

MUSIC SCENE

Various Artists



Juno Original Soundtrack - Rhino Records

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MUSIC REVIEWED BY BOB JONES

Juno is an independent film about a teenager who gives her unborn child up to a Yuppie couple who are unable to have children themselves, But the soundtrack, for the most part, could be considered a record for the kindergarten set and, yes, for parents, too. It opens with a song from Parents' Choice Award winner Barry Louis Polisar called "All I Want Is You." Also included is the Velvet Underground, with Moe Tucker

singing "I'm Sticking With You ('Cause I'm Made Out of Glue.)" Relative newcomer Kimya Dawson is featured with six songs, including "Tire Swing," one of my favorites ("Joey never had a bike that he didn't want to ride/And I never met a Toby that I didn't like/ Scotty liked all of the books I recommended/ And even if he didn't I wouldn't be offended."). If you are listening to the record with your shorty, skipping Dawson's "Loose Lips" may be a good idea due to her harsh and vulgar words for our current president, but this tune is the odd man out. Accompanied by an autoharp, Cat Power does a tender lullaby version of the American classic "Sea Of Love," that sounds like it's tailor made for a parent to sing to a small child. Also included are three classic rock songs by The Kinks, Mott the Hoople and Buddy Holly, with a relatively obscure tune, "Dearest," that can be enjoyed by the whole clan. Even if you have not started your family yet or have no intention of starting one, this little aluminum disc can make you feel like a kid again, maybe for an hour or so, or at least until you have to go back to worrying about stuff like elections and taxes. ■

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The Art League of Fort Myers contributes to the cultural life of the community by promoting fine art to all. It operates many programs that provide encouragement and learning opportunities in the arts for adults and children in the Fort Myers area. The League's "Art-at-Noon" lectures and demonstrations take place on the first Monday of each month. There are also, Plein-Aire painting excursions and free "Open-Paint" on Wednesdays at the gallery at 1451 Monroe Street, in the heart of the River District.

The League provides other low cost art instruction opportunities to its members, and the public. It participates in the community by providing art supplies and assistance to Mary's House of Hope, and offers arts scholarships to school children.

Several famous artists demonstrate, and hold classes that are open to the public, at the League offices on Monroe Street.. Gail Bennett, the acclaimed impressionist painter from Giverny, France, and Tom Jones, the watercolorist featured in Artists' Magazine are but two of many that will appear in the coming year. Our President Jan-ellen Atkielski will present her workshop, "The Business of Art" once again. It's a professional development class designed to help all levels of artists manage a career in the arts. Topics will include: portfolio preparation, resume writing, marketing plans, and a manageable accounting method for artists.

Each four to six weeks, the League holds either a judged or juried exhibition. Receptions held usually on Friday at 6pm open each exhibit. These are open to the public at our Monroe Street gallery. Upcoming shows are: "Small Packages" in December, and the juried "River District" and "Odd Object" show in January-March. The exhibits consist of original art from local artists at reasonable prices. Jack O'Brien and Greg Biolchini are among the judges for those shows.

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