

Reviews - Silver Skies - Airborne - 25th Anniversary CD

Whoever loves contemporary jazz is in good hands with *Silver Skies* which is part of a long discography, which bears witness to the consistency and professionalism of the formation of the contemporary jazz group Airborne.

From the very start, the album radiates a sunny cheerfulness, full of energy and takes on full speed to many sections, highlights, extensive solos, vocal accents, and jazz elements of their special style. That said the entertainment value is very high.

- *Smooth Jazz Daily* - Hans-Bernd Hülsmann - Music Journalist

The Contemporary Jazz group Airborne is celebrating their 25th anniversary with the impressive versatility and craftsmanship shown on their new album *Silver Skies*.

Airborne has released their most consistently outstanding and satisfying work to date entitled *Silver Skies* to commemorate the landmark achievement of twenty-five years recording noteworthy albums. The group has been dubbed “The musical peacemakers of contemporary jazz,” earning that designation by both the directness of their message of harmony in their lyrical content, and the never-ceasing peaceful ambiance permeating throughout their uplifting melodies. Since the group’s inception over a quarter century ago, Airborne has capitalized on the mystical properties of the number three to provide listeners with music that is inspired, intelligent, and never failing in its mission to elevate the spirit.

The three founding members responsible for the creative impetus and the visionary pathway followed are Thomas Borino (keyboards and vocals), Greg Borino (guitars and vocals), and Thomas Sansone (sax, flute and vocals). All three gentlemen are accomplished musicians, but their main strength lies in their masterful songwriting skills. All the twelve songs found on *Silver Skies* are new original compositions penned by this ever-talented trio. “Regardless of what you play, the biggest thing is keeping the feel going.” ~ Wes Montgomery

Airborne has always believed in this Wes Montgomery theory, and they reach the goal of keeping the feel constantly going by creating tight grooves, magical elegant melodies, and impeccable production. They are able to draw from various worldly musical genres and rhythms, such as Tropical Island feel, Latin-infused, and smooth as silk European jazz to create their unique feel. Airborne is the epitome of the term “ensemble,” with each member of the group providing stellar contributions to make the whole presentation a strong one.

Silver Skies from Airborne is guaranteed to delight both long-time followers in addition to the uninitiated. It is a compelling, salient and inspired disc from start to finish displaying the time proven recipe that works so very well to garner Airborne their uniquely precious sound. - *Randall Parrish* – Music Journalist

Airborne's latest endeavor entitled *Silver Skies* in commemoration of their 25th anniversary with their signature breeziness and eclecticism, the band delivers on a dozen well-conceived original compositions of contemporary jazz.

With a rich Latin flavor here, a dash of Brazilian flair there, a whisper of World music, some solidly soulful R&B vocals, a hearty sprinkling of rock, fusion, and loads of alluring hooks and melodies; it certainly isn't difficult to understand just how this band has endured over the years. There's something here for everyone.

The well-cultivated "soil" from which Airborne grows its magical musical beauty lends its testimony on every instrument on every track. Let's just forget about trying to label this one. It's just one hot piece of art. You'll definitely enjoy the plentiful lands and grooves along the journey. Kudos to the band for yet another well-painted musical landscape - *Smooth Jazz Ride - Ron Jackson*

They've created a timeless collection of 12 new originals to celebrate this important milestone, and they cover every element that has made them so successful over the years including fusion jazz, funk, Latin and more, all with that trademark Airborne excitement and energy

This isn't background music at all. This is happy, upbeat, festive, and motivating contemporary jazz, from first track to last. Airborne, you're good to go for another 25! - *Scott O'Brien - Smoothjazz.com*

Throughout these 25 years of existence, Airborne has published and recorded a total of fifteen brilliant musical productions to which also must be added is their participation on soundtracks, as well as producing and collaborating on works of other artists and musicians

In these 25 years, Airborne has been characterized by their composing and arranging music fitted in the Jazz musical genre mixing and matching contemporary jazz with Latin and Brazilian rhythms, World Music, and R&B Vocals. On this occasion of the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of existence, their musical knowledge led them to subjects dominated with more rhythm instruments and percussion as well as horn and vocal arrangements that included many different musical topics. A great way to celebrate 25 years of a musical career, Congratulations to the entire band - No Solo Smooth Jazz - *Javier García-Escámez*

Feeling a little down, a bit miz? Try a dose of Airborne's 25th anniversary album, *Silver Skies* and you will get instant relief. They are a group of very musical musos. The 12 tracks offer an eclectic selection of jazz varieties, and I especially like their foray into the Latin American style - *The Jassman - South Africa's only International Jazz Magazine*