

= Best Of ... (Sia album) =

Best Of ... , also referred to as Sia : Best Of ... , is the first greatest hits album by Australian singer @-@ songwriter Sia , released in Australia on 30 March 2012 through the Sydney @-@ based independent record label Inertia . The compilation includes tracks from four of her previous studio albums : Healing Is Difficult (2001) , Colour the Small One (2004) , Some People Have Real Problems , (2008) and We Are Born (2010) . Also included are two tracks featuring Sia as a guest vocalist (" Destiny " by Zero 7 and " Titanium " by David Guetta) , " My Love " from The Twilight Saga : Eclipse film soundtrack , plus a remixed version of " Buttons " by Brazilian rock band CSS .

The album was announced in February 2012 , shortly after Sia claimed she would be retiring . Some online music stores offered Sia 's music DVD TV Is My Parent as a bonus . Overall , critical reception of the album was positive , though many reviewers criticized select tracks . Best Of ... debuted at number 30 on the ARIA Albums Chart the week of 15 April and reached a peak position of number 27 the following week .

= = Background and promotion = =

The album was announced in February 2012 , shortly after Sia made a statement claiming she was retiring . Best Of ... received promotion in various forms . IE Music / Inertia released a promotional video on YouTube in March 2012 . One day prior to the album 's release , Oyster magazine commemorated Sia 's career by publishing their list of her top five collaborations . The compilation album and a Sia tote bag , among other prizes , were included in a competition held by Cosmopolitan magazine . In April 2012 , Music Australia Guide (Mag) offered copies of the album to readers as part of a " freebie " giveaway .

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Best Of ... contains eighteen tracks spanning fifteen years of music from Sia 's career , including collaborative work with Zero 7 and other artists . Fourteen tracks come from four of Sia 's previous studio albums . " Taken for Granted " , representing the oldest material on the compilation , is the only song from Sia 's 2002 album Healing Is Difficult . " Numb " , " Where I Belong " , " Breathe Me " and , " Sweet Potato " all appeared on Sia 's 2004 album Colour the Small One . Tracks from her 2008 album Some People Have Real Problems include : " The Girl You Lost to Cocaine " , " Day Too Soon " , Ray Davies ' " I Go to Sleep " , " Soon We 'll Be Found " , and " Buttons " . " Clap Your Hands " , " Bring Night " , " You 've Changed " , and " The Fight " originally appeared on Sia 's previous studio album We Are Born (2010) .

The remaining four tracks represent collaborative works , one soundtrack appearance and a remix . " Destiny " first appeared on the British duo Zero 7 's album Simple Things (2001) ; the track features vocal performances by Sia and Sophie Barker . " My Love " appeared on The Twilight Saga : Eclipse film soundtrack (2010) . " Titanium " , written by Sia , David Guetta , Giorgio Tuinfort , and Nick van de Wall , first appeared on Guetta 's 2011 album Nothing but the Beat .

= = Reception = =

Critical reception of the compilation album was positive overall ; many reviewers appreciated the album in its entirety but criticized select tracks . The AU Review 's Robert Lyon awarded the album a score of 8 @. @ 2 on a 10 @- @ point scale . Lyon thought " Clap Your Hands " began the album " brilliantly " and complimented additional individual tracks , but noted the compilation offered no previously unreleased material and that the bonus DVD was only available through select retailers . Mikey Cahill of News Limited awarded the album four points on a five @- @ point scale . He wrote listeners have the ability to " visualise Sia 's animated exterior singing each note loud and proud " and summarized the album in one word : " respectable " . Freya Davies of ArtsHub suggested " Bring Night " would have been a better opening track . Davies criticized select tracks , such as "

Destiny " and " Day Too Soon " due to Sia 's " inarticulate " singing , but also complimented faster tempo songs which highlighted her " vocal strength " (" Titanium " and " Buttons ") . Davies concluded : " Sia 's ability to combine cult and popular appeal is successfully demonstrated by the strength of this compilation album . Its weaknesses are momentary ; overall , it is a fun salute to the past 15 years and a respectable look to the future . "

Scott @-@ Patrick Mitchell of Out in Perth , an LGBT publication based in Perth , Western Australia , appreciated an album of Sia highlights and wrote that " Bring Night " , " Buttons " and " The Girl You Lost to Cocaine " " [sparkle] like supernovas " . Rabbit Hole Urban Music 's Steve Smart awarded the compilation four out of five stars . Smart thought the album was long but inclusive of many genres ; he called the production " super smooth ... classy but not edgeless " . Rave Magazine 's Alasdair Duncan also rated Best Of ... four out of five stars and complimented Sia 's body of work . Duncan thought the compilation had a " thrown @-@ together quality " but called the music " top @-@ notch " . Nina Bertok of Rip It Up , an Adelaide street press magazine , called the album a collection of " tear @-@ jerking ballads ... pop nuggets ... dance bangers " and " quirkier numbers " . Bertok recommended the CSS remix of " Buttons " and awarded the compilation three out of five stars . One reviewer from the Sydney Star Observer wrote that " Breathe Me " stands as Sia 's best song but thought her songs " Don 't Bring Me Down " and " I 'm in Here " should have been included on the album .

= = Track listing = =

Track listing adapted from AllMusic , including entries for Healing Is Difficult , Colour the Small One , Some People Have Real Problems and We Are Born .

= = Charts = =

Best Of ... debuted at number 30 on the ARIA Albums Chart the week of 15 April 2012 . The album reached a peak position of number 27 the following week before exiting the chart .