The Record Lady: Now Spinning

A new record this week from Micah Sheveloff with a lot of soul.

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Micah Sheveloff is a self-described "meticulous songsmith" hailing from Boston. More specifically, Rockville Street in Boston, which served as inspiration behind the album title and music on his latest release. Sheveloff's interest in music began early and grew quickly; his father was a music professor at Boston University and their home was a constant flow of music. After playing with several rock bands over the years, he has shifted his focus to writing and producing his blend of classical piano and '70s pop that results in a really unique, classic sound.

Rockville opens with Sheveloff showcasing his piano background on "High Notes." It's a track that anyone can listen to and relate to what it's like to discover music, and yourself in the process. The song is subtly anthemic; it builds in a way that feels so natural as additional vocals and guitars are added to the mix. The instrumentation throughout the album is superb; it's understated in the best way possible. When you listen to an album and hear musicians who know how to display their showmanship without being showy, you know you've discovered something quite authentic.

The collection of songs are very cohesive while also exploring different sounds. Tracks like "Dynamite," and "Euphoria" reveal a darker side touching on loss, while "Just Love Someone" and "The Simplest Things" bring great messages of hope via up-tempo arrangements. The production is fantastic, which makes for a great listening experience as every aspect of the music is beautifully recorded. As I was listening, by the time I was mid-way through a song, I'd find myself singing along to the chorus. The melodies and hooks are top notch earworm caliber. Sheveloff has composed an album in *Rockville* that is distinctly modern while still paying tribute to the influences, both musical and personal, that shaped him. And with that, he's created a timeless pop album that anyone who appreciates great musicianship will enjoy.

Where to buy: Rockville on 33 rpm vinyl