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Smokin' band features local stars; draws fun, dancing crowds AnnieMac serves up old-school R&B mix with extra sexy sauce on the side

Ashland, OR .. Oct. 18, 2006 .. No corner of the dance floor is empty when AnnieMac is on stage laying down their gritty gravel road of sound. Having already wowed crowds at several regional events, this new local band..featuring Annie McIntyre, Joe Diehl, Brent Norton, Steve Sutfin, Jim Calhoun, and Allen Crutcher..is about to go public with two smokin' upcoming gigs.

Don't miss AnnieMac on Saturday, October 28, at Ashland's Jefferson State Pub. The following Friday, November 3, the band will heat up Mobius in Ashland. Both shows begin at 9:30 p.m.

AnnieMac was started by Joe Diehl and Annie McIntyre 10 months ago, years after the musicians, who had played together in one of McIntyre's former Bay Area bands, rediscovered each other in Ashland.

"We recognized that Southern Oregon was missing the type of fun, funky, body-moving music rooted in Stax Volt-era rhythm and blues," says Diehl.

To fill the need, they brought together a group of exceptional musicians that rapidly developed a one-of-a-kind take on old-school riffs, jams and rhythms. Covers of danceable classics like David Lindley's "Mercury Blues" and Etta James' "99 and a Half" are added to the band's ever-increasing lineup of originals, capitalizing on McIntyre's often soul-searching and personal lyrics.

The lead singer's genre-spanning songs are passionate, sensual gems rounded out by the band's tight vocal harmonies, synergistic playing and rockin' grooves.

"Every band member contributes to the arrangements and the result is a collection of songs that have a lush texture and polish that reflect the band's combined history," McIntyre explains.

Making great danceable music with powerful, timeless songs that lead straight to the heart, AnnieMac has touched hundreