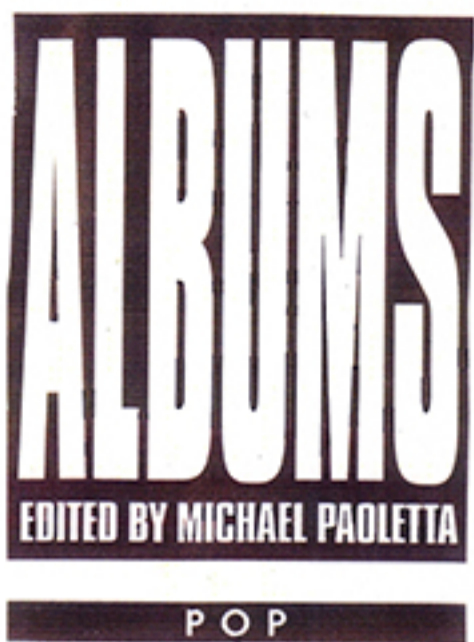


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There's an Angel Watching You

PRODUCER: Barry "Oh!" Goldstein

Think Big Records 2001

A non-denominational set based on faith, not religious beliefs, *There's an Angel Watching You* is steeped in all things angels. Masterminded by producer Barry "Oh!" Goldstein, whose discography includes such names as Lisa Fischer and Tony Terry, *Angel* is a fine showcase for his far-flung taste in music, which ranges from pop and folk to R&B and dance. It's also a superb showcase for the featured vocalists. Angela Workman—who has worked with Michael McDonald, Prince, and Junior Vasquez—begins the collection with the buoyant "When Angels Cry." The uptempo "Angels Whisper in My Ear" with Debbie Derr is tailor-made for dancefloors, while the title track featuring diva Fela overflows with an old-school soul sensibility. (Fela, by the way, has performed with artists as diverse as Max Roach and Lil' Kim.) The Phoenix-fronted "In This Experience" intertwines psychedelic guitars and hip-hop beats. Trip-hop rhythms abound on "The Angel Song," with sensual vocals by Laurell. Former lead singer of Worlds Apart, Aaron Paul, delivers on the soulful "Searching." A portion of the proceeds from sales of this disc will be donated to Songs of Love, a charity dedicated to providing personalized songs to terminally ill children throughout the world. Contact 212-414-1766.—MP

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