Disk 45 rpm

Un jour, un jour (Hey Friend, Say Friend)

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Black vinyl 45 rpm record. Both sides feature a black label with silver lettering. Official song of Expo 67: Un jour, un jour (Hey Friend, Say Friend) performed by Donald Lautrec, words and music by Stephane Venne, arrangement by Pierre Nolès; 1967; Jupiter (JP. 1077); Produced for Le Festival du Disque Ins, Copyright 1963 Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition, Canada; 7″ vinyl, 45 RPM, Single; Side A, French version, side B English version (translation by S. Venne and M. Stellman); running time 2:05.

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Artiste / Auteur Lautrec, Donald

Materials paper, plastic, vinyl

Measurements 0,2 x 17,4 cm

Historical context

This 45 rpm LP, made of vinyl plastic, contains a version of the song "Un jour, un jour" performed by Donald Lautrec. The front of the record plays the song in French, while the back plays its English version, "Hey Friend, Say Friend". Written in 1967 by songwriter Stéphane Venne, it was selected from 2,200 submissions from 35 countries to serve as the theme song for Expo 67. It was after seeing an architect's drawing of the proposed artificial islands of Notre-Dame and Sainte-Hélène that Venne decided to write the song. Despite the opinion of Montreal mayor Jean Drapeau, who deplored the fact that the song did not mention the metropolis, it was a great success and was played on the radio for a long time, boosting Venne's fame. An alternative version, performed by Michèle Richard and featuring Montreal and the World's Fair, was recorded around the same time.