

Pointer Sisters' 'Contact' album grooves

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From the first track of the Pointer Sisters' new album "Contact," it's obvious that the trio decided not to break

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away from its previous "Break Out" style.

The sassy vocals, the beat-lashing rhythm and the ideology behind the lyrics are all similar to their earlier release, "Break Out," which brought

the Pointer Sisters much commercial fame.

To "Break Out" fans, this album will be a safe record purchase. But for those who were skeptical about the Pointer Sisters before, I don't see this album changing their opinion much.

It's all very danceable and without a doubt will be a God-send to those frustrated aerobics instructors who are in dire need of material to jog in place to. It includes some decent synthesizer work and, surprisingly, relies on a drum machine throughout the album.

Nobody can deny that Ruth, Jane and Anita are talented vocalists —

both as soloists and in harmonizing conglomerations. The first time I listened to "Hey You," I could have sworn a male vocalist sang the lead. But it was Ruth, who proved she's one heck of an alto.

If you want to buy an album to "groove to" and put you in a seductive frame of mind, this album is for you. It's not what you'd call an original approach for the Pointer Sisters, but because of their incredible success with "Break Out," I suspect their strategy is to keep that ball rolling.

If you buy albums only to be inspired by deep lyrical content, I suggest you

save your money and pass on this one.

The lyrics are redundant at times. Most songs have an aggressive woman's love-conquest theme. For example: "if you wanna hold it/if you wanna show it/come and let me know it/twist my arm."

"I need a little lovin/tonight/C'mon rock me, don't let go/I don't wanna be alone." These lyrics won't bring any tears of inspiration from me.

The album, however, is very well produced and it should be another commercial success for the Pointer Sisters. **G.P.A. — 3.0**



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