- Louis, who is the beautiful lady with the hat on the album cover?

- That's Paola Tagliaferro, an Italian singer who lives near Genoa.

- Why is she singing Greg Lake's pieces?

- Because she knew Greg and his wife Regina very well, with whom she remains friends, and she harbours a true artistic passion for Lake. So, three years ago, she released her first cover album (Paola Tagliaferro sings Greg Lake) and now she continues with For the Love of Greg Lake, which includes nine new covers. In her own words, it's a second journey in the wonderful world of Greg Lake.

- And is it any good?

- Well, yes, first because the songs composed by Greg Lake are all beautiful, then because the musicians accompanying her are very good, and finally because Paola has a voice that is compatible with obviously a very different range but close to a contralto, therefore perfect.

- Who is La Compagnia Dell’Es?

- It's the group of musicians who play with Paola on her albums as well as during her live performances. It includes Luca Scherani on the piano, Pier Gonella on bass, and Dario Canepa on drums, Giulia Ermirio on violin, Gino Ape on the xylophone.

- It's funny, does it come out on the Manticore label?

-Yes, the record label was reactivated in 2015 in accordance with Greg Lake's wishes, sadly deceased in December 2016, with the agreement of his wife, Regina, who incidentally has been running the label since spring 2021.

- What's the repertoire?

- A bit of all Greg Lake's periods, but this time it's mainly ELP songs ("Watching over you", "Stones of years", "Lend your love to me tonight", "The only way", "Affairs of the heart", "All I want is you", "The great gates of Kiev") but also "I talk to the wind" by King Crimson and "It hurts" from his first solo album.

- Which pieces do you prefer?

- "It hurts" because I had forgotten about this song and frankly, it's powerful and at the same time, very moving, but also "Stones of years" because, interpreted by Paola, this title takes on an unreal and somewhat mysterious character.

- How can I listen to this album?

- The best way is to purchase it, but you can also listen to it beforehand on the usual platforms. Here are all the links for that:

Streaming and purchase: here

YouTube: https://bit.ly/4bHyCjx

Spotify: https://spoti.fi/48h2iRlSpotify: https://spoti.fi/48h2iRl