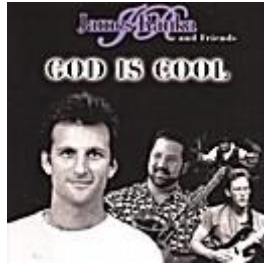


Mp3 James Ranka And Friends - God Is Cool



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Kirk Whalum, Kenny G and James Ranka describe the sound. Energetic, smooth, - impeccable musicianship make this CD a 'must-have' addition to your smooth jazz CD collection. 10 MP3 Songs

JAZZ: Smooth Jazz, GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel Details: Smooth Jazz piano virtuoso, James Ranka, recently debuted his CD "God Is Cool". The title is an unlikely description of the music. Ranka, a Christian artist, chose titles for the 10 song CD as a tribute to his faith, but the sound is similar to Kirk Whalum, Spyro Gyra, David Benoit...others. Instrumentation Includes: Saxophone Guitars (electric, bass and acoustic) Authentic drums/percussion Piano and keyboards The CD was produced, engineered and mixed by James Ranka completed in August, 2003. All songs were recorded at Destiny Productions, Ranka's commercial studio; mastered by Ernie Wells (Eighth Note Productions) based in Houston, Texas. Ernie recently recorded Burt Bacharach's latest 'Greatest Hits' album! Ranka's "friends" are all renowned jazz musicians including: David Chionsini - Saxophones, keyboards Tony Dupuis - Award-winning drummer Danny Pemberton - Guitars Although independently released in less than a year, rave reviews are the norm: "What can I say about James Ranka? Music just flows from the man!" Robert Boggs, CBS Music Producer "I find myself listening to this CD over and over." Dudley Smith, CEO ICM Records This album is mainly Smooth Jazz in genre, but it truly blends many other musical influences, including: Gino Vanelli, George Winston, Robert Lamm, Steely Dan, The Yellow Jackets and Spyro Gyra. All songs are vibrant instrumentals with one exception. The final cut is James Ranka's version of the Lord's Prayer, a vocal song that occupies the #1 spot (jazz genre) on the international premier music download sites. Fast becoming a welcome alternative to the original, a Houston-based church Music Director remarked,"One day this song (Ranka's version of 'The Lord's Prayer') will be a standard used in every church in America." Since Ranka debuted "God Is Cool" this gifted new artist has:

1. SIGNED A MAJOR DISTRIBUTION DEAL. 2. SIGNED A MAJOR RADIO AIR-PLAY AGREEMENT. 3. RECEIVED FAVORABLE REVIEWS FROM MAJOR REVIEWERS. 4. SOLD MORE CDs THAN 90 OF NEW SMOOTH JAZZ ARTISTS' DEBUT ALBUM INDEPENDENTLY RELEASED. Following are a few of the major reviews accumulated in less than 9 months since "God is Cool" was released. "What can I say about James Ranka? Music just flows from the man." --Robert Boggs, CBS Music Producer "I listened over and over..."The Lord's Prayer is the 'coolest' interpretation of those words I have ever heard." --Roxanne Davis "Incredible music that goes beyond Smooth Jazz; this is a journey." --Grant Johnston, The West Coast Music Observer "Smooth Jazz has found a new star; his name is James Ranka." --Michael Woods "If you like Smooth Jazz you will love "God Is Cool". This is truly an emotional journey from the first cut to the last." --The Orange Leader "Occasionally a new artist has the ability to change the landscape of a music genre. All one needs do is listen to this CD one time to hear the refreshing difference. Amazing production! James Ranka is the next David Benoit." --Thomas Bell, Boston Chops "Talent given to only a few and used to create a masterpiece. James Ranka is an incredible pianist... a MUST buy! --The Austin American-Statesman JAMES RANKA James is a composer, pop keyboardist, pianist, arranger, and engineer/producer. Although a part of many other albums as composer, producer, keyboardist, "God is Cool" is James Ranka's debut album. ABOUT THE TITLE "A young, talented guitarist had recently joined my home church. Asked by a church member why he joined, the young musician replied, 'Because I think God is cool'. Spoken with true sincerity, the vernacular made a lasting impression. Jazz music is often described as "cool", and as God infused a love of jazz in me, "God is Cool" represents a gift I want to share with ALL Smooth Jazz lovers." ...James Ranka

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