

Throwback: David Bowie-This Is Not America



David Bowie and Pat Metheny collaborated on "This Is Not America" for the soundtrack to *The Falcon and the Snowman*. Bowie wrote the lyrics after watching the film which was about two American men who sold security secrets to the Soviet Union. Metheny plays rhythm guitar on the moody single and Bowie's poetic words captured the essence of the movie's theme of disillusionment and betrayal. He did not appear in the video which was comprised of clips from the movie. "This Is Not America" was released as a single in 1985 and it appeared

on the soundtrack. The song also appears on various Bowie albums including *The Singles Collection*, *Tonight*, *Best Of Bowie*, *The Platinum Collection*, *The Best Of David Bowie*, *Nothing Has Changed*, *Bowie Legacy*, and the *Loving The Alien* boxset. The late artist performed a variation of the song for Diddy's "American Dream" from *The Training Day* soundtrack. On January 8, 2024, Paris dedicated a road named Rue David Bowie to the singer on what would have been his 77th birthday.