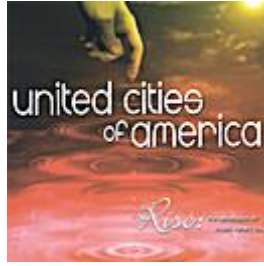


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A funky brew of Latin-meets-club-meets classic Pop/Rock/Funk. Think of a modern Fleetwood Mac with a DJ. 12 MP3 Songs LATIN: Latin Pop, ELECTRONIC: Dance Details: NEXT LIVE SHOW: TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 2007 8PM at The Nectar Lounge, Seattle. UCA gives thanks to all of our friends and fans who have come out to our most recent shows, including the Emerald City Lights Bike Run in Auburn, the Jai Thai on Broadway in Seattle, and the Halcyon in Edmonds. We've got pictures from the shows at myspace.com/unitedcitiesofamerica, and will have some video footage there soon also. We have new tracks coming soon, including down-home house versions of "Only Love" and "One Touch", as well as a version of the late Freddie Fender's "Before The Next Teardrop Falls". More live shows are coming up soon...Stay tuned... THE UCA STORY: For those of you who still don't know, UCA (United Cities of America) is a 7 piece Seattle area-based band that brings the honesty and message of Bob Marley, mixes it with the smoothness and passion of Santana, some hot Latino R&B Diva vocals, timeless songwriting, an ear for dance club stylings, great live showmanship from high-spirited veterans of the Seattle music scene, and spreads it over a thick Afro-Cuban, funk-rock beat. UCA is the brainchild of Bronx-born-turned-Seattle musician/singer/songwriter/No Excuse Records president, Keith Anderson. Known for his energetic live shows, stellar jazz/pop/reggae original songs on previous albums "Fire With Fire"(1994), "Somewhere in Your Heart" (2000), and the "I Can Make Believe" Remix album (2003), the seeds for UCA started growing out of Keith's UK solo music tour and 6 month stay in England. After working with top-notch British Producer Stuart Wakeman (Jamiroquai, Phil Collins) to produce 5 tracks for the Rise album, Anderson returned to Seattle in 2004 to finish Rise, recruiting Producer/Engineer Jake Perrine (DJ Spire), Singer/Songwriter Wynne C. Blue, and Electronic Artist DJ Norml, to finish the album,

and to put together the live band. THE BAND: Sultry Stella Scott brings her far-reaching Latin vocals, guitar stylings and dancing all the way from Paraguay. Singing in both Spanish and English, Stella has played with a who's who of Latin Jazz artists and has graced the stages of venues like The Triple Door and Serafina's. Susan Burke brings her R&B influenced Diva vocals and beauty to the mix. For the past 7 years Susan has strutted her vocals for the Starchiefs (Blues/Rock) and the Magnetics (R&B/Motown). Now she's belting it out for UCA. Keith Nordquist anchors the band on soprano/tenor/baritone sax, flute, keyboards, fills in on bass guitar, and when he's not too busy, adds solid background vocals. A mainstay on the Seattle scene since the 70's with bands like Denny Regrade, Albro Swift, The Stingrays, and the Fanatics, Kiki Baba (as he's known to the initiated) has played just about every juke-joint up and down I-5. Brothers Stuart (percussion) and Jorge (bass guitar) Vazquez hail from Veracruz, Mexico, where they soaked up all the beautiful musical sounds coming from the Carribean, Central South America, as well as the blues, rock and jazz sounds from the US. With their own successful recording studio and teaching workshops, as well as gigging all over the place with their own band, plus live shows with Tiny Giants and UCA, these guys should be breaking a sweat, but they're not, because they are the groove merchants! Drummer Alfonso Gurrola is the glue for the band with his rock-solid hands and feet. Hailing from Mexico by way of Los Angeles, Alfonso grew up playing Mexican music as well as being influenced by artists as diverse as Santana, Sublime, Led Zeppelin, and Al Green. As the new year approaches, everyone involved with UCA and No Excuse Records has a lot to be thankful for: downloads from Rise selling in Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia and the US, songs covered by other artists (including One Touch), a song featured in a Japanese movie, live shows, many recording projects, and lots of good vibrations and love building in the universe. We wish everyone peace and happiness in 2007 and we promise to rock the dance floors even harder this upcoming year!! UCA (in the house)...Keith, Kiki, Stella, Susan, Alfonso, Wynne, Stuart Jorge... Who loves ya, baby!!

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