



Featured Section

Artist: [Michele Jusko](http://www.michelejusko.com)

Track Title: Free Free

Track Genre: Chill, Pop

Label: None

Website: www.michelejusko.com

Feature Timeframe: Jan 1st – Jan 31st, 2009

Bio:

Michele Jusko's passion for singing and songwriting started at the ripe old age of seven, in a little apartment in Queens, New York, when she wrote her first original song "Another Peanut Butter Love Song." Michele's adoration for peanut butter was poetically expressed in her first song. It's as if another John Lennon or Joni Mitchell was born.

Today, Michele's love for music is just as strong, however, her songwriting inspiration has ventured a little past her peanut butter obsession. Her debut album "The Great Unknown" (released early November 2008) is a unique collection of soulful, Pop/Rock & Adult Album Alternative songs with unforgettable, catchy melodies and thought provoking lyrics. Her songwriting reaches deep and engages listeners from all walks of life.



Production: 5.0 out of 5 stars

The production is pretty solid on this track. Good choice of rhythm and sounds. The instruments flow together and there isn't anything that seems out of place in this track. It was clearly mastered well.

Overall Mix: 4.5 out of 5 stars

The levels sound great and Michele's backing vocals mix well with the lead track. I really perk up with the mellow piano and acoustic guitar. I think the EQ is spot on with those instruments. There is an effective use of panning of sounds as well.

Review:

With shades of Zero 7 or Sneaker Pimps, Michele Jusko's track "Free Free" crosses multiple genres. Though she classifies herself as Pop, she clearly has a knack for the "electronica/chill" genre of electronic music.

When I first heard the track I felt it did what it was supposed to do, make you feel truly "Free Free". The track starts off with some great mellow strings and a Rhodes type piano which sets the mood for the treat you're in for.

Mixing in smooth vocal harmonies and acoustic guitar, the track begins to reel you in. It's no wonder she's already been featured in several TV & Film placements. The song is simple and to the point and can't go wrong with feeling "Free". The beat is solid and tight which lends itself to the background harmonies. Uplifting tracks like this are easy to become addicted to.

Her vocals compliment this track in particular and the added backing harmonies really bring out the aforementioned "chill" genre.

We look forward to hearing more from Michele Jusko and I'd personally like to see her experiment more with this type of track. It might very well open up another avenue of her excellent songwriting skills.

Originality: 4.0 out of 5 stars

I can't say the song is entirely original but the mere fact that Michele adds her own flair to the music makes it unique in it's own right. And just because a track may be similar to others doesn't mean it's of poor quality or not marketable.

Marketability: 5.0 out of 5 stars

Well this is an easy one, her music has already been marketed so we know that she's done a great job doing that. This track in particular is easily "single release" material.

About the Reviewer:

Matt "Trance" Fury is a fellow songwriter, producer who's had successful releases in the Electronica/Chill/Trance genres. Trance Fury has been writing and producing music for over 10 years and has hosted the podcast "On the Rocks" which features new, up and coming independent musicians within the electronic genres. Trance Fury also runs an Internet radio station dedicated to promoting independent music.