

## Review: Jim Kahr – Find My Way Home

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Jim Kahr delivers a top album here. You are addicted to the man from the very first notes. The songs, his voice, the lyrics, what a poet this man is, wonderful. It is one of those hidden gems in the immense range of good music. You put this CD on and you want to listen to it. The beauty of the songs enraptures you. As a reference framework you should think of Tinsley Ellis, Bruce Springsteen, John Hiatt, John Mellencamp. Timeless (pop) music and class performed.

Jim Kahr has more solo work to his name but is best known in the Chicago area as a musician who has toured with many greats. To name a few: Junior Wells, Carey Bell, Jimmy Rogers, Koko Taylor, John Lee Hooker, Buddy Guy, Lightnin' Hopkins, Charlie Musselwhite. All the songs on this CD are his own work or as he said himself when I asked him about it "This album consists of all my original compositions inspired by touring those mentioned, they all influenced my style. They were masters of their trade. Fortunately, I had the pleasure of performing with them".

And how good that man can write songs; *Big City Struggle* is a song with a hard core of truth, life in the big city is not easy, especially in these uncertain and hectic times. Another theme he writes a lot about is relationships as expressed in the rustic *Hurting In The Morning*, a fantastic love story. Or the craving for the beloved in *With Somebody*, driven on a fantastic bass rhythm and with delicate guitar playing. Gems of numbers.

He continues to write classy songs like this with *Wondering Why*, beautiful lyrics set to ditto music. Do you think, they will not get better, *Got To Be A Way* comes around the corner, started with a guitar intro the lyrically the highlight of this CD. Take the first verse for example:

It has been a long hard road, it has been a long hard day.  
Since you put those words in my head to stay.  
Feel like half a man knowing my better half has gone.  
There has got to be a way for us to carry on along "

Pure poetry, with beautiful guitar playing and ditto solo, it couldn't be more beautiful, it is a song that creeps into your soul. Another gem *Listen To The Message*, silent saxophone intro, again a poetic text with **Andrew Love** who puts a deep feeling into the song with his sax, class.

Where I thought compiling the annual list would have been a breeze, Joe Bonamassa's 'Remdeption', nobody can get over that, I want to present this CD to readers. This is college text writing, these are texts that touch you.

#### Track List:

01. Big City Struggle
02. Hurtin In The Morning
03. With Somebody
04. Wondering Why
05. Better Days Are Comin
06. Got To Be A Way
07. Keepin It Hot
08. Listen To The Message
09. Landin On You
10. Nothin To Lose
11. Like The Way You Do
12. Chicago My Town
13. Broken Man

#### Musicians:

Jim Kahr - Guitar and vocals

Steve Potts - drums

Dave Smith - bass

Ernest Williamson- Hammond organ + keys

Andrew Love - Sax on one track (Listen to the Message)

Reba Russell - Backup vocals

Jackie Johnson - backup vocals

Produced by Jim Gaines

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