



RETURN OF THE DISCO QUEEN

FOR POP MUSIC'S NEWEST HITMAKER, THE WORLD IS HER DANCE FLOOR

Growing up, Erika Jayne loved to listen to Frank Sinatra crooning his canorous tunes. She can remember watching Madonna perform in panties and when Prince reinvented himself as a symbol. Taking it all in, Jayne hoped that one day she'd be able

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to join her idols in making quality music that lasted. The chance the singer and songwriter has been waiting for finally came with the release of her debut album, *Pretty Mess*.

Jayne is acutely aware of the profound influence the past has had over her music and her life. “Certain songs stay around because they had appeal when they were popular, and continue to, even today,” she says.

Jayne has always had dance and music around her. She grew up in an artistically talented family, and attended the North Atlanta Performing Arts High School where she studied ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop. “I’ve always been involved in music and theater. It was something that I have always loved and wanted to do,” the singer says.

While personally pushing forward the dance music sound, with a series of successful singles such as “Give You Everything,” “Rollercoaster” and “Stars,” she is happy to credit others who are doing the same. Jayne is excited that artists like Lady Gaga are gaining in popularity and although she worries that dance music “doesn’t have as big of a place in the U.S. as it does internationally,” hearing more and more dance pop played on urban radio is a sign, she points out, that her genre is about to have its day once more.

Fantasy, love and escape are the main ingredients of *Pretty Mess*. Working with veteran producers Peter Rafelson and Eric Kupper and with musician Sheila E. (who has worked with Prince, Beyoncé Knowles and Phil Collins) on the album, Jayne was given the chance to perform among the best. Carrying listeners along in celebration of Jayne’s personal music beat, the songs invite the audience to get up and dance. “Take a little trip — add a little fantasy and escape to your life,” the singer advises. “Don’t take it all so seriously.”

For more information, check out www.erikajayne.com

ERIKA'S PLAYLIST

“ATTENTION WHORE” / MELLEEFRESH VS DEADMAUS

“LUCKY STAR” / MADONNA

“MY WAY” / FRANK SINATRA

“PAID IN FULL” / ERIC B. & RAKIM

“JUMP, JIVE AN’ WAIL” / LOUIS PRIMA

“LA WOMAN” / THE DOORS

“CRAZY BITCH” / BUCKCHERRY

“WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT” / PATSY CLINE

“I’M IN MIAMI BITCH” / LMFAO

“BETWEEN THE SHEETS” / THE ISLEY BROTHERS