

The Johnnie K Band: Keep On Pushin'

There is some great playing here- Johnnie has listened to a lot of Hendrix, Marino, Roth and Page. Particularly some of the interesting riffs are reminiscent of Pagey more in form than in sound. There is a good mix of bluesy, psychedelic and ballsy rock in these grooves with great vocals that match the vibe. I was provided with an additional remix of the tune "Crying Hearts" This is a great track, starting out with a languid acoustic riff that immediately made me think of Judas Priest's "Last Rose of Summer" and "Dreamer Deceiver". This is a great song, the tune builds behind an insistent riff with swirling and interesting guitar solos. I would love to hear Johnnie's instrumental debut Electric Angel. There is still a place for this type of music with the resurgent Frank Marino, Robb Howell's Peace Machine and Rick Ray's product, and I think Johnnie K will have a place in this realm.



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