

Kenny G does it his own way

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The easygoing, smooth jazz star Kenny G makes an unlikely rebel. But he had to put his sax down when his long-time record label insisted that he do yet another album of standards.

The G-man saw no point in following other older artistes like Rod Stewart and Barry Manilow down the well-worn path of playing cover tunes. So he arranged an amicable divorce from Arista Records in order to return to making original music.

"All my success in the past... have always been my original compositions played the way that I play and people seem to connect with that," said Kenny G, in a telephone interview from his Malibu, California, home. "I lost sight of that a little bit and I'm glad to be going back to my roots and re-establishing the integrity that I've had in my music."

His new CD *Rhythm & Romance* -- his debut for Concord/Starbucks Entertainment -- is not only the 51-year-old saxophonist's first album of original music since 2002, but also finds him exploring new territory in Latin music. His inspiration came from the jazz bossa nova recordings by Cannonball Adderley and Stan Getz that the young Kenny Gorelick heard growing up in Seattle.

"I love the way the saxophone feels with a Latin rhythm, and I felt maybe I can do something like that, but of course do my thing and have it sound different than anything else," he said. "You've got to continually try to reinvent yourself."

"I always thought that my music could have a little bit more rhythm and a little less ballads," he added. "There's a lot of really uptempo songs... and much more improvisation on this record... There's more rhythm here than anything I've ever done



but yet it's still romantic."

The new record marks the end of his 25-year relationship with music mogul Clive Davis, who first spotted the saxophonist when he was a sideman in Jeff Lorber's jazz-fusion band and released his self-titled debut album in 1982.

Their partnership resulted in 26 albums -- with global sales totaling more than 75 million records -- including his breakthrough 1986 *Duotones*, which went multi-platinum thanks largely to the success of the sultry *Songbird*; the Grammy-winning 1992 *Breathless*, the all-time best-selling instrumental album; and 1994's *Miracles: The Holiday Album*, which put the Jewish musician right behind Elvis Presley on the list of top-selling Christmas albums in the United States.

For the new album, the saxophonist and his long-time collaborator, pianist Walter Afanasieff, composed a collection of love songs with a Latin twist, including such spicy uptempo tunes as *Sax-o-Loce* and *Salsa Kenny*. The saxophonist also turned to his friend, actor-comedian George Lopez, who suggested the only two Latin standards among the 12 tracks -- *Sabor A Mi* and *Besame Mucho*.

In the studio, the saxophonist was joined by Latin music stars, including guitarist Ramon Stagnaro; percussionists Michito Sanchez and Paulinho Da Costa; and former Weather Report drummer Alex Acuna, who added samba, salsa and bossa nova rhythms to fit each melody.

Kenny G says he's fortunate his parents helped develop his sense of self-esteem which has enabled him to laugh along with all the jokes about his music being best suited for elevators, dental offices and insomniacs. When he went into the studio to record *Rhythm & Romance*, he even came up with his own humorous catch phrase to loosen things up: "I'm taking my music out of the elevator and south of the border."

"People can tell when somebody's doing something from their heart or whether they're doing it from their brain," he said. "Fortunately for me, I sleep well at night because I know that I've always played the best that I can... and a lot of people seem to like what I do."

Sonia Gandhi biopic still on hold

Filmmaker Jagmohan Mundhra, who had put on hold a biographical movie on Sonia Gandhi after her party slapped a legal notice on him, has said the Congress President told him she was "amused" by the project as she felt such movies were only made about "people who are dead."

Mundhra said he had a 'confidential' meeting on the project with Gandhi on October 10, 2006 at her residence 10, Janpath in New Delhi which went unreported.

The meeting was attended by Congress Party's spokesman Abhishek Singhvi who had in the same year in July issued a legal notice to Mundhra here saying that the biopic would not be allowed to go ahead as it was unauthorised.

"Mrs Sonia Gandhi took keen interest in listening to the storyline of my film *Sonia*. She was kind and patient, and did not raise the issue of legal proceedings at all."

"There were times when she looked amused as I narrated the most memorable moments of her life from a director's perspective, particularly, how she met Rajiv Gandhi," the UK-based director said.

