

Entertainment

Jewel: In case you failed to notice

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Even though the female artist, Jewel, has been on the music scene for awhile now, I think it is a good idea to take a closer look at her work.

Jewel's first album, *Pieces of You*, contained her most popular song, "Who Will Save Your Soul," but the entire CD is full of worthwhile music.

I heard "You Were Meant For Me" on the radio and was somewhat confused because this fast peppy song is not what is found on the CD. Track 10 has a mellow soothing edge with a laid back tempo. I personally like this version than the overplayed noise you find on the local radio stations. "You Were Meant For Me" is a heart felt plea to a lost love that regardless of their differences they are still meant to be together....saw a movie it just wasn't the same...cause it was happy and I was sad...it made me miss you oh so bad..."

Another song similar in subject matter is "Near You Always." Here she is asking a man not to do anything to make her fall in love with him. She is scared to do so because it will drive her to seek his attention constantly....Please don't say I love you...those words touch me much too deeply...and they make my core tremble...don't think you realize the power you have over me...." ("Don't" also deals with this same idea.)

This lyrical ballad is supported by not much more than a steady acoustic guitar cord. Here the words take center stage like many of the songs on the CD.

Track 4, "Foolish Games," has a dark, almost suicidal tone to it with lyrics such as, "Well in case you failed to notice...in case you failed to see...this is my heart bleeding before you...this is me down on my knees...." A gentle classical sounding piano is escorted through the song with a dramatic flourish created by violins.

The song right before "Foolish Games" is called "Little Sister." Her Jewel takes a stand on society. It addresses self-affliction mainly through drug abuse. "We gotta start feeding our souls...have been lost to the millions with lots...who feed on addiction selling pills and what's hot..." This song is very steady both in tone and in tempo. It is somewhat hard to keep up with but the message behind it is commendable.

One song that will catch your attention is "Daddy." It has a monotonous melodic beat as she asks a series of questions to her father. This song sets you up for a big surprise with lyrics such as, "...sometimes I want to bash in your teeth, Daddy...gonna use your tongue as a stamp...gonna rip your heart out the way you did mine Daddy..." I was surprised myself because the lyrics are masked behind her sweet innocent voice. But to my surprise and probably yours, Jewel has a dark and twisted side. So if you were one

to think that this CD was just one more of the mindless pop hits to shuffle across the scene, think again.

Other songs worth mentioning on the album are "Pieces of You," a look at prejudice in many forms, "Painters," a love story between two artists, "Morning Song," a plea to a lover to stay in bed and "Adrian," a tune about a man that has the capacities of a child but is loved regardless. All of these tunes are noble in their own right both musically and lyrically.

If you are looking for musical wizardry like Tori Amos, look elsewhere. But if soul-searching lyrics and tales of love and life interest you, definitely pick up this CD. I will warn you...it is very "blue." It is not lift your spirits music. I have it and even though I don't listen to it 24-7, I am still glad to own it. Sometimes when you have a bad day or your significant other just broke your heart it's nice to hear someone else that understands.

Opening night

Traces: Life and loss

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Imagine being stuck in a room with a stranger, and having no way out, except to trek out in the

himself up in a cabin in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness. He is alone until one day a stranger, Rosannah DeLuce shows up at his front door wearing her wedding dress. Rosannah is clearly confused, and appears to be hiding

Through-out the play, the two characters reveal many of their secrets and fears. It's great to spill your guts when the other person can't go anywhere, or tell anyone else.

The intimate character of the Studio Theatre provides for a very realistic, rustic setting with a full kitchen and beautiful fireplace.

The play was very entertaining and thought provoking. The actors really bring the characters to life with wonderful performances. Both Lechner and McCain reveal a large range of emotions in a play that is all about fall, revelation, and redemption.

Brilliant Traces, directed by Tony Elliot, will be performed February 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and March 1 at 8 p.m. Matinees performances are scheduled for February 23 and March 2 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5, and reservations may be made by calling 898-6016.

Director's note:

"Their problems are very different, but they recognize something in each other, and that is their salvation."

wilderness in the middle of a winter blizzard, and face a certain death. This is the story behind the Studio Theater's production of *Brilliant Traces*.

