

Mp3 Erick Alexander - Grow



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INDEPENDENT SINGER/SONGWRITER: ERICK ALEXANDER HAS DELIVERED AN ENTIRE ALBUM OF CATCHY, FRIENDLY, YET IN-DEPTH TUNES THAT WILL KEEP YOU LISTENING TILL IT'S OVER AND WILL HAVE YOU WONDERING "WHERE DID THIS GUY COME FROM?" 10 MP3 Songs POP: Today's Top 40, ROCK: Acoustic Details: Oklahoma City native Erick Alexander showcases his artistic genius on his second independent release, "Grow". The title is indicative of the sound Alexander achieves on the album - a modern, weighty, and pensive man establishing his identity with warm lyrics and vibrantly yielding melodies. For this, the self-produced "Grow" is an affirmation of an artist comfortable in his own skin, as well as his faith. The soft, soulful voice of Alexander is the perfect antidote to the hard-to-swallow babble that is John Mayer or the dullness that is Jack Johnson. Although his guitar skills pale in comparison to Mayer's, his prowess as a multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and producer more than make up for the slight shortcoming. "Never take anyone" finds Alexander behind cascading piano riffs drifting through a ballad about honest love. "I will" goes further to display the endless talent behind his voice. Playing drums, bass and acoustic guitar, Alexander lifts his head high in defiance of his own doubts. He sings, "the odds are stacked against the wall/I'm forgiven if I fall/I will be there and I won't be scared/I won't back down..." Local artists rarely are so secure, but something in Alexander runs deeper. This guy actually has a soul and a believable conviction. Only a few guest musicians accompany Erick Alexander on "Grow". Jason Lashley, Jeff Hall and Gena Alexander appear as backup, but it's Gena Alexander's string work on "Nothing left" that will leave a mark on your heart. This song may be the saddest part on the album, but "Walk with me" quickly revives the mood as he reassures the listener with his words. His life hasn't always been roses, but he's not one to dwell in the past. "Grow" is a recording focused on living the life we are all capable of living, but often shake loose. After all, it's easy to rest on

our laurels and live in the past. Hopefully for us, Erick Alexander continues on this path of growth. - Vox Magazine, July 2004 *Live Dates: July 21 - 6:30-10pm @ Bourbon Street (in Bricktown: Okc.) July 22 - 10pm (on drums w/ "the nerd alert" @ VZD's: Okc.) July 24 - 6:30-10pm @ Bourbon Street (in Bricktown: Okc.) July 31 - 9pm (w/ "the nerd alert" @ the conservatory: Okc.) August 4 - 6:30-10pm @ Bourbon Street (in Bricktown: Okc.) August 6 - time TBA (KOMA "fan jam": check koma for details) August 7 - 6:30-10pm @ Bourbon Street (in Bricktown: Okc.) August 31 - time TBA @ Ok. Christian University in Edmond *click on email erick for booking information

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