

You're very much welcome. So what's your ultimate direction for your music?

I am truly a crossover in the sense that from the very start, my music has appealed to the R&B, Soul and Latin fans equally; with a healthy dose of smooth jazz recently added. I never set out to be in a "defined genre" or to have a "musical style" so to speak. I am influenced by many rhythms, and sounds of the world. I always felt however, that this fusion was a natural place for me, so some songs lean a little more urban, some more on latin/worldbeat, and some have that smooth jazz flavor!

I honestly wouldn't have it any other way. So wherever that direction takes me is the path I will follow because my greatest desire is to end up at a "destination" that feels authentic and true to what I am about and how I want to express myself.

What is the biggest risk you look for your craft?

The biggest risks for me have always been financial. This is where it can tread on shaky ground. I am a creative risk taker, so no problem! With financial you have to have a clear picture of what success means to you and not by anyone else's standards; otherwise you can set yourself up for a loss "emotionally."

What is music's greatest impact on you?

There has never been a time when I didn't sing...didn't write and didn't get swept away by the voices, sounds and lyrics of those musicians around me. Music chose me (laughs); I didn't choose it and I am both a "humble recipient" and "grateful giver"

How do you compare performing live as oppose to hearing your songs on the radio, internet, music channels, etc?

Honestly, they are equally as satisfying but just in a different way. There is energy and a connection that you feel while performing live that is somewhat surreal and deeply meaningful; as if I am transported out of my body at times (grins)! Whereas I feel a different kind of satisfaction in hearing my songs on internet radio and radio etc.

That joy comes from knowing that someone "out there," "somewhere," is connecting with me at a distance, and that my words and my music is transcending "time and space" to reach anyone who might be tuning in at that moment. The fact that someone from a remote little village across the globe could be listening to and connecting with a song I wrote is meaningful beyond words!