

ROCK

DAVID GILMOUR *On an Island* (4:42)

Producers: *various*

Writers: *D. Gilmour, P. Samson*

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Pink Floyd guitarist/
vocalist David Gilmour

breaks the silence following the band's reunion at Live 8 last summer. "On an Island," the leadoff single and title track from his third solo album—his first studio recording in 12 years—is a beautiful, atmospheric ballad that launches with acoustic chords and signature smooth vocals to create a classic Floydish backdrop. On Gilmour's "Island," melody is still king. Instantly recognizable, his bluesy guitar cracks the dreamy haze open, unleashing a soaring melodic solo with maximum lyrical force. With David Crosby and Graham Nash on harmonies and Floyd's Rick Wright guesting on organ, the song has a gentle supergroup feel, while the sound remains pure and intimate. After making waves at heritage rock radio, the scenic "Island" is destined to build inroads to triple-A.—*SP*