Mp3 Johnny Freeman - The Love-how Much Is Free



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Soulful R&B with a funky pop flavor that'll make ya' move...A pinch of acoustic pop added in for taste. 11 MP3 Songs POP: Today's Top 40, URBAN/R&B: Soul Details: The debut album "HOW MUCH IS FREE" from multi-instrumentalist JOHNNY FREEMAN makes it clear that there's no end to the energy - or talent - he possesses. While his music features soaring, pop friendly vocals, it's his COMMITMENT to providing the listener with a truly heartfelt, UPLIFTING experience that separates him from the rest of his contemporaries. This is a work of uncompromising, eclectic R&B that touches on acoustic, jazz, blues and hip-hop. Lyrically steeped in introspection the project contains therapeutic as well as entertainment benefits. The CD starts out with a blistering funk workout that is laced with horns called tap into my love, then you find yourself floating through such standout tracks as ocean, and the 2005 R&R hit single the love. This free spirited groove machine wants his music to SHAKE you right down to your SOUL. One LOOK at Freemans upbringing, and its no wonder he brings so many DIVERSE elements to his music. His list of hometowns reads like a wacky Greyhound schedule. Born in Minneapolis, he followed his family through Michigan, St. Louis, Arizona, California and Texas. But his teen years in the Bay Area of Northern California may have shaped his musical tastes most, as he fell into a crowd inspired by the funky FUSION sounds bubbling out of Oakland in the 80s and 90s. Past that, Freeman cites Prince, Earth, Wind Fire, Bob Marley, Stevie Wonder, Tower of Power and the funky, lighthearted progressiveness of early rap and hip-hop as primary INFLUENCES. I like music that moves and surprises the listener, he says, and I like music that has some CONSCIOUSNESS and a positive vibe to it. "When I EXPERIENCE music, the GROOVE is always what GRABS me first. I listen to the SOUND of a song, what's making it WORK. Then I LISTEN to what it's saying, the VIBE of it. It doesn't have to be DEEP, it just has to strike me as HONEST on some level. That's the experience I desire for my listeners!" In

addition to his keyboard and guitar work he recruited a top-notch group of musicians who give Freemans progressive pop-funk an ORGANIC, lived-in, energetic feel that snaps and breathes. The singers voice, an elastic instrument that can float with sensual DESIRE or crackle with steamy release, fits perfectly with the MELODIC grooves. Things just really clicked once we all got together to lay down the tracks, Freeman says. It felt to me like we all CONNECTED so deeply on a musical level. Each musician brought his own distinct SPIRIT to the recording session. It had that kind of camaraderie and COMMUNICATION. It had a community FEELING about it that I really liked. Its the way you DREAM it will be when youre putting all of your heart and soul into something. One listen to "HOW MUCH IS FREE?" And you quickly realize that the HEART and SOUL is there. And so is the FUNK and GROOVE. *check out myspace.com/johnnyfreeman*

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