

## **BAND BIO**

*Revvng engines and shooting sparks cause the sort of major ignition that drives the music of Ashland, Oregon, rockers **AnnieMac**. These eclectic, talented musicians draw on old-school R&B riffs, deep soul and emotion-inspired lyrics for hard-edged, soul-soaked originals, and highly danceable covers.*

Born in San Francisco's Bay Area, **AnnieMac**'s first lineup played regular, high-profile venues and opened for such artists as the Chuck Day Band, and Tommy Castro. Since reforming in Oregon's ruggedly beautiful Rogue Valley in 2006, **AnnieMac** has built a loyal fan base by headlining music festivals and dance clubs.

The band's latest incarnation was the product of serendipity. Singer Annie McIntyre and guitarist Joe Diehl were both from Mill Valley, California, and—unbeknownst to them at the time—currently living in Ashland, Oregon. They had played together a few times in the Bay Area in the 1990s, but they hadn't seen in each other in years. One evening, while walking down Ashland's hip Main Street, Joe did a double take.

"I looked and looked at this woman on the other side of the road, and just kept thinking, 'That looks like Annie'," says the classically handsome, green-eyed guitarist. "Finally I called out to her and that's when we started talking about this."

McIntyre, a dark-haired, artfully attired and incessantly curious woman, was craving to be onstage again. Diehl wanted to start something with high energy and contrast ... a band with a sultry, rich female voice to complement his own ruggedly masculine style. Both disappointed at the lack of roots rock & soul music in the otherwise culturally happening Southern Oregon region, they decided to put together a band to remedy the situation. Diehl called on his favorite local musicians and within a month **AnnieMac** was together rehearsing and refining their sound.

Since then, these accomplished musicians have made a splash, securing regular gigs at regional festivals, private parties, and local pubs and dance halls. They spent much of the summer of 2007 in northern California's RadioStar Studio, recording 13 of their strongest original songs. They continue to gig and will be touring in support of the CD upon its release in summer 2008.

### **Members of AnnieMac:**

Annie McIntyre, *Lead Vocals*

Joe Diehl, *Lead Guitar & Backing Vocals*

Allen Crutcher, *Keyboard*

Jim Sitter, *Drums*

John Lingafelter, *Bass*