

Mp3 Rob Tobias - Constant Rain



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a story telling songwriter blending Acoustic, Folk, Pop, Jewish, Reggae, Swing, Rock to create an accessible sound that appeals to all ages. 10 MP3 Songs POP: Folky Pop, WORLD: Judaica Details: ROB TOBIAS writes and performs upbeat positive songs, full of humor, insight, and personal observations. Accompanying himself on piano or acoustic guitar and punctuating his lyrics with inspired harmonica solos, Tobias is a captivating performer. In the tradition of singer-songwriters like Bob Dylan, John Prine, Van Morrison, and Neil Young, Tobias gets his messages across with well crafted hooks wrapped in a variety of musical styles. Most of the tunes are in the folk rock or shuffle blues vein but his versatility as a performer enables him to bring authenticity to a roots reggae song, or an old time gospel/spiritual. The songs are catchy with musical and lyrical phrases that stay with you long after the performance. These are songs filled with healing messages for our culture, whether it be a soured relationship, or finding ones place in the ancestral chain. Tobias's songs look, with good humor, for ways to get the most out of life, and celebrate moments when the creative spirit is most in charge. "A positive, hopeful collection of songs...even in recognizing room for an improved world, Tobias structures his observations to ring with healing affirmation." - (In Town Magazine) "A respectable self-produced first effort by Oregon singer/songwriter Rob Tobias. His strength is in blues inflected up-tempo works." - (Dirty Linen) "Constant Rain hails from Eugene, Oregon, but is universal in it's lyrical message of light, love and hope. Tobias has brought together a rich confluence of music in this album with a full backup of talented musicians and singers. The blend is both interesting and enjoyable, with musical tones as varied as Mexican, Jewish and Gospel." - (Heartsong Review) Sound original? Throw in a little Dylan and a lot of Tobias, and you've got it! One unique album. Visionary poetry carries this music along: "May this rain bring miracles to the earth and plant the seeds of peace and justice throughout." The album opens with

three songs that are backed by the lush Gospel tones of the Inspirational Sounds Gospel choir. Circle is especially danceable, with a strong upbeat rhythm and Dylan-like harmonica riffs. A true song of unity and celebration, it suggests that when people get together with their schemes "We put the power in motion to live out our dreams." If I Woke Up to a Miracle dives into pure bluesy fun, and is a wake up call to the vision of a world free of discrimination and war, where "species would thrive in forest alive/With harmony and respect for the land.../We'd learn to live by the secret of our soul." In the last cut, What Do I Know?, Tobias reaches into his Jewish heritage, musing on the lessons of the past, and the holocaust. Altogether, Constant Rain is great music for dancing, driving, working around the house, and just plain listening. These catchy tunes are fun to sing along with and definitely uplifting to the heart. Highly recommended. Northwest Independent Music News Tobias swerves between blues shuffles, to folk/rock, to a Jimmy Buffett sound-alike (It'd Make a Good Movie). The strength of the album is in the arrangements and harmony work, especially by the Inspirational Gospel Choir on Gates of Love. This tune builds from a gentle folk shuffle into a harmonic explosion.

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