

ERIN COSTELO (Kanada)

LONG VERSION:

Erin Costelo is an award-winning soul singer/songwriter from Halifax, NS (CANADA). She has had the honor of sharing the stage with legends, Mavis Staples and Dr. John and has been compared to artists like Nina Simone and Carole King.

Her 2012 release "We Can Get Over" won her "Musician of the Year" at the Nova Scotia Music Awards and RnB/Soul Album of the Year at the East Coast Music Awards. In addition to these awards, she was nominated for Songwriter of the Year, Producer of the Year and Pop Album of the Year.

Reviews

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...It's like we're living in an alternate universe, when Costelo was the 60's soul star from Halifax who had a teen hit in 1962, got on Ed Sullivan, signed to Atlantic Records, worked with Jerry Wexler, recorded at Muscle Shoals Studio, and retired. The songs are even presented in that order, with the oldest styles at the start, and the more funky numbers coming at the end. If that was the plan, it's perfect, the whole project is a perfect concept..she writes songs you'd swear were by your heroes."

- Bob Mersereau, CBC

SHORT VERSION:

Erin Costelo's latest album *Down Below, The Status Quo* is a reflection of her (and our) complicated world, expressed through a voice unlike any other in Canada. Having paid more overt tribute to her vintage soul music influences on her previous album, *We Can Get Over*, Erin's musical evolution has taken its next natural step on *Down Below, The Status Quo* by channeling those themes into 10 new deeply personal tracks that display her exceptional gifts as a producer, songwriter and arranger.

Costelo, a Halifax, Nova Scotia native, painstakingly made the album at Joel Plaskett's New Scotland Yard studio in Dartmouth, working closely with engineer Thomas Stajcer and a top-notch band comprised of her longtime guitarist Clive MacNutt, bassist Ian Bennett, drummers Dave Marsh and Matt Gallant, along with the Blue Engine String Quartet and horns supplied by Matt Myer, Andrew Jackson and Andrew MacKelvie. Key tracks include the unflinching "Fighter," "Low" and "Titanic" (the last co-written with Stephen Fearing), along with the hopeful "Move" and "Turn It On."

Down Below, The Status Quo follows on the heels of *We Can Get Over* being named R&B/Soul Recording of the Year at the 2014 East Coast Music Awards. In the wake of that triumph, she shared stages with Mavis Staples, Dr. John, and Bettye LaVette, as well as appearing on Joel Plaskett's latest release, *The Park Avenue Sobriety Test*, and joining him for his performance with

the National Arts Centre Orchestra.

Down Below, The Status Quo captures that glorious moment when an artist discovers their true soul. Hearing what Erin Costelo has accomplished with this album may help us discover our own as well.

DEUTSCHE VERSION:

Endlich ist Erin Costelo wieder in Deutschland. Die Sängerin mit der umwerfenden Stimme macht sich auf den weiten Weg von der kanadischen Ostküste zu uns. In ihrer Heimat wird sie im Radio rauf und runter gespielt, in Deutschland ist sie noch ein Geheimtipp, den es zu entdecken gilt. Ihre Musik ist Songwriting auf hohem Niveau, viel Soul, viel Jazz und viel Erzählung. Sie wird mit Künstlerinnen wie Nina Simone und Carole King verglichen und stand schon mit einigen Legenden auf der Bühne. Erin Costelo ist mehrfach preisgekrönt. Ihr letztes Album "We Can Get Over" hat ihr den Durchbruch gebracht, das sie nun in Europa vorstellen wird. Darauf freuen wir uns. Denn Erin Costelo ist nicht nur eine begnadete Musikerin, sondern auch eine unterhaltsame Erzählerin.

Zum Album "We Can Get Over"

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