

Steve Baker & the LiveWires – Americana, Blues & Acoustic Rock

New Album – Too Much is Never Enough – Timezone Records 08/2023



... Baker accompanies his critical lyrics with catchy melodies and rocking rhythms with earworm character. – **HAMBURGER ABENDBLATT**

The music of London-born harmonica player, singer and composer Steve Baker has a clear profile which sets itself apart from his work as a sideman. His self-penned songs span a broad stylistic range, from grooving Americana, blues and country, to funk & acoustic rock. What they all have in common, however, is Baker's pop sensibility, which gives his compositions a character all their own, featuring catchy choruses while avoiding clichés.

Steve Baker has long enjoyed an international reputation as an innovative and stylistically versatile pioneer on the harmonica. With his solo album "Perfect Getaway", released in 2018, and its follow-up "The Great Divide" (2020), he shed the role of accompanist for the first time, presenting his exciting original compositions with conviction and intensity. Always in the service of the song, Steve's funky, melodic and elegant harmonica style is instantly recognizable, forming a perfect foil to his voice. With his third solo album Too Much Is Never Enough, Baker steps back to his acoustic roots, creating compositions that sound both totally familiar as well as fresh and original. With the new line-up of The LiveWires, he has found the ideal vehicle for his expressive songs.

The combination of harmonica, guitar, upright bass, percussion and three-part vocal harmonies fits perfectly to Steve Baker's distinctive compositions, with a powerful rhythmical component enhanced by compelling solo passages. Dense ensemble playing alternates with airy openness, and the sparsely arranged band sound displays great dynamics. The songs have attitude and strike a deeply personal note that reflects our turbulent times, while Baker's inimitable harp playing is the icing on the cake, inventive and melodic, always to the point.

Further Biographical info

As an accompanist and partner, he has worked with a wide variety of artists throughout his professional career. Tony Sheridan, Franz-Josef Degenhardt, Abi Wallenstein and Chris Jones have all appreciated his creativity and talent for song-serving accompaniment over many years of collaboration.

Baker has also worked as a studio musician on hundreds of recordings for a wide variety of artists, including Stoppok, Achim Reichel, Hazmat Modine, Hannes Wader, Klaus Doldinger, Marla Glenn and even popopportunist Dieter Bohlen. He also played on various soundtracks for TV and film, including NDR Tatort, Soul Kitchen by Fatih Akin or on the Bollywood blockbuster "Sanju" by star director Rajkumar Hirani.

Line-up:

Steve Baker – lead vocals & harmonica

Robert Carl Blank – guitar & harmony vocals

Jeff Walker – double bass & harmony vocals

Yogi Jockusch – Percussion

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Konzertauszüge <www.youtube.com/watch?v=hA8vNVi3PqQ>

Brand New Day <www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElbtyAJ_xRU>

Chains www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fitUWgU760

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