

Mp3 The Forefathers - Manataka



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An energizing and uplifting fusion of world, Celtic, new age, folk, and rock. 12 MP3 Songs WORLD: World Fusion, ROCK: Acoustic Show all album songs: Manataka Songs Details: Instrumentation Arturo Escamilla - Drums, Percussion, Backing Vocals Ross Jarrett - Percussion, Harmonica, Backing Vocals Rich Marcil - 12-String Acoustic Guitar, E-Bow, Mandolin Thuan Nguyen - Bass Guitar Biography The Forefathers are an instrumental ensemble based in Orlando, Florida, performing original World Music Fusion. Formed in 2005, the band blends various genres such as Celtic, New Age, African, Folk, and Rock into an energizing and uplifting sound. In July 2007, The Forefathers were voted "Best Acoustic Act" in the Central Florida area by The Orlando Weekly. The Forefathers have performed many well-received live shows. The band has played the Florida Folk Festival, Taste of the Nation at Dolphin Disney Resort, International New Age Trade Show, Orlando Fringe Festival, the Orlando Science Center, various art festivals, clubs, benefit shows, convention shows, private parties. The newly released "Manataka", the band's 2nd CD, is comprised of 12 new tracks of The Forefathers unique sound. A multimedia, conceptual show based upon the new music is being planned that will include dancers, artists, and others to bring to life the new CD's message of peace. The track "Mountain Rose" has appeared on National Public Radio's popular Echoes program hosted by John Diliberto. "Mountain Rose" has also been selected for the CD compilation "Tribute to Stuart Adamson" (late singer/guitarist of Big Country). The story behind the new CD "Manataka" is this: Hot Springs National Park is known to most people as a place of recreation. To Native Americans, this region was, and continues to be, a mystical and sacred ground known as Manataka. For thousands of years, Native peoples would pilgrimage to Manataka at regular intervals to celebrate peace. Even nations at war with each other would put aside their disputes to meet at Manataka. The music on this CD is inspired by the themes of Manataka: peace, healing, respect

for our natural world, and a harmonious bond between all peoples of Earth. The Forefathers released their well-received, self-titled, debut CD in February 2006. That CD consisted of 12 tracks of the band's unique blend of World, Celtic, Acoustic, Rock genres. The songs "Solstice" "Reverie" received airplay on radio programs such as Upbeat Radio, Radio Crystal Blue, Acoustic Fuel, Local Music Cafe.

Connections Magazine, in July 2006 said about the CD: "I can't even remember the last time I've listened to a world music CD - probably never. But if all world music is like The Forefathers, then maybe I've been missing out...a pretty diverse sound... well-produced, jacketed, and I've heard no other band like them..."

Discography "The Forefathers" - debut self-titled CD, February 2006 "Manataka" - 2nd CD, released July 2007 "Comfort Joy" - Holiday EP, released December 2007

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