

# Disney taps Americana for new kids' CD

**O, MICKEY, WHERE ART THOU?, Various artists (Walt Disney Records).**

Disney's latest remake of its musical repertoire taps an all-Americana style of music: Bluegrass.

"O, Mickey, Where Art Thou?" features a wealth of American musical talent – from singers like Elizabeth Cook, Stonewall Jackson and others – doing classic Disney tunes.

The set is good for anyone who wants to hear new renditions of "The Bare Necessities," "You've Got A Friend in Me" or "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah," but its uneven pacing generally left me flat. The musicianship is top-notch from fiddlers Aubrey Haynie and Stuart Duncan, mandolinist Sam Bush and banjoist Richard Bailey, especially on the fast-paced instrumental "Supercalifragilisticexpialidious."

– STEPHEN IDE

## CD REVIEWS

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**'PIGLET'S BIG MOVIE' SOUNDTRACK, Carly Simon (Walt Disney Records).**

Though the pairing of singer and children's author Carly Simon with the Winnie-the-Pooh characters in "Piglet's Big Movie" might sound appealing to parents of younger children, the soundtrack is slow and rambling. Simon lends lovely vocals to a few, self-penned songs about friendship and a mother's intuition. But halfway through the 18-track CD, over-the-top orchestral tunes overshadow the rest. Parents should save their money.

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**MARTHA STEWART KIDS: PLAYTIME, Various artists (Rhino).**

Speaking of Carly Simon, one of the highlights of this compilation album of previously recorded music with a playful, happy theme, is the irresistible 1974 duet by Simon and James Taylor on "Mockingbird."

Another is "Jump Up," a sweet and gentle wake-up song by Dan Zanes & Friends – the headliner on the family stage at the upcoming free WBOS EarthFest concert at Boston's Hatch Shell on April 26.

Other songs on the disc – too many

good ones to name them all – are by stars who range from Elvis Costello ("From Head to Toe") to Patty Larkin ("If I Were Made of Metal") and Harry Belafonte ("Jamaica Farewell").

Don't let the Martha Stewart aspect put you off – this is a delightful, light-hearted and consistently fine CD that offers great listening for children and adults. When your kids make you play it over and over, you won't mind.

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