

Anya's Garden Temple Perfume ~ fragrance reviews

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The “temple” I imagine while wearing this perfume is a Hindu shrine in a crowded Indian city, a shrine surrounded by stalls selling fragrant foods, spices and natural medicines. The listed notes of Temple are orange juice, borneol crystals, aglaia flower, cassia, Ayurvedic herbs and spices, Laotian and Vietnamese agarwood/oud, and earth tincture.

Temple begins with a robust ‘hot metal’ aroma (a friend said it smelled like overheated spark plugs). After this rather shocking opening comes a pleasant medicinal-herbal smell that reminds me of insect-repellent crystals I used to buy in Los Angeles at a shop that imported food, art and sundries from India. After its clamorous-camphoric phases have passed, Temple begins to sweeten and smell foody (just as Kaffir does). As Temple turns sweet on my skin, I smell as if I’ve been dipped into a tub of blackstrap molasses. The molasses phase leads to a more complex spice cake phase where I begin to smell cassia and the scent of moist, dark brown sugar. Temple also provides fleeting whiffs of a hay-like note and agarwood. After two hours on my skin, Temple turns musky and comes close to producing an amber-like aroma (all that’s needed is some vanilla).

As I wear Temple, dark orange, russet, umber, teak and golden amber colors come to mind — this is a sweet, dense, warm and dusky fragrance. (I can imagine the dessert-loving god, Ganesha, using Temple as his “comfort scent.”) Temple perfume would be sensational in candles and home diffuser products. Temple is a limited edition fragrance and fifty percent of the profits from its sale will be donated to charities that assist people and animals after natural (and, I assume, man-made) disasters.

Kaffir and Temple will appeal to people who like quirky scents and scents with *HEFT*; I enjoy both perfumes but Kaffir is my favorite of the two because I find “green” fragrances hard to resist. I tried both scents in perfume (extract)

concentration and the lasting power of Kaffir and Temple was OK — approximately 3-4 hours when applied liberally.

As with most natural perfumes, the prices of Kaffir and Temple are high: one ounce of perfume will set you back almost \$400 for Kaffir and \$500 for Temple. Kaffir is available in perfume extract (3.5 ml/\$45) and in Eau de Parfum (15 ml/\$80); Temple is only available in perfume extract (3.5 ml/\$60). For buying information and to learn more about Anya McCoy and her company visit the [Anya's Garden website](#).