

rewards. KITTY EMPIRE

at Ou Tard/Proper) £12.99

The youngest son of the late Afrobeat pioneer Fela Kuti, Seun has inherited his father's phenomenal band, Egypt 80, and more. His debut album *At Ou Tard* style imperiously. The music, blazing horns and Seun's intense vocals are intact, fused with funk and soul, and welded into a clean, modern sound by producer Martin Taylor. There's both vehemence and grace in Seun's growling vocals and 'Mosquito', which links to his father's social policy. Where another Afrobeat album might have modernised the sound, here there's no compromise.
NEIL SPENCER

Martin Taylor

Double Standards (P3 Music) £13.99



Ordinarily, it's hard to believe there's only one of him, even when you're sitting there watching him play. This time, there are actually two of him: two guitars, that is, both played by Martin Taylor. There's nothing new about overdubbing, but it's rarely been done with such artistry and restraint as you will find in these dozen classic tunes. The performances, particularly slow ballads like 'Young and Foolish', are so beautifully integrated that you simply cannot hear the join. Everything is clear and tuneful and there's no showing-off, but we are left in no doubt that Taylor really is a world-class virtuoso.

DAVE GELLY

wayward tree blooms from White. **STEP**

Various

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the core repertoire of the anthology of 'd'amore'. In this recording, the tenor excels as Puccini's Micaela, Gothenburg's Desdemona perhaps the most beautiful of her latest recordings. Tatyana, in this recording, is an impassioned heart of the

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