



## *PRESS HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2008...*

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### **CAPSULE CD REVIEWS**

**The Montreal Gazette August 20, 2008**

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Loudon Wainwright III: Recovery (Yep Roc/Outside). Now past 60, Wainwright reinterprets and reinvents songs he wrote in his 20s and 30s - including Be Careful There's a Baby in the House, about the infant Rufus. MR

\*\*\*1/2 stars

**Sloan Wainwright:** Rediscovery (Derby Disc Music). Loudon's sister, a fine songwriter in her own right, turns in a fine album of cover tunes drawn from the likes of Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Jimmy Cliff and Phil Ochs. MR

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### **CARRYING ON THE WAINWRIGHT TRADITION**

**The New York Times August 08, 2008**

**SLOAN WAINWRIGHT'S** house, with its peaked roof and gingerbread shingles, has a gnomelike quality that sets it apart, even in this hamlet of fairytale homes. Or perhaps it's that lone pink flamingo on the sun deck.

As Ms. Wainwright, an acclaimed songwriter from a family with a seemingly endless supply of them, stepped out onto the sloping lawn, she was not accompanied by her big brother, Loudon, or her nephew Rufus, or her ex sister in law, Kate McGarrigle. She was with her son Sam McTavey, as burly and bearded as his mother is blonde and cherubic, and who, at 25, is starting to make a name for himself.

The two discussed their musical lives in a room with several guitars, a miniature keyboard and lots of space for pacing should inspiration run dry.

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## THRIVING ON CHALLENGES

The Newark Star Ledger April 13, 2008

"Rufus Wainwright must love challenges. That's the only way to explain some of his recent projects. The eccentric singer-songwriter, who is the son of musicians Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarrigle, presented tributes to Judy Garland in 2006 and 2007 that re-created her April 23, 1961, Carnegie Hall concert in its entirety. His live album, "Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall," came out last year, as did his fifth studio album, "Release the Stars."

Q. **Your aunt Sloan is opening these shows.** She's 11 years younger than your father, so is she more like a sister?

A. No. I actually have an aunt, as well, who's younger than I am -- my grandfather was very popular -- so she's not my youngest aunt, even. But she's definitely the baby of that wing of the family, and she's always maintained a youthful perspective.

Q. Will you do any songs with her?

A. We haven't had time to pin that down. I'd love to. What's interesting about her -- about her act -- is that, in my opinion, of all the many singers that exist in both my mother's and father's families, Sloan and I have the most similar voices. On one of her albums, we sing a song together where we trade off voices, and sometimes it's hard to tell which one is which."

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## MARTHA WAINWRIGHT HAS GROWN UP AND IS READY TO PARTY

The London Times April 13, 2008

"Martha Wainwright has grown up and is ready to party Has marriage mellowed Martha Wainwright? No, but her second album shows she's grown

[excerpt]Her brother, for whom she started out singing backing vocals, guests on the album, as do her mother and a couple of cousins. Just how many musical family members are there? "Ha! Too many," sniffs Wainwright. "I may have to murder them one by one. My secret weapon is Lily Larkin, Anna McGarrigle's daughter, who has always sung with me. There is my half-sister Lucy Roche, who has just released a fantastic album, **and my dad's sister Sloan Wainwright, who is the best out the lot of us.** I have another cousin who recently started up. I try to discourage them, but it's not working. I guess none of us is good at anything else."

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