



## FAIRUZ Kifak Inta

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### DESCRIPTION

Wewantsounds present a first-time vinyl reissue **Fairuz's** classic album *Kifak Inta* produced by her son **Ziad Rahbani** in the late '80s and only released on cassette and CD in 1991. Composed and arranged by Rahbani, who had already produced *Wahdon* (1979) and *Maarifti Feek* (1987), *Kifak Inta* features his usual blend of jazz, funk, and Arabic music, spiced up with Brazilian influences serving Fairuz's beautiful voice. Fairuz is a living legend and one of the greatest divas of the Arab world. She came to prominence in the '50s crossing path with the **Rahbani Brothers (Assi and Mansour)** an encounter that turned into a fruitful collaboration that would last until the '70s, spawning countless classics in the process. Fairuz's marriage with Assi produced a son, Ziad, who would start a brilliant career as a cutting-edge playwright, musician, and producer in the early '70s. When Assi Rahbani became ill in the mid-70s and the couple separated, Ziad took over as Fairuz's musical director and started to add elements of jazz, funk, and bossa nova to her music. The collaboration started in 1979 with *Wahdon* which included the funky cult classic "Al Bosta". They worked together again in 1983-84 on the album *Maarifti Feek* which was released in 1987 and continued their collaboration with *Kifak Inta* a few years later. The album was released on the Lebanese label Relax-in in 1991 on cassette and CD only, but, although there are no recording dates listed, the track "Overture 87" indicates it was recorded around that year. The album follows the same pattern as previous Ziad Rahbani productions for his mother and mixes traditional Arabic music ("Farewell Song", "It's Not a Problem"), jazz-funk ("Ya Leili Leili Leili"), and bossa nova ("Indi Thika Fik"), all featuring Ziad's superb orchestrations and slick arrangements. The jewel in the crown is the album's title track, "Kifak Inta" (And You, How Are You?), a ballad written and composed by Ziad Rahbani. The song is sung by a woman opening her heart to her childhood sweetheart, now married to another woman, and confessing she still loves him. The subject was controversial and created quite a stir when the song came out in the still conservative Lebanese society of the time. The track "Prova" which closes side one is a fascinating studio rehearsal of "Kifak Inta" featuring both Ziad and Fairuz. Remastered audio by Colorsound Studio in Paris. Includes new liner notes (French/English) by **Mario Choueiry** (Institut Du Monde Arabe).

### TRACKLISTING

01. Farewell Song (4:05)
02. You Can Forget (3:04)
03. Overture 87 (1:42)
04. "Ya Leili Leili Leili" (7:07)
05. Reprise (1:16)
06. Prova (3:34)
07. "Kifak Inta" (How Are You?) (3:32)
08. "Dia' Anou" (3:16)
09. Something Is Happening (2:47)
10. Indi Thika Fik (4:25)
11. It's Not A Problem (6:46)

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Also available:

(WWSLP 022LP) FAIRUZ: *Wahdon* LP [3700604719885]

(WWSLP 036LP) FAIRUZ: *Maarifti Feek* LP [3700604726470]

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