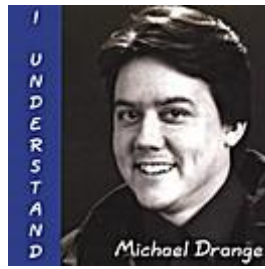


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"An upbeat, Motown-influenced horn section punctuates these jazzy pop tunes about the joys of falling in love. Drange sings in a fresh-faced style; the sax and guitar contribute some excellent solos." 6 MP3 Songs POP: Piano, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: Michael Drange grew up in Morgantown, West Virginia, where he began playing the piano at the tender age of five. Five years later he picked up the saxophone, and soon after, started playing in his first rock band. Those early years playing the music of Billy Joel, Elton John and the Doobie Brothers gave Michael his roots in pop/rock. Now as a singer/songwriter, Michael fuses those early influences with elements of soul, country and jazz to create a singular style. Michael keeps busy writing songs, composing and performing in Southern California. He has been performing for over a decade at Southern California coffee-houses, parties, restaurants and night clubs. He performs as a solo artist, in jazz duo and trio settings, and with the party band Free Jam. He has also performed at nationally sponsored events such as "Budweiser's War On The Water." In 1992, Michael released his self produced, ten-song debut album "On The Other Side" on the Dibo Record label. While continuing to perform, Michael composed two scores ("Can You Keep A Secret" and "Knuckle Sandwich") for films by Rug Productions. Michael recorded a single entitled "Helpless In Your Arms" for the Treasure Coast Record Label. It was released in January 1998. The song reached number 13 on the "Music Review Independent Adult Contemporary Chart" in June of '98. "Helpless In Your Arms" is also featured on Michael's second Dibo release "I Understand," which was released in 1999. The CD includes five original songs, performed by, "The Michael Drange Band," and one performed by "Free Jam. " There are also several special guest appearances. Michael's latest project is a solo album which captures the flavor of his coffee-house act. The album is due for release in Spring 2004. " I've been performing at coffee houses for years, just singing and playing the piano. I wanted to do an album which represents that facet

of my performance career." Michael has studied voice and piano with Dini Clarke, and saxophone with Jeff Benedict. He holds a Master of Music Degree from California State University, Los Angeles, and teaches music at Garvey Intermediate School in Rosemead, California.

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