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Bananarama record deserves to be ignored

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Bananarama is the name of one of Britain's silliest all-girl bands. They smashed onto the New Music scene a year or so ago sporting tousled hairstyles, avant garde clothing, and a cutesy sound. They're as giddy as the Go Gos, campier than Bette Midler and even more fashionable than disco's punky princess, Madonna.

Record Review

Bananarama, Bananarama's second LP, is the girls' attempt to eradicate the sickeningly sweet image they portrayed on their previous opus, *Deep Sea Skiving*.

The album starts out impressively with the hit single, "Cruel Summer." It's a danceable ditty complete with a synthesized beat and lyrics which anyone taking a college summer session can relate to:

The city's crowded/My friends are away/and I'm on my own/It's too hot to handle/So I gotta' get up and go/It's cruel summer/Leaving me here all

alone"

Next comes "Rough Justice," a pretentious song about "children starving in the streets." Do these daffy divas really think their empathy for poverty is plausible when they cavort around in designer duds?

The rest of the songs on this side aren't worth mentioning.

The second side blasts our "Hot Line to Heaven," a song that won't win the band any points for sophistication. That's the trouble with this side as well as the first — the lyrics are expressive, but the vocals and music are too light-hearted to be convincing. The only song that is commensurate to Bananarama's image is the other single, "Robert De Niro's Waiting," a delightful teenage fantasy about the star of "Taxi Driver."

Siobhan, Keren and Sarah, Bananarama's three vocalists, are gorgeous fashion plates that can sing, but that doesn't make them the serious artists they want us to think they are. Freaky hairdos, lipstick and giggles don't mean good music. It sounds as if the banana in Bananarama is less fruit than peel.

Lincoln list...

Taco John's, 831 N. 48th St., 466-3950; 1110 South St., 477-2943; 1209 Q St., 475-7528.
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Yellow Submarine Sandwich Shops, 1101 Arapahoe, 423-7040.

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Cooper, 5400 O St., 464-7421.

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Embassy Theatre, 1730 O St., 476-6042.

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Plaza 4 Theatre, 12th and P streets, 477-1234.

Sheldon Film Theatre, 12th and R streets, 472-2461.

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State, 1415 O St., 476-1555.

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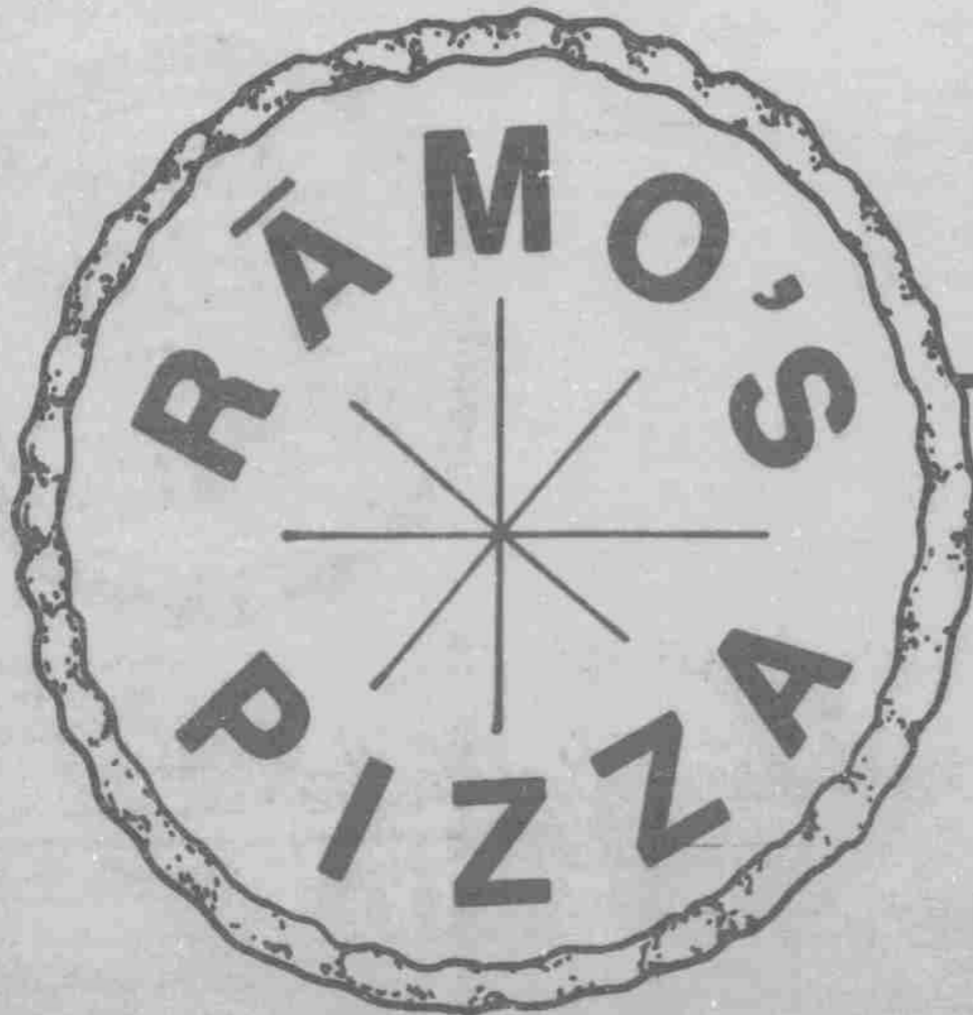


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