

Kim Cameron and the Slide FX Band on their Debut CD "Contradictions"

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Nestled along Washington, DC's historic Georgetown is the nation's most profound jazz supper club "Blues Alley" -- home to the best of jazz, star studded performances, and fine cuisine. That's exactly where CRESCENDOjazz.com caught up with Kim Cameron and the Side FX band that showcased a powerhouse performance during two packed spring concerts that wowed audiences from start to finish.

The event was in celebration of the band's latest debut CD "Contradictions." Cameron, a native Californian turned Washingtonian some 20 years ago was thrilled to perform before the exciting audience. Fans were full of life - toe tapping, finger snapping, and singing along - as Cameron belted out tunes along side her long time side kick Chris Nikpora AKA "Nick" on guitar who dazzled the stage with his electric vibe and soul inspiration. "Nick is my constant. He's been my collaborator on most of the material. We had such a great time at Blues Alley," said Cameron. "We are so thankful to our fans," she said.

"Contradictions" has that special touch; offering varied genres of music ranging from jazz, pop, rock, country and blues. But what makes this recording so special- each tune tells a story. "The best way to talk about life is to share other people's stories," Cameron told CRESCENDOjazz.com.



"I really have more passion and compassion when I started telling other people's stories not just doing it as a solo artist but doing it as an original artist." -Kim Cameron

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The first song Cameron wrote for the CD – Never Forget - had her brother-in-law a cancer survivor at heart. “This song is full of optimism and has that get up and go spirit,” said Cameron. “The other sounds reflected my mood when I was writing them as well.

There’s another special song on the track listing that really hits the heat. It’s called “My Hero,” - written by Cameron after she met a U.S. Soldier on an airplane. Cameron said the soldier’s dedication and sacrifices to his country inspired her to write words of encouragement and thanks. “The raggae beat in My Hero makes sense because it sounds and feels like marching soldiers,” added Cameron. “We wanted to break the beats down – to show the break down of a person’s spirit. We wanted to show a collision of feelings as soldiers are dedicating their lives. Then the song comes back up to reflect that these brave men and women are our heroes. At the very end the pitch picks up with the strange feeling - to get people to think about what these soldiers do and how we should give them the credit they deserve,” added Cameron.

The band line up is stunning and loaded with star studded talent. Matthew Berry on base, Andy Hamburger, drums, Brian Sims and Terry Marshall on keyboards, and back up vocalists – Kathy Lowell, Kimberly Gregory and Jen Francis Varre. Cameron says her band is so engaging and brings magic to the musical stories on the CD.

“I’ve had great success with my band members. They have embraced the music easily, and have added their on flair and flavor to each song which has been absolutely fantastic.”

Just recently the Kim Cameron and the Side FX Band performed at Washington DC's Cherry Blossom Festival that attracted thousands to celebrate the beauty and heritage of the city's historic line of Cherry Blossoms. The concerts and promotions continue for Kim Cameron and the Side FX Band. She calls it all – a blessing.

“I am having the time of my life! The tone of the album is very different. It has the same philosophy of telling stories and they’re all stories about people that I’ve encountered -and the content is very happy.”

Track Listing:

Scattered
My Hero
Come a Little Closer
Her Escape
I want to Hear
Won’t Break Down
Life’s Mystery
The Way You Look at Me
Never Forget

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