



Zuccherò
Black Cat
(WRASSE RECORDS)

With the exception of several '70s progressive rock bands that caught the ears of prog fans, Italian rock has been a local phenomenon. Italy's Zuccherò has sold millions of discs around the world, and collaborated with the likes of Eric Clapton, but remains unknown stateside. On *Black Cat* he continues his quest for recognition. Co-producing the album with such familiar names as Don Was and T Bone Burnett, he co-wrote a pair of songs with Elvis Costello and Bono. Bono's elegiac lyric for the vaguely Phil Spector-ish "Streets of Surrender" is sung in English; many of the songs are in Italian and rock harder with nods toward the music's gritty blues roots.

—Morton Shlabotnik

