

Album Review: Time After from Nazia Chaudhry

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Pop tunes and jazz standards are accented with a Latin flare on vocalist [Nazia Chaudhry](#)'s new release, *Time After*. Her rendition of Cyndi Lauper's pop hit "Time After Time" is performed with elegance and passion, and her delivery of the Latin jazz favorite "Só Danço Samba" penned by the prolific Antonio Carlos Jobim will have audiences shimmying in the aisles. Whether she is performing a smooth ballad or a swinging romp, Chaudhry has the versatility and the skill to make them all shine.

Chaudhry radiates sophistication and charisma in Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein's classic number "If I Loved You," and transitions to the calypso-tinged grooves of "If I Should Lose You" displaying a wingspan in her soaring vocals that gives the listener tingles. Her treatment of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart's "My Romance" has a classic pop glint refurbishing the jazz standard with a contemporary sheen.

The springy stride in Chaudhry's vocals gives "Taking a Chance on Love" vigor, and the smooth cadence of her vocals in "Never Never Land" is entrancing as the lyrical phrasing of the keys submerges the melody in sedate atmospherics. The bubbly rhythm of "Fly Me to the Moon" written by Bart Howard has a Latin inflection, and the soft swells of "The Very Thought of You" exude a classic jazz glaze.

Gifted with an alluring vocal style, Nazia Chaudhry possesses a graceful gait and a warm register. Her repertoire is steep in jazz, groomed with a contemporary mist that crosses over genres and gives Chaudhry's release a world music luster.

Musicians:

Nazia Chaudhry - vocals, Sergio Pamies - piano, Addison Frei - Rhodes and piano, Gilberto Contreras - acoustic guitar, Matt Hornbeck - electric guitar, Brain Ward - bass guitar, Ross Schodek - bass, Tyler Jackson - bass, Alex Fraile - saxophone, Sean P. Jones - drums, Matt D. Hurley - percussion

Track Listing:

"If I Should Lose You," "Time After Time," "Só Danço Samba," "If I Loved You," "My Romance," "Taking a Chance on Love," "Never Never Land," "Fly Me to the Moon," "That's All," and "The Very Thought of You."

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