"She, in fact, reminded me that there was a time when Rajiv Gandhi had to sell ice creams when they were studying together in Cambridge, in UK," Mundhra said at a programme organised by India-EU Film Initiative at the Nehru Centre here over the weekend.

After receiving the notice, Mundhra said, the film was put on hold and that status has not

changed since then.

The film was to have starred Italian actress Monica Bellucci as Sonia.

"After meeting Sonia Gandhi at her residence in Delhi I left with the impression that she was relieved after knowing my intention in making a film on her life," Mundhra said.

The film was to chronicle the times of Sonia and her husband Rajiv Gandhi, former prime minister of India who was assassinated in 1991, and moments from their meeting to her rise as the most high-profile woman in India.

The controversial director of films such as *Provoked* was facilitated at an evening 'Life and Times in Indian Cinema', an India EU Film Initiative programme in association with London's Nehru Centre.

Mundhra said he would be doing two Bollywood films this year, one of them with actor Govinda.

He has also been approached to direct a comedy thriller *Bullets, Babes & Bollywood*, for a company called One More Thought, headed by Pervaiz Damania.

Known for his thought-provoking and socially relevant films such as *Kamla*, *Bawandar* and *Provoked*, Mundhra's next film *Shoot on Sight*, a political thriller on Islamophobia and terrorism, will be released in May this year.

Source: Internet



Winehouse tops UK album chart again

Singer Amy Winehouse is back at the top of the UK album chart with the deluxe edition of her *Back to Black* record.

The album -- last week's number three -- topped the chart ahead of Goldfrapp's latest release *Seventh Tree* and Mika's *Life in Cartoon Motion*.

Soul singer Duffy remains rooted at the top of the singles chart for a third straight week with her track *Mercy*.

The Welsh star, runner-up in the BBC's Sound of 2008 search for new talent, releases her debut album this week.

H Two O featuring Platnum is a non-mover at two with *What's it gonna be*, with Canadian band Nickelback remaining at three with its song *Rockstar*.

Basshunter and Kylie Minogue



are also non-movers, charting at four and five respectively with *Now you're gone and Wow*.

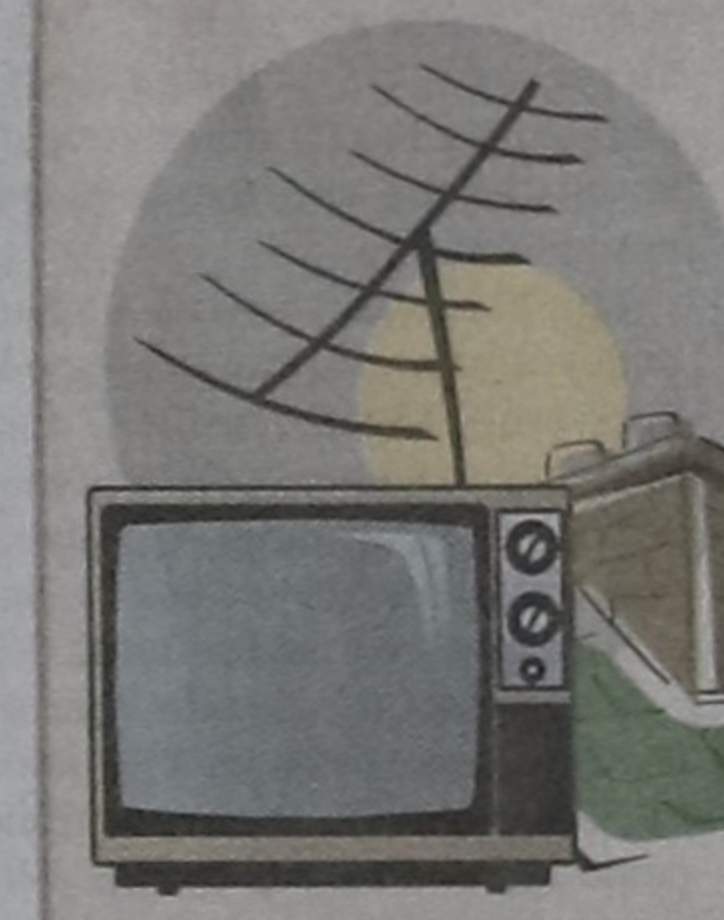
Canadian big band crooner Michael Buble jumps 10 places in the album chart with the special edition of his *Call Me Irresponsible* record.

