

Mp3 The Mighty Mike Schermer Band - Next Set

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Blues and American Roots Music 12 MP3 Songs BLUES: Electric Blues, BLUES: Rhythm Blues Details: Mighty Mike Schermer tops the wave of contemporary electric guitarists with his exciting approach to blues and American roots music. This energetic guitarist/vocalist/songwriter has truly become "mighty" with his impressive, hard-driving performances that urge even the most die-hard purists to their feet. Currently touring behind his second release "Next Set" Schermer brings a wealth of experience to his own project after playing with some of the top artists in the business. The 12-track CD on Fine Dog Records features 10 crafty originals and 2 covers. The music literally jumps out of the box from the first riff of the butt-shakin' opener "Got My Love On" then rolls perfectly into the old school R&B sing-along "My Big Sister's Radio". "Next Set" continues to please with guest performances by Maria Muldaur, Texas blues belter Angela Strehli, and Vanguard recording artist Shana Morrison. Soulful background vocals are handled dutifully throughout by Tammi Brown and "The Sista"- Sista Monica Parker. The Mighty Mike Schermer Band is anchored by co-writer and bassist Steve Ehrmann (formerly with Coco Montoya, John Lee Hooker and Roy Rogers) and drummers June Core (Charlie Musselwhite, Little Charlie and the Nightcats) and Paul Revelli. Austin DeLone and Dale Ockerman lay down extremely funky keyboard work, while Terry Hanck and Johnnie Bamont blow some mean sax. Paul Liberatore of the Marin Independent Journal calls him "... one of the most extraordinary guitarists of the new generation." Charlie Lange of Bluebeat Music writes "...equally at ease with hard-ass blues or the spare necessities of vintage soul, Schermer steps forward with clever tunes, sturdy vocals and loads of great guitar!" The CD and solo project come after a rich career touring and recording with Howard Tate, Charlie Musselwhite, Maria Muldaur, Tracy Nelson, Terry Hanck, Shana Morrison and as musical director and featured guitarist for Angela Strehli. Willie Dixon said, "Boy, you play your ass off," while Snooky Pryor lauded his "stingin' guitar." At a show at the legendary Sweetwater in Mill Valley, CA in 1996 Bonnie Raitt dubbed Schermer her "new favorite guitar player." Mike has toured through a host of festivals, including the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, the San Francisco Blues Festival, the Poretta Soul Festival in Italy, the Park Tower Blues Festival in Tokyo and as a hometown favorite at seven Santa Cruz Blues Festivals. It all

began with a single note from the Master of the Telecaster - Albert Collins. As a teenager growing up in New Mexico, Schermer was originally inspired by the music of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Little Feat and the Stones. A live show by B.B. King planted a seed that flowered in Schermer's college days at a performance by Albert Collins. "The first note from Albert's guitar that night changed everything. Here was everything I had ever heard in my head all rolled up into one note. He hit the stage with more fire and energy than any rock band I had ever heard, yet at the same time there was something pure and unadulterated about the music he played. One note from that Telecaster and it was over... I was hooked on the blues from that moment on!" says Mighty Mike. He met Collins after the show and many times later until Collins' untimely death. From Collins, he "learned that one note can say more than a million; that you can be rooted in the styles of your heroes and still have your own sound; that you should play your ass off every time you play; and that every guitar player in the world should listen to T-Bone Walker." Valuable lessons Schermer carries with him today. From T-Bone Walker, Schermer expanded his vocal and guitar influences to include a host of blues, R&B and jazz artists like Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Wilson Pickett, Jimmy Smith, Charles Brown and Howlin' Wolf. The result is a modern musician who's deeply rooted in traditional blues and roots music, and who plays with a fervor and excitement that can't be matched. His band plays hard, 'til you can't help but get up and move. Experience the Mighty Mike Schermer Band. For more information visit them on the Web at mighty-mike.com.

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