

SoulShine

The vision for this album began in the summer of 2006 with Rhonda and Greg Baker sitting in their basement rehearsal studio with a hand-held tape recorder (used to record lectures - back in the day). The concept for this project was to create an old-school album in both style and message. In honor of all the funky-soulful music of the 70's, the song writing process started with a groove - Greg's bass line over a drum loop (from a cheap Casio keyboard), which inspired a soulful melody from Rhonda. Sometimes the message fueled the music, other times the music inspired the lyric. Rhonda says, "I would sit outside on my back porch with an old-fashioned dual tape player and, while playing the original ideas from the hand-held recorder, would sing and record myself...then take that tape and play it in the dual tape player and record a new idea on the second tape...I would even rearrange songs this way...cutting parts and moving them to the end...who needs a fancy studio!!! No, really, I just like working outside in nature."

The final album (released in the spring of 2008) is a new millennium revival of a funky-soulful 70's horn band. The music keeps you groovin' while the message of the songs inspires you to look into your Soul, to find your love power, to create a peaceful coexistence with your Soul brothers and Soul sisters. **SoulShine's** live show takes you back to the old-school concerts where the musicians and audience become one in the music that moves both your feet and your heart...People...it's time...to let your **SoulShine!**

Album Credits

Recorded at Gary Mielke Productions in Static Shack Studios, Indianapolis

Engineered, mixed, and mastered by Gary Mielke

Produced by Gary Mielke, Rhonda and Greg Baker

Co-Produced by Charlie Bushor

All lyrics written by Rhonda Baker

All music written by Rhonda and Greg Baker (except tracks 4&7 with Gary Mielke and track 3 with Steve Simon)

Arranged by Rhonda and Greg Baker, Gary Mielke, and Charlie Bushor

All horn arrangements by Gary Mielke except track 4 by Skeet Bushor; tracks 2&3 by Jeff Wolfe

Lead Vocals: Rhonda Baker

Bass Guitar: Greg Baker

Background Vocals: Rhonda Baker, Gary Mielke, Charlie Bushor

Keyboards: Gary Mielke

Drums: Charlie Bushor

Guitar: Brian Baker (tracks 2,10,11&12,); Bob Baily (tracks 5,6,7&9); Paul Holdman (tracks 1,3,4&8)

Horns: Trombones: John Garrett & Rich Dole; Trumpet: Jennifer Johnson; Sax: Rob Dixon (tracks)

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