

## **CD Review**

### **Melody Gardot – “My One and Only Thrill”**

Every once in a while an artist comes on the scene with that certain style or flair that makes them stand out from the rest.

Melody Gardot is such an artist!

Badly injured in a road accident, she focussed on music to assist with her recovery.

All of the tracks bar one – “Over The Rainbow” – are written by Gardot. Her self-penned numbers reflect a person mature well beyond her years and after a couple of plays, it’s hard to imagine that they are not well established standards!

Her lyrics, phrasing and, most of all, her melodies, are superb. And, to complete the package, she has a voice that does not fall into the ‘also ran’ category!

The album is produced by Larry Klein who seems to handle the cream of recording artists these days.

She also has a strong orchestral back-up which does help her cause. But I feel that had the CD been recorded in a bus shelter on a windy day with only a guitar backing, the result would have been outstanding!

—**Phil Mosgrove**