

Mp3 Mike Ragogna - Summerland



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Singer/songwriter with a pop and rock flavor. 12 MP3 Songs POP: Pop/Rock, FOLK: Folk-Rock Details:

In the music business since his teens, Mike Ragogna has been a singer, songwriter, guitarist, keyboardist, producer, arranger and even a songplugger. Hes worked on projects ranging from those by Joni Mitchell to Ringo Starr, Burt Bacharach to Toby Keith, Aerosmith to Cher and Sublime to Al Green. New York-born Mike Ragogna was signed at 15 as a songwriter by producers Terry Cashman Tommy West (Jim Croce, Dion, Mary Travers) who developed him as a recording artist for their label, Lifesong Records (Crack The Sky, Henry Gross, Dean Friedman, Gail Davies). Mikes Peter Stays and Spider-Man Goes was covered on the classic college-promoted album Spider-Man: Rock Reflections Of A Superhero. After writing and recording songs for Tippi Hedrens international hit movie, Roar, Mike teamed with producer Terrence P. Minogue to record his debut album in 1982, Safari In America that included Bon Jovi drummer, Tico Torres, and Crack The Sky guitarist, Rick Witkowski. His first major label release was in 1985 on MTMMary Tyler Moore's Nashville-based record company that was distributed through Capitol Records. Mikes album The Almost Brothers (recorded Everlys/Simon Garfunkel-style with vocalist Steve Mosto) featured four country chartersDont Tell Me Love Is Kind, Birds Of A Feather, What's Your Name and I Don't Love Her Anymore. Label-mates Girls Next Door recorded Mikes first big hit as a songwriter, Slow Boat To China that was a Billboard Country Top Ten and one of 1986s top-selling country singles. It also was the first major hit for MTMs publishing division, Uncle Artie Music, and received an ASCAP award honoring it as one of the most frequently-played country singles of that year. Mike Ragogna and Steve Mosto then recorded and performed as the groups Body Politic and Bone People before moving on to solo careers. Mikes next solo album, Minefield Diaries, was independently released in 1999, and his 2003 studio effort, Invisible World, recast Mike Ragogna as a maturing recording artist and songwriter.

Musicians included drummer Zoro (Lenny Kravitz, Bobby Brown, New Edition), keyboardist Dick Simms (Eric Clapton), Joe Sublett (Stevie Ray Vaughan), Novi Novog (Michael Jackson, Doobie Brothers, Carly Simon) and jazz/blues-rock guitarist, Fino Roverato. (2005 saw this batch of recordings finally released as the album Valentines Day.) In 2004, Mike recorded Writers Block, which actually was inspired by the affliction. Including a handful of Mikes originals, Writers Block took a cue from the legendary Brill Building, adding songs by Carole King, Gerry Goffin and Barry Mann. Building on the Brill concept, Mike added material by solid writers such as John Mayer, John Ondrasik (Five For Fighting), and Bob Hillman, a singer-songwriter he discovered at NYCs Sidewalk Caf. Musicians for this project included Richie Gajate-Garcia on drums, and Lester Chambers, formerly of The Chambers Brother. Mike has performed A&R duties for various record labels, including EMI-Capitol, Universal, BMG, and Razor Tie, where he produced and oversaw catalog compilations and reissues since the 90s. Other than the above-mentioned, he also has compiled and produced high-profile anthologies and reissues by such diverse artists as Joe Cocker, Crosby Nash, Fats Domino, Joan Armatrading, Herb Alpert, Gin Blossoms, Sublime, Suzanne Vega, Joan Baez, John Hiatt, Flying Burrito Brothers, Joe Jackson, Rush, Sammy Hagar, Scorpions, Whitesnake, Waylon Jennings, Chris LeDoux, Merle Haggard, Pat Benatar, Three Dog Night, 38 Special, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Peter Frampton, Neil Diamond, Cher, Carpenters, Lisa Loeb, Amy Grant, Rita Coolidge, Olivia Newton-John, Pat Benatar, Billy Idol, D'Angelo, Al Green, K-Ci JoJo and Jodeci. People who are interested in Billy Joel Paul Simon John Mayer should consider this download.

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