Recluse Henry Harry has walled

something. From that moment on Rosannah and Henry slowly find that they have more in common than either could have thought possible. Brought together by fate, they discover that each has something to offer the other...

Brilliant Traces Opens: Kristen McCain and Mike Lechner are Rosanne and Henry, two people stranded in a whiteout in the Studio Theatre's latest production, *Brilliant Traces*. Performances are Feb 21-23 and Feb. 26 through March 2. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 898-6016.

Super Crossword

ACROSS	1 Adroit	48 Frasier's brother	('66 hit)	127 "Pretty Little Angel --"	33 Red planet	Cretan
5 Actress	49 Seance sound	89 Opera's Grace	('61 tune)	34 Border on ('61 tune)	79 Part of EMT	81 Asian desert
9 Forest father	51 Peasants	90 Romulus' river	91 Unit of work	35 Melodious McEntire	83 Fabricated	84 Skilled
13 Pageant prop	53 "...hungry mouth is --" (Kilmer)	92 Lend -- (listen)	128 Soil	36 Article	85 Stack role	86 "Confound it!"
18 Buffalo waterfront	56 Brown or Paul	94 Couldn't be better?	129 Vacation sensation	37 Scale starters	88 One of the Waughs	92 National notes
19 Singing syllables	57 Hotelier	96 Joy's lioness	1 Verdi's "La Forza -- Destino"	40 Funny Phyllis	93 '81 Cagney film	93 '81 Cagney
20 Cartoonist Peter	58 Helmsley	97 Cornhusker st.	2 Carmen or Clapton	41 Bread spread	95 Persecution	98 Teased
21 You'll get a kick out of it	59 Philatelist's purchase	99 With 16 Down, Sally Field film	3 "Barney Miller" spinoff	43 Appetite stimulants	100 Female goat	102 Tenor Slezak
22 Hartman of TV	60 Verso's opposite	100 Accomplished	4 Glum drop?	44 Jury	104 Get side-tracked	104 Get side-tracked
23 PDQ, politely	61 — Altos, Calif.	101 Firstborn	5 Scottish port	45 Daytime TV figure	52 Most nimble	106 Hunts and pecks
24 Haberdashery stock	62 Soprano Emma	103 Movie pooh	6 Haste product?	53 Elapse	54 Remains	107 Sesame Street
25 Chased rainbows?	63 Paper quantity	105 Ronny & the Daytonas hit	7 Jack of "Rio Lobo"	55 Phonograph part	55 Remains	108 "Surprised We --"
26 Start of a remark by Henny Youngman	65 Noun suffix	107 Prospector's prize	8 Wine valley	57 Tract	56 All-star game side	109 Brink
30 Season firewood	67 Cellist Pablo	108 End of remark	9 Fancy fabric	64 LAX letters	66 "Vesti la giubba" singer	110 Revealing photo?
31 Little pest	68 Middle of remark	116 Maestro Georges	10 Wagner hero	67 Security grp.	67 Security grp.	111 Surrounded by
32 Another little pest	73 Cautioned	118 Faucet problem	11 Once again	68 Nose part	68 Nose part	112 Sitarist Shankar
33 Dolphin Dan	75 Strong — ox	119 Medieval weapon	12 "Jeepers!"	69 Till	70 Islamic greeting	113 Place for pews
37 TV's "Major —"	76 Stocking stuffer?	120 Thomas — Edison	13 Tucker or Roberts	71 Kicked a field goal	71 Carry on 28 Down in the mouth	114 Lamb's pen name
39 Idolize	77 Mine entries	122 Flow Allen	14 Metal bars	72 Skirt shapers	72 Decorate	115 Monsieur Montand
42 Weaken	80 Austerity	123 Plucky	15 Bill of Rights grp.	73 Ancient	78 Ancient	116 Lt. addenda 117 Hwy.
45 Be an accomplice	82 Serengeti springer	124 A Karamazov brother	16 See 99 Across	79 Wonderment	121 Wonderment	121 Wonderment
46 Sweater stuff	87 "Waiting for"	125 Survey	17 Link letters?	80 Ancient		
	88 "Believer"	126 Disreputable	29 Way out	81		