His fourth place puts him one place ahead of Adele's debut release 19, which topped the chart at the beginning of February.

Donny Osmond's *From Donny With Love* album, a collection of some of his best-known love songs, is a new entry at eight.

In the DVD music sales chart, Take That entered at number one after shifting 64,000 copies of their new tour release, outselling Amy Winehouse in the album chart.

Source: BBC Online



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On Banglavisian at 9:45 pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Chitralekha Guho, Tonima Hamid

STAR WORLD	09:30 Heroes	10:30 Who Wants To Be A Superhero	11:30 8 Simple Rules	12:00 The Simpsons	12:30 Seinfeld	01:00 Friends																	
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Radio Today 89.6 FM	07:15am Good Morning Dhaka (Biplob)	07:45 am Today's Happy Moments	08:45am Shokaler Khabor	12:00pm Today's Adda (Nudrat)	01:45pm Dupurer Khabor	04:00pm U-tun (Kibria & Tania)	06:45pm Shoncher Khabor	08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok (Sayem)	09:45pm Raater Khabor	11:45pm Maddho Raater Khabor	12:00am Today's Happy Moments	12:10am Raat Vor Gan (Nirob)											
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07:00 My Wife And Kids	07:30 Friends	08:00 Seinfeld	08:30 American Idol	09:30 Ghost Hunters	10:30 Bones	11:30 Most Shocking									
ESPN	09:00 Commonwealth Bank Series 2007-08	11:00 Indian Premier Hockey League (field Hockey) Chandigarh	12:30 Soccer/Football: Barclays Premier League 2007/08	02:30 Extreme Sports	03:30 Soccer/Football: IFA Shield 2008	06:00 Auto Racing: Planet Speed (auto Racing)(I)	06:30 Soccer/Football: IFA Shield 2008	08:30 Sport News: Sportscenter India (Sport News)(I)	09:30 Sport News	09:30 Soccer/Football: Football Up Close (soccer/futbol)(I)	10:00 Cricket: Remember The Titans (cricket) Dilip	10:30 Vengsarkar(R)	10:30 Sport News: Sportscenter India (sport News)(r)	11:00 Sport News: Sportscenter Asia (Sport News)(r)	11:30 Cricket: Hitz (Cricket)(T)
DISCOVERY CHANNEL	10:30 Deadliest Catch 2: Man Vs. Ice	11:30 Futureweapons: Maximum Impact	12:30 Truth About Food: Episode 6	01:30 Hunters: Crawling Kingdom, The	02:30 Dinosaur Planet: Pod's Travels	03:30 Extreme Air: Reno Air Races	04:30 King Cobra And I								
American Idol	08:30 pm Reality Show														

05:30 Extreme Engineering 4: Biggest Casino	06:30 Man Vs. Wild: Alaskan Mountain Range	07:30 Hunters: Dawn Of The Dragons	08:30 India With Sanjeev Bhaskar: Episode 4	09:30 Mystery Of The Taj Mahal	10:30 BHaunting, A (Season 4): Ghost Hunter														
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC	11:30 Wonder Brands	12:00 I Didn't Know That	12:30 Naked Science	01:30 Is It Real?	02:30 Built for the Kill	03:30 India's Geniuses	04:30 Madrid	05:00 Africa's Viper	05:30 Giant	06:00 Big Bang	06:30 Python Quest	07:00 Lufthansa	07:30 Nat Geo Genius	08:00 Palermo/ Albuquerque	08:30 Built for the Kill	09:30 The Face Of Genius	10:30 Osama Rising	11:30 Hollywood Science	12:15 The Face Of Genius
THE HISTORY CHANNEL	12:15 Eye Max	01:30 Battle	02:30 Modern Marvels	03:30 Benjamin Franklin	04:30 Inner Planets	05:30 1967 VW Beetle	06:30 Spartacus	07:30 Devil's Triangles	08:30 Battle of Britain	09:30 Waterloo	10:30 The Universe	11:30 Cars and Planes							

