

Mp3 Cas Lucas - Giving It Back



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Acoustic Groove Rock, catchy songs and creative gutiar playing with deep roots in blues, classic rock, soul, and all things funky. Songwriting Vibe: John Mayer, Dave Matthews, Paul Simon... Guitar Vibe: Hendrix, Kelly Joe Phelps, Michael Hedges. 11 MP3 Songs ROCK: Acoustic, ROCK: Roots Rock Details: "Like Jimi Hendrix and Paul Simon throw in the blender... Amid diverse influences, this acoustic guitarist has found his own sound." -San Francisco Chronicle - 11/19/04 With guitar-driven songwriters like John Mayer and Jack Johnson breaking big, the sky's the limit for this 27 year-old musician. His groove-infused tunes take this fresh rock and roll sub genre to new levels of musicianship, pop appeal, and funkiness. This San Francisco Bay Area based artist has often been compared to artists like Sting/the Police, Paul Simon, Dave Matthews, Kelly Joe Phelps, and Ben Harper. In his short time in California, Lucas has won over a devoted group of fans with his shows at top area venues like the Freight and Salvage, House of Blues (LA), and Catalyst (Santa Cruz) and of course the High Sierra Music Festival. Now a nationally touring artist, Cas has hit NYC, Boston, Portland, LA... check your local record store and concert schedule. Lucas received his first acoustic guitar at age six. He soon discovered the music of guitar legends such as Robert Johnson and Jimi Hendrix. It was the virtuosity of these legendary players that inspired Lucas to make the guitar truly his own. "Girlfriends came and went. So did Transformers, G.I. Joe, sports, ... but the guitar was always there. My favorite toy and oldest friend," says Lucas of his life-long love affair with the instrument. Leaving his native Central Florida at age 18, Lucas studied blues history as well as composition, performance, and production at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts where he received a BA in May 2000. At Hampshire he had the good fortune of studying with legendary multi-instrumentalist Yusef Lateef. Lateef's influence added a new element to Lucas's playing. "Just playing in his performance seminars showed me how broad the tonal spectrum could be

within a piece of music, " says Lucas. "It made me want to go beyond the standard progressions of blues and rock. Yusef's compositions, concepts, and playing showed me that there really are no wrong notes." Cas's latest release "Giving it Back" is a full length CD of all original material. In addition to the multi-textured, tastefully intricate, hook-infested compositions present in all of Lucas's previous work, this disc also features the guitar and vocal interplay between Cas and Hawaiian guitarist Steve Inglis. Inglis was formerly the singer/lead guitarist of Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann's House of Spirits band, and has also gigged extensively with fellow-Hawaiian singer/songwriter Makana (who just opened an entire US tour for Jason Mraz). Cas and Steve have honed a tight duet sound, performing Cas's originals at countless live shows from 2002-2004. "Giving it Back" is comprised of the highlights from several live in studio sessions that yielded over 25 tracks of their unique acoustic grooves. It includes live show staples like Feelin', Dream a Window, Refection, and many more. "Giving it Back," the first release by Lucas's own 47 Records, has been picked up for national distribution by IDC (Independent Distribution Collective). It will be available in stores all over California and the west coast in the coming months and hopefully nation-wide by year's end.

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