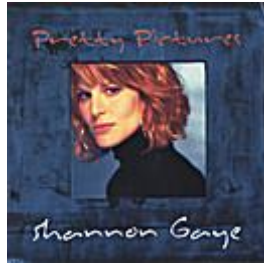


Mp3 Shannon Gaye - Pretty Pictures



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A compelling exploration of Acoustic Soul and Acid Jazz featuring stellar vocals, sophisticated harmony and intelligent lyrics over slammin' grooves. 11 MP3 Songs in this album (43:34) ! Related styles: URBAN/R&B: Soul, JAZZ: Acid Jazz People who are interested in The Brand New Heavies Jill Scott Nikka Costa should consider this download. Details: Moodadji Music is delighted to announce the release of Shannon Gaye's evocative new CD *Pretty Pictures*, a compelling and contemporary exploration of Acoustic Soul and Acid Jazz. This Canadian recording artist's tales are as layered and textured as the music she writes; the combination of energy and introspection gives as much dynamic range to Shannon's live performance as captured on record. On stage with her exceptional three-piece band, Shannon packs a powerful punch, incorporating nine years as an accomplished percussionist with her commanding vocal presence. Music writer James Muretich describes her as the slender singer with the big soulful voice " the kind that knocks you for a loop. *Pretty Pictures* provides plenty of opportunities for Shannon to shine as a singer, writer and producer, from the cool scat vocal line doubled by a Rhodes in *Willing Able*, to the infectious rapid-fire chorus in *Stone*. Songs like *Get Used to It* and *Flower* reveal the southern roots of soul. *Away*, with its moody vibe, brings Erykah Badu to mind; the phonetic African-style vocal hook delivers the message like some kind of S.O.S. The title track *Pretty Pictures* features a decidedly urban aesthetic, while *Sink or Swim* and *Think Twice* with their sophisticated harmony typify acid jazz. Shannon's main collaborator and co-producer for *Pretty Pictures* is Kristian Alexandrov, a truly gifted pianist drummer from Bulgaria. They share an intense musical bond - true passion for rhythm, a strong melodic sense and a fiery approach to improvisation. Their undeniable connection is recognized and applauded by audiences and musicians who consistently stop by to check out their blistering grooves and creative energy live. Following the recent release of *Pretty Pictures*, Shannon has had a jam-packed

schedule featuring a number of jazz festival dates, showcases and special events. Recent performance highlights include opening for David Sanborn, Colin James and Future Man (Bella Fleck). In April 2005, Shannon ventured on a promotional tour of London (U.K.) and Sofia (Bulgaria) " complete with interviews on Jazz FM and Free Radio Europe. As a result of this promo tour, Shannon has been invited to perform at the Sofia Jazz Peak Festival 2006. This past December, Shannon performed in the Singing for Supper Concert Series, a 22-city cross-Canada tour. With her feet firmly planted on new solid ground, Shannons poised and focused, working hard to be sure Pretty Pictures is seen and heard.

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