

Mp3 Venus Mission - Midwestern Soul



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Powerful, sultry female vocals, ethereal guitar textures, and creative rhythm arrangements are the hallmarks of this sophisticated-rock ensemble. 11 MP3 Songs POP: with Live-band Production, ROCK: Progressive Rock Details: Venus Mission, a Cincinnati-based orchestral pop five-piece, were nominated for three 2003 Cincinnati Enquirer Cammy Awards, were listed in the alternative press as having one of the top local releases of 2002, and were selected in 2002 as Top-20 finalists in the WOXY 97-Exposure contest, beating out over 100 other acts for radio airplay at Miami University. Venus Mission's debut CD, "Midwestern Soul," was released in February of 2002 to hundreds of fans at a restored art-deco theatre in Cincinnati. The CD quickly garnered critical acclaim from both the mainstream and alternative press in the region, and found them in rotation on AAA radio in and around the Cincinnati area. Midwestern Soul's 11 tracks were engineered and produced by Ric Hordinski who produced David Wilcox's new release "Into the Mystery" as well as an earlier Wilcox album, "Turning Point." Throughout the 1990's, Hordinski was the guitar genius behind the critically acclaimed band Over the Rhine (IRS, Virgin). Hordinski, who has been likened to Dan Lanois stylistically, also produces for Phil Keaggy and other national acts. His work for Venus Mission was a rare "local" effort and landed him the "Producer of the Year" award at the 2002 Cincinnati Enquirer Cammy Awards. Venus Mission is the brainchild of vocalist/composer/pianist Andrea Rosenthal. She has been a collegiate actress, voice-over artist, attorney, non-profit development officer and is currently a community activist, mother of two young daughters and a Montessori music teacher. Venus Mission has opened for international acts such as British folk-rock legends Lindisfarne. They headline the premier venues for original music in the region and lend their name to many high-profile fundraisers. VM has appeared at the National Public Radio's national conference and has showcased for four years running at Cincinnati's very own Midpoint Music Conference. Venus Mission's new album

"Love Me Back Alive" is now available as well (released October 2005). "Fans of Sarah McLachlan or Over the Rhine will find a kindred soul in Venus Mission, with their soaring hooks and lush yet intimate soundscapes. Other standout features of the record include Rosenthal's visceral, poetic lyrics and the extraordinary, artistic CD packaging." --Mike Breen, Music Editor Cincinnati City Beat 2/7/02

"Soul-searching, adult rock relationship songs...searing ambient guitar work." --Rick Bird Cincinnati Post 2/7/02 "An entrancing album loaded with atmospheric textures, gorgeous songs, and soulful vocals." Cincinnati City Beat 5/2/02 "Saturday's big show is local, with the soulful folk rock of Venus Mission" --Larry Nager, Music Critic Cincinnati Enquirer 4/19/02 "Local folk faves" --Larry Nager, Music Critic Cincinnati Enquirer 8/02/02

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