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Befitting the label's name, DAVID NATHAN'S soulmusic.com label (through its link with Cherry Red Records) has just issued a trio of fabulous, proper soul music from three scions of the famous New Jersey Houston/Warwick clan

First up, there's a 21 track look at the work of the wonderful CISSY HOUSTON. Ms HOUSTON, of course, needs no introduction to soul collectors. The mother of WHITNEY, she's enjoyed a varied musical career. Star of the gospel group THE DRINKARD SINGERS, leader of THE SWEET INSPIRATIONS and part of one of the best backing vocal teams ever to grace New York's famed Broadway studios, she went solo in 1969. By 1970 she was signed to Commonwealth United Records and released the album 'Presenting...' Sadly that label soon went bust and CISSY'S contract ended up with Janus. Janus quickly reissued the LP and had her record a whole clutch of new songs. That original LP and those "newer" Janus recordings are the focus of this brand new CD. From the original album you can enjoy spellbinding, soul-packed versions of 'I'll Be There' (a song usually associated with BOBBY DARIN), 'This Empty Place', 'The Long And Winding Road' and much more. Amongst the Janus tracks is the original version of 'Midnight Train To Georgia'.... listen and decide for yourself whether the hit version from GLADYS KNIGHT is better!

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