

Steffen Schackinger

ElectriGuitartistry

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

Nothing less than musical poetry unfolding like a road movie, both grand and gentle within its universe. Steffen Schackinger is a composer and guitar virtuoso of international calibre.

Steffen Schackinger, former lead guitarist of the successful rockband Merzy, issues the first album in his own name. Steffen Schackinger has held sessions with a couple of his former band members from Merzy, and with Jane Clark (Jane & Shane, The Riverdance Company) lending her fiery fiddle to two of the songs all looks well for a cd of wide appeal and strong energy.

Always something of a musical phenomenon, Steffen started his career as a very young boy playing the violin, the cello, and classical piano. But it is the guitar that brings his talent to its highest fulfilment. Already at age 13 he joined his first band, and in the early 90's he was lead guitarist and co-composer of the rock trio Merzy, which toured Europe with great success. Merzy played as support band to international stars like ZZ TOP and DEEP PURPLE Steffen quickly gaining fame as an exceptionally gifted guitarist. This aspect is strikingly present in ElectriGuitartistry. It is rare for an artist to become so completely at one with his instrument as is the case in the 11 songs that make up this instrumental CD.

The music contains classical elements, ethnic rythms and Irish harmonies. Steffen moves boldly between the genres, effortlessly jumping from the electric to the acoustic universe. Sensitively unfolding or ebulliently insisting, the music reaches out to us, beautiful and moving yet unpolished and raw.

It is gripping, loaded with images, and draws you into its vivid tales through Steffens compositorial brilliance and artistic mastership.

With ElectriGuitartistry Steffen Schackinger achieves his dream of creating an album unfettered by artistic limits. At the same time, it has been important for Steffen to document his musical expression of today, entirely different from what it was in his cooperation with various rock bands. This CD realizes his intention of merging energy and feeling.

After Pink Floyd technician Andy Jackson added the last touch by mastering the CD in London, each song is presented in blazing clarity.



"ElectriGuitartistry" is a breath of fresh air, in which classical traditions are fused with new ones. Above all it is an album straight from the heart played by an exceptional guitarist.

BAND:

Steffen Schackinger: Guitar, Sitar, Bouzouki, Keyboards & Vocals
Mickey Hurricane: Drums and Percussion
Henrik Bjoern: Bass
Jane Clark: Fiddle