

JULIE LAMONTAGNE TRIO

Facing the Truth (Effendi)

Montrealer Julie Lamontagne runs a tasteful, tidy operation.

With bass Dave Watts and drummer Richard Irwin sensitive as well as imaginative in their accompaniment, this 10-cut album is very easy on the ears.

It particularly shows off her

fondness for melody, subtle shaping of ideas and a restless pursuit of fresh ways to deconstruct and rebuild phrases and lines so that the flow is always strong. This disc is well worth a listen, a powerful entry from a pianist who shows she's adept at composition and arrangements as well. All the tunes are her originals. GC