

INDIE SCENE**GEORGE MARINELLI*****Believe***

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As a sideman for the likes of Bruce Hornsby and Bonnie Raitt, Marinelli has learned to fold folk, blues, jazz, rock and light reggae into instantly likeable pop songs. With this latest disc, he does all the playing and producing, writes or co-writes every track, and even handles the graphic design. It's essentially all Marinelli, and yet *Believe* never screams egotist or control freak. The lyrics are as universal as the music is casual, and on laid-back roots tunes ("Something Better") and springy jazz-rock groovers ("Your Side of the Wall") alike, he makes soothing music for summer nights. He could support Bruce or Bonnie at any amphitheater and keep folks from heading to the beer lines.

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