

Airborne - Winds of Change - CD Reviews

Airborne always finds a new way to put the listener on an aircraft and fly them over exquisite landscapes that feel aurally entrancing and sensually relaxing. The group's sixth CD *Winds of Change* delivers an titillating carpet ride for listeners that reaches exciting heights and coasts elegantly along languid clarion channels. Breezy, attractive island sways silky textured and serenely scented nuances that enhance its beauty.

Airborne have been dubbed "musical peacemakers of contemporary jazz" and their latest CD *Winds of Change* is socially poignant as the music fosters peace and unity and incorporates the listener into this mission. The album creates a peaceful environment for the listener, who then becomes a part of this expedition and shares in its triumph.

Susan Frances – Jazz Review

The brand new album from New Haven, CT based Airborne is entitled 'Winds of Change' and much of the publicity surrounding it makes clear that the title, compositions, and even the emotion of the project was inspired by the bands concern for world events. The implicit assertion, irrespective of faith, race, color or wealth, that together we can make this earth a better place is beyond dispute and in articulating this harmonious message Airborne has delivered nine wonderfully uplifting tunes which can be fairly described as some of the best smooth jazz to be heard this year.

'Winds of Change' is Airborne's 6th CD and each subsequent release has demonstrated the growing confidence the band has in its own music and the diversity Airborne is never afraid to display. Although the 2004 album 'Heavy Vibes' was replete with top notch old school jazz fusion this, in the main, has been displaced by the world rhythms that permeated much of their 2007 project 'Turbulence' and the first rate contemporary jazz which exemplifies 'Winds of Change'.

The feel good motif of 'Winds of Change' is beautifully demonstrated by a optimistic happy vibe which is the core of all Airborne's best moments and writing credits that fans of Airborne have routinely come to expect.

Through the years a feature of Airborne has been its cohesion and the way the lead is generously shared between the players. 'Winds of Change' offers all of this and a chance to experience the work of a passionate group of musicians who obviously enjoy every second of what they do.

Denis Poole - Smooth Jazz Therapy

Airborne has come to be known as the "Musical Peacemakers" of contemporary jazz... the new project *Winds of Change* is a message to humanity that it is time to turn the page.

Thankfully Airborne has managed to harness this passion and creative energy and capture it on the ten new tracks on the band's 6th album to date. Everything has a frequency... surrounding ourselves with frequencies of joy is the fastest way to changing the plights of the world. Airborne has just made this easy.

Never has there been such a pleasurable soundtrack to focusing on achieving a greener, calmer, balanced world where all are free to fulfill their potential. Stuffed full with the Airborne trademark jazz sound of island passion and urban emotion, *Winds of Change* is a flavorful offering with the depth and character we've come to expect from this world-class group.

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