Paola Tagliaferro's latest album, 'For the Love of Greg Lake,' is a heartfelt tribute to the legendary musician, Greg Lake, yet it stands as a testament to Tagliaferro's own artistry and interpretation. With reverence and skill, Tagliaferro brings fresh life to Lake's timeless classics, infusing them with her own unique style and passion.

Years ago, I spoke to Greg at great length about how he felt about a performer covering other performers’ songs. Greg made it clear that he felt strongly the covers should not be a carbon copy of the original performance, but a respectful tribute with the original mixed with the artistry and interpretation on the current performer.

What sets 'For the Love of Greg Lake' apart is Tagliaferro's ability to pay homage to Lake while simultaneously imprinting her own mark on the songs. Her renditions are respectful nods to the original compositions, yet she effortlessly injects them with her own soulful essence, creating a listening experience that is both nostalgic and refreshing.

One of the album's most commendable aspects is its authenticity. Tagliaferro doesn't attempt to mimic Lake; rather, she embraces his spirit and interprets his songs through her own lens. The result is a collection of tracks that feels deeply personal yet universally resonant.

It's clear that 'For the Love of Greg Lake' is a labor of love, and this sentiment is further reinforced by the endorsement of Greg's widow, Regina Lake. Her support speaks volumes about the integrity and sincerity of Tagliaferro's tribute.

From the haunting melodies of 'Lend Your Love to Me Tonight' to the poignant lyricism of “Watching Over You,' to the rousing “The Great Gates of Kiev”, each track on the album is a testament to Tagliaferro's reverence for Lake's legacy and her own undeniable talent. Listening to this album is not only a journey through Lake's iconic repertoire but also a celebration of Tagliaferro's remarkable musical prowess.

It is altogether appropriate and speaks volumes that this album is released on Manticore Records. In essence, 'For the Love of Greg Lake' is more than just a tribute album; it's a beautifully crafted homage that honors the past while embracing the present. Paola Tagliaferro's interpretation of Greg Lake's music is nothing short of masterful, making this album a joy to listen to for fans old and new alike.