

Mp3 Shelley Nicole's Blakb¹/₄she - She Who Bleeds...



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Solaroc. a fusion of rock, soul funk that can be both equally seductive and nasty. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: Funk Rock, URBAN/R&B: Soul Details: So many artists claim to be progressive but Shelley Nicole and her band, blaKbshe, are the living, breathing, personification of the evolution/revolution of soul music. Equal parts vocalist, bassist, actress and poet, Shelley Nicole offers an eclectic dichotomy of the arts on nearly every level. With the grace and poise of Dianne Reeves, the sassiness of Grace Jones, the rock edge of Betty Davis (Miles Davis' rock 'n' soul ex-wife) and the diva funk of Nona Hendrix, Shelley Nicole offers a music menu that's both spiritual and conscious with a sharp, funky edge. Shelley describes her sound as "SOLaRoc", a style that combines the elements of rock, soul, funk and beyond. "My sound wasn't about me consciously sitting down and trying to be different," Shelley Nicole explains. "It's just something spontaneous that stems from my music influences." Born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts, Shelley began singing and playing piano at age five. Shelley sang in her both her church and school choir as a young teen and was also studied the violin and clarinet. And while music was always a love of hers, the theater held her attention as a child. Shelley performed in various school plays. "The theater was my first love," Says Shelley, "The plan was to be movie star, but I also always had a love for music." The talented alternative soul artist now calls Brooklyn, New York home. Since her arrival on the New York music scene, Shelley has performed at hot spots all over New York and the East coast, including B.B. King Blues Club Grill, S.O.B.'s, the Tea Party, and Tribeca Rock Club. Shelley introduced her band, blaKbshe, at the Tea Party in Brooklyn, New York, where they opened for neo-soul sensation Erykah Badu to a sold out crowd. "I used to sing with a lot of bands around NY," says Shelley, who lists Sarah Vaughn, Gladys Knight, Phyllis Hyman, Janis Joplin and Bernard Edwards among her music influences. "Some of the musicians promised me that they would one day play in my project when I got it

together and that's how blaKbshe was born." Critics have called blaKbshe "reminiscent of the pop recording group Labelle." Even former Labelle member Sarah Dash agreed saying; "blaKbshe is going places." Shelley Nicole has not only opened up for Badu, but she's also showed her versatility, performing as a backup vocalist for Motown recording artist Grenique and hip hop legend KRS-One. Before putting blaKbshe together, Shelley Nicole released Being Me on Imani/King Street Records. The single charted in London and received critical acclaim in both the United Kingdom and New York's dance music scene. A businesswoman as well as an artist, Shelley Nicole also works as a promoter and is the founder of Red Butterfly Music. Through Red Butterfly, Shelley released her debut CD and has been instrumental in bringing in world-renowned artists such as Fertile Ground and Julie Dexter to New York City. Red Butterfly has quickly become an active leader in showcasing new talent on the New York music scene. Shelley Nicole's debut CD, she who bleeds... is a musical proclamation of speaking out and expressing emotions of being put down, fed up, resurrected and sanctified. "The title comes from a saying, 'She who bleeds...yet does not die', referring to women and their menstrual cycles," Says Shelley, "When we think of women bleeding, it's usually thought about in a bad way. I think of it as women being givers of life. In that there is great joy and pain. I gave birth to this album, and there was some pain involved in getting it to the people. But the joy made the labor worth it," Shelley adds. "The CD contains some strong music and ideas that are designed to make you think about the world around you and your place in it." The music of Shelley Nicole's blaKbshe is described by music critics "as moving effortlessly between rock and jazz while flawlessly traveling between blues and soul." The band's sound as been noted as "a delicious blend of positive vibes, hearty beats and vocal dynamite making Shelley Nicole one of the most exciting performers around." Get ready to experience a musical revolution. Get ready for Shelley Nicole's blaKbshe.

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