

Mp3 Carl Gustave - Too Hard



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A Soulfull blend of Original Rock and Blues with R&B flavor. Written and Produced by a Caribbean guitarist/singer/songwriter. 10 MP3 Songs BLUES: Rockin' Blues, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: Carl Gustave is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, producer. His musical style is a melting pot of blues, jazz, reggae, rock and soul. When watching Gustave perform, audiences from around the world have been witness to an artist delivering his set with conviction and raw emotion. Gustave began his musical journey in Los Angeles, California where after high school he began performing his original music in clubs on the Hollywood strip and other venues around town. After his band split he began performing with other artists from the area both live and in the studio. Before returning to St Lucia he received A Peabody Award in the U.S. for the song "I Won't Do You No Wrong" which he wrote, sang, and played guitar on. This song was first aired on "The ABC After School Special" in 1998. He has performed or recorded with members of the "Chick Corea Band," Members of Tuesday Night Music Club, members of Don Henley Band (of Eagles fame), David Kitay, David and David, members of Kool and The Gang, members of Maze, as well as seasoned Blues veterans such as John Huston, Louisiana 'Guitar' Red, Coco Montoya, Bobby Picket, Leon Ruebenhold, and others. He has also performed or worked with all of the top local artists here in St. Lucia. Carl Gustave has been apart of the St. Lucia Jazz Festival for the last 4 years. He has performed at 3 different Jazz Launches in various acts, Jazz on the Square and Jazz in the South. This year he was featured in an article found in the inflight magazine of the Caribbean's largest airline carrier, Liat. And performed to a sold out venue in Antigua sponsored in part by another airline, Caribbean Star. A show in which he received rave reviews. This year at the St. Lucia Jazz Festival 2002, he performed two sets of original material. One was as an opening act for the group Envoge at a main stage performance. One reviewer writes "There's no doubting Gustave's talent. His smooth vocals and impressive skill at the

electric guitar were equal to many of the international stars performing at this year's Jazz Festival and he deserved his place in the spotlight." This performance was filmed by BET for an episode of their series entitled "Jazz in the Sun," to be aired later this year. The second was as a warm-up act for the Legendary Phil Upchurch at St. Lucia's newest venue. He has also performed one of his original compositions on Main stage with the group "Sisterhood" at the 2000 St. Lucia Jazz Festival. In 1998, while performing at what was then "Snooty Agouti," Chic Corea's bass player and drummer heard what they described as "Notes of Emotion" spilling out on to the streets to lure them up stairs. Soon after coming into the club, they asked to sit in. That special moment is captured on his first CD entitled "Too Hard." The spirit of the blues came to town as the small crowd watched while four musicians who just met each other long enough to say hello layed it down on "Five Long Years" the only cover song on Gustave's "Too Hard" CD. In addition to live performances, He has recorded 2 full length CDs 'Too Hard' and "Searchin' " both filled with Original material. Songs from both those Cd's have found their way either on a Compilation CD or television for the promotion of St. Lucia. The compilation CD is entitled St Lucia Jazz 2001 and the television show is on NTN (St. Lucia's Tourism Guide). Songs from his CD are used as backing tracks for features other than the spot entitled, "Carl Gustave the Search Continues." This spot features him in his studio, as well as in a live performance. In December of 2000, He built a Protools project studio capable of recording live drums and ensembles using State of the Art Technology in St. Lucia. It has allowed him to produce his latest CD entitled "Searchin," as well as projects for others here and abroad. On one such project he produced, arranged, played guitar, and sang background vocals on "Gros Petit Piton." A Video for the National Trust of St. Lucia. He also appears in the same video, which will be used for the Promotion of St. Lucia (aired daily on NTN), in its bid to have the Gros Pitons in Soufriere become a World Heritage Site. He has co-produced a theme song for NCB of Dominica, produced a Xmas Calypso CD with the 2000 Calypsonian Finalists released in St Lucia. Recorded and played guitar on the Theme song for the hit TV show 'Lucians'. He has recorded music for 2 local theater pieces, which have been performed in Ireland as well as St. Lucia. And has performed At various Shows and Festivals around the Island of St. Lucia and in California. In short, Carl Gustave is an entertaining act for any music festival from Jazz and Blues to Reggae. He performs songs from his CD on acoustic guitars and with a full band as well.

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