

CHECK IT OUT

Whenever it is possible, this magazine chooses to briefly review the work of a Sedona author, musician or other appropriate creative resident. Thus, it is a pleasure to present the first CD created, published and distributed by Daniel Watters, a native of Oak Creek Canyon.

In his own words, this 19-year-old artist's initial release, "Daniel Watters Presents: The All Day Dreamers LP," draws on "a variety of musical styles, including a focus on indie pop combined with acoustic and jazz sensibilities, as well as highly poetic lyrics."



This young entrepreneur didn't forget to make his CD visually attractive, either – the CD's contemporary artwork by Spanish artist Manuel Larino portrays a young girl, her eyes closed, entranced by the fragrance of a red rose – an all-day dreamer, for sure.

Amazingly, Daniel wrote all the music, played almost all of the instruments and recorded, produced and arranged this entire album himself.

And by combining the previously cited indie influences, his personal jazz know-how and strong pop sensibility, plus his knack for poetic words, this young composer, musician, arranger, poet and performer has produced a highly appealing collection of reflective melodies quite in contrast to what is peddled by today's so-called rock stars.

Imagine, among the innovative sounds on Watters' CD are claps, organs and tambourines, a saxoboom and a whistle solo – and one of his songs is titled "Popsicles."

"All Day Dreamer's LP" by Watters, a student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, is available at Sedona Books and Music, Well Red Coyote, Hoel's Indian Shop, The Worm and online at www.danielwatterspresents.com.

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