

Mp3 Starcandy - Set It Off



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A unique blend of rock, soul, funk, jazz and Latin sounds all wrapped up with that Chi-town attitude. 8 MP3 Songs URBAN/R&B: Funk, URBAN/R&B: Rhythm Blues Details: Illinois Entertainer - March 2003

Starcandy is often funky, sometimes Latin-inspired, and always lively on its eight-song debut CD, Set It Off. A jazzy mix of guitars, saxophone, and drums backs the dual lead singers, the funky Marqueal Jordan and the soulful Renee Ruffin. Socially conscious sing-along lyrics paint a hip urban landscape. - J. Scales Windy City Times - Oct. 30, 2002 Set it Off is a heated mix of funk/jazz/soul with perspiration clinging to the lip. It's a workout, but it ain't [anything] compared to Star Candy live (we'll get to that). The opener, "People Living Everyday," is the cure for the malaise we've all become hotwired to accept. It's about appreciation and living the life you have, no complaints. On a song like "People Living" you expect preachiness, but Star Candy's approach is like urban gospel, sort of the Staples in church by way of the Family Stone on the boulevard. Renee Ruffin gets to slow cook, Chaka style, on "Marinate," a bluesy slow jam wrapped in a cushy cluttered mix. By the time Star Candy gets frothy on "I'm Gonna be a Star," all that serious uplift turns giddy. Live, though, is where Star Candy takes off. Marqueal Jordan (vocals and sax) and Scott Leff (vocals and guitar)...with Ruffin smack in the middle, seem to have found an electric cohesion. Star Candy's wallop is in the alchemic combination of the band working together. In this day and age, perfection is a rare commodity, but Star Candy hits it with ease. - Vern Hester Chicago Sun Times - May 3, 2002 "[Starcandy] is heavier on the funk and Latin influences, and it's distinguished by the soulful, powerful vocals of Renee Ruffin." - Jim Derogotis For upcoming show information, news, free MP3 downloads or to sign up for your free starcandygram e-newsletter, visit starcandy.net. For bookings, contact Scott Leff at 773.395.9761. For media inquiries, contact Annie Peoples at 312.925.1754 Karen Davis at 773.710.8006 or e-mail prsc@starcandy.net.

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