

Mp3 Solar Wind Featuring Sean Mason - Blue Horizon



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An electrifying mix of smooth jazz, fusion, funk and new age. High energy contemporary jazz at its best.

11 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Smooth Jazz, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: Solar Wind is a high-energy contemporary jazz band out of Los Angeles. With a perfect blend of smooth jazz and fusion, Solar Wind's sound transcends today's contemporary jazz. The debut CD, "Grand Tour Alignment" 1999, received national and international airplay, and garnered rave reviews in several national publications including Jazziz, Jazz Times, Music Connection, Bassics, and Bass Frontiers. The CD was also nominated for jazz album of the year at the 2000 Los Angeles Music Awards. For the band's second release, bassist, composer, producer and bandleader, Sean Mason has compiled a set of original tunes that epitomize what smooth jazz is all about. The brand new album, "Blue Horizon," boasts several radio friendly tracks as well as some real hard-hitting fusion and features guest artists that include smooth jazz radio mainstays David Benoit and Eric Marienthal. Also performing on the album are keyboardist Marc Hugenberger, drummer Paul Kaiser, and guitarist Eric Robson This second release by the band, scheduled for retail January 2003, is sure to catapult Solar Wind to new heights. Mason's electric bass is the dominant force of this CD, using the instrument as both foundation and melody on several cuts. With a mix of thumping, plucking, picking and strumming, the bassist sets the pace for Solar Wind's contemporary instrumental collage. Mason credits the influences of Stanley Clarke, Jack Bruce, Jaco Pastorius, Al DiMeola, and John Patitucci for helping to develop his style. While Mason's flair for colorful grooves and melodies allow a handful of the eleven tunes to fit comfortably in the smooth jazz pocket, Solar Wind's second release "Blue Horizon" also features more intense funk, blistering electric jazz fusion, a bit of mystical new age and on one track, an ode to dramatic film scoring. There's a universal appeal to the Solar Wind sound, and the CD has a finger right on the pulse of modern instrumental music.

"Shoreline Drive" and "Sedona Sunrise," both featuring Benoit and Marienthal, are two radio-friendly tracks sure to generate airplay on smooth jazz stations everywhere. THE REVIEWS ARE IN! "I naturally love the opening track titled "Shoreline Drive"... tracks that will appeal to radio, very funky...an album for music enthusiasts....excellent musicianship, interesting melodies, fusion cuisine, ...full-bodied effort with great character." Smoothjazz.com. "Blue Horizon" has the right potential for Smooth Jazz radio stations...explosive!" Smooth Soul. It has a strong pulse, and passion, Blue Horizon traverses a lot of ground, moving well from style to style. Great sounds, a pleasing record for bassists and lovers of seriously nice music. Bass Inside Magazine. Under the new independent label Solar One Records, Mason aims to bring Solar Wind to the forefront of smooth jazz by involving world class musicians for recordings and live performances, employing marketing strategies that include national radio and retail promotions and by utilizing marketing tools now available to independent artists like the internet. "Our primary focus is and always will be music," Mason says. "While it is important to evolve musically, we realize that creativity is boundless and limitless as long as there is inspiration, and multi-media encourages creative expansion. The whole idea behind Solar Wind is sight, sound and imagination." Capitalizing on the appeal that the first album generated, Mason continues the theme of having "something for everyone" on the sophomore release. "Musically, I always play it straight from the heart, and then put it out to see how the feelings transfer to those who listen," he adds. "Blue Horizon" is just the next step towards realizing our goal of reaching our potential as creators and artists." Bold and innovative, daring yet smooth and irresistible, and orbiting soon at radio and retail, Solar Wind invites you on a musical journey you won't soon forget.

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