

Mp3 Frank Messina & Spoken Motion - Biting The Tongue



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Details: Frank Messina is "one of the most widely recognized young poets living in America today." (Playboy Magazine). Frank gained notoriety as the founder of the chart-busting band, Spoken Motion, whose signature ability to fuse bold, lyrical content with eclectic jazz and experimental rock music helped catapult the fledgling 'Spoken Word' genre of the 1990's to commercial success. Author of the acclaimed book of poems, Disorderly Conduct, Frank's work tackles subjects relating to human nature including themes of love, struggle, war, civic responsibility, sports fanaticism and salvation through music and verse. He's been an integral figure on the international Spoken Word circuit since the late 1980's. As a widely published poet, his work appears in several books, journals and magazines including Ground Zero: New Yorkers Respond, the 9/11 Peace Poetry Project, Beloit Poetry Journal, Long Shot Magazine, New York Press, Oxford Magazine, Published in Heaven Poster Series, Oxalis, Footwork: The Paterson Literary Review, Frank of Paris, Newark Writer's Journal, Promethean Press and many international daily newspapers. Frank is a recipient of the Woolrich Poetry Award and Fellowship of Columbia University and was nominated for the 1995 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award. Frank has recorded over 100 spoken word music compositions including the Frank Messina Spoken Motion albums; Biting the Tongue (1998); Absorb (1999); Rage (1999) and the recent live album Somewhere in New York City, all released on Spokeface Records. Biting the Tongue includes special guest appearances by Beat generation legend and composer David Amram, jazz violinist Billy Bang of the Sun Ra Arkestra and Scott Murawksi and Mark Mercier of Max Creek. The album made the Top 20 Spoken Word Chart immediately after its July, '98 release date and remained for 16 weeks. In addition, track 1 off the album, I Want to Hear Poetry, is included on the 1998 College Radio's Best of The Indies compilation CD. The same track hit #1 on the

mp3Spoken Word Charts in April, 1999. Blending the genres of Spoken Word, Jazz and Rock music, Frank Messina often performs with his eclectic group, Spoken Motion. Regarded as a prolific 'jam band' with roots in Jazz and experimental Rock music, the band features percussionist Larry McDonald of Gil Scott-Heron's Amnesia Express, Elliott Levin of Cecil Taylor's Phthongas on sax and flute, Bob Susko on guitar, Wes Jensen on drums and bassist Joe Isgro. Frank Messina founded the all-star "Spoke n' Roll" band, OCTOPOET, in 1999. The experimental group which has featured members of the Spin Doctors, Max Creek, Sun Ra, Gil Scott-Heron Band and Spoken Motion plus Mark Egan, saxophonist Erik Lawrence and vocalists Lucy Woodward, Dawn Lorentz and Chanda Rule. Frank Messina performs 50-60 shows a year and has appeared at Newark Symphony Hall, Madison Square Garden, The NYU Beat Celebration, The Bowery Poetry Club, The Lollapalooza Festival, Woodstock 94, Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Festival, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Great American Music Hall in San Francisco, The Knitting Factory, Wetlands, SOB's, Nuyorican Poets' Cafe', Howlin' Wolf Club in New Orleans and several in-store performances at Tower Records and Borders Books and Music. Frank has appeared on National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Network, Sports Net New York, WBAI's Liquid Sound Lounge, WSPN's Poet's Corner and WKCR's Jazz Profiles. Since 1995, he has performed extensively in Europe, including the 2001 London International Poetry and Song Festival, 1998 and 1999 Crossing Border Festivals in the Netherlands and in Ghent, Belgium, The 1995 and 1996 Meer Dan Woorden Festival in Goes, Netherlands. Frank has also performed in Dublin, Ireland; Copenhagen, Denmark; Berlin, Germany; Reykjavik, Iceland; Newcastle on Tyne, UK; Edinburgh, Scotland; Prague, Czechoslovakia among other cities. Frank Messina has shared the stage with David Amram, Reg E. Gaines, Mark Egan, Buddy Cage, The Spin Doctors, Angus Calder, Billy Bang, Miguel Algarin, Levon Helm, Rick Danko, Leo Kottke, Max Creek, Vince Welnick and Tom Constanten (Grateful Dead), Stir Fried, Lucy Woodward, Melvin Seals, Mike Gordon (Phish), Leo Nocentelli (The Meters), Allen Ginsberg, Merle Saunders, Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth), Bernie Worrell, Gil Scott-Heron, Melvin Sparks, The Last Poets, Moe, Jeff Pevar, Hal Sirowitz, Courtney Love, Ron Whitehead, Arnie Lawrence, Erik Lawrence, Vic Juris, John S. Hall, Paul Winter, Buzzy Linhart, Sonny Sharrock and many others. Frank has appeared in several feature films including Big Kahuna with Kevin Spacey and Danny DeVito, The Hurricane, Freedom: A Poem for America and Shampoo Horns.

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