

Mp3 Brian Hartzog - The Smashing Of Pictures



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Outstanding debut. Hartzog plays and sings all the parts on these classic-rock influenced alternative funk rock songs...If you like Prince, Jimi Hendrix, the Beatles, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, this disc is a must-have. 11 MP3 Songs ROCK: Funk Rock, ROCK: Classic Rock Details: Check out brianhartzogfor more info. Create a mix rich in the sounds of Jimi Hendrix and the artist formerly known as Prince, throw in dashes of Romantic and rock poetry, and you have an impression of the sounds of Brian Hartzog's new CD, *The Smashing of Pictures*. It was under the inspiration of such soul-inspiring artists that a 26-year old native of Kinston, NC, compounded lyrics of poetry and sentiment, fired-up with his original music to produce this first-ever release. "I've been writing songs since before high school, " said an ambitious Hartzog. Ambition is an understatement when it comes to his music. Hartzog not only wrote and sang all the songs on his new CD, he also played all of the instruments on it, and produced the disc himself. How is this possible? According to Hartzog, "It's a sign of the time...with all of today's affordable technology--affordable studios are everywhere." Hartzog said his project was feasible because he compromised on finance and not on quality. His compact digital audio release was recorded not in a million-dollar recording studio, but in a project studio down in the Carolinas, with all the sounds and trimmings good music upholds. Brian Hartzog's mix of funk and rock has a certain quality to it that is distinctively independent from the sounds of his influences. "Prince was a major influence on me, " Hartzog said. "The way he could just play one lick and you never heard it again...how each song was different and unique. As a songwriter, that's important." Although Hartzog names Prince as a major influence, he confirms that his music has a diversity of its own. He said in the future, he'll be adding a twist of jazz to an already extraordinary sound that sometimes includes even a little bit of rap. Such influences will be contributed by newcomers who will join Hartzog in creating a new band. Among those in

line, include guitarist David Apple from Newport, Massachusetts, bassist Rob McWilliams, a native of Florida; and drummer Brian Mohrman, a Charlotte native. "It's a really interesting mix," Hartzog said. "We have a lot of the same influences, Prince being number one, and Hendrix. We play very differently, but I think we can trade off and improvise a lot from that. That's what we're really looking to do." Hartzog said art is about expressing emotion. "Each song on the disc displays a certain feeling...that's why I wanted the first words of the first song to be 'Love Me' (from the song "Modest Appeal") and the last words of the last song to be 'I love you' (from the song "Been My Baby"). Sentiments develop as a result of a situation. People are involved in situations that create emotion and an artist's job is to express that emotion. If I can make someone feel something that I've felt, then I've done my job." --Youree Oh The Richmond Times

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