

Mp3 Scott Monahan - Songs From Califa



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The Eye of the Storm connected him with a composer who engaged Scott as a co-contributor on hundreds of projects over the next decade. And though the quality of his work qualified for Emmy recognition, Scott started to feel something was missing. That something was writing music inspired by his muse, not the needs of a script. And the result is the CD Songs from Califa. Scott brought in just the right musicians to help realize his vision: Electric guitarist Zeke Zirngiebel and pedal steel guitarist Dave Pearlman. Both players have an impressive resume and the feel these songs called for. He enlisted multiple Emmy-award winning singer/songwriter Janis Liebhart to provide background vocals, while tapping into her deep reservoirs of insight to assist with lyrics and production and mixes. And when he needed a unique sound to finish the track You Got Lazy, Scott snagged Danny Jacob to contribute the funky licks that became his calling card while playing with George Michael and Tower of Power, and Land Richards, whos played with just about every top chart maker in recent history, on drums. Everything else you hear on this CD comes from Scott: keyboards, acoustic guitar, and most of all, his voice. Its what makes Songs from Califa what it is--a way to get back to music that means something. Califa is the street Scott lives on, his home. When you hear this CD, may it provide you with something special, tooyour own way home. Michael Raysses

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