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Tangos and Tantrums utters the essence of pure romance and sophistication. If your musical taste lingers towards the sounds of Diana Krall and to the words of Norah Jones mixed with Nellie Mckay, then the British-born, Euro-pop artist Sylvie Lewis will resonate in your head throughout Monday morning rush hour.

“The main feeling behind my work is that of longing. I often think people will use the phrase “love songs” when they’re not about love. They’re about longing,” explains Lewis. “That’s the tango reference in the title: songs created by immigrants - that’s me in America. The tantrum part I suppose is because more and more I’m learning to stand up for myself and particularly, to speak up - that’s America in me.”

Co-produced by Lewis, this 11-track album will delight those who discover it. With songs such as “All His Exes,” which is full of humor and catchy jingles, she romances her style. This style is also expressed through other melodic tracks such as “Promises of Paris” and “By Heart.”

Verdict: 4 out of 4 music notes. It’s a great CD for reminiscing and drinking to the finest wines in your house. To sample and buy *Tangos and Tantrums*, please visit www.sylvielewis.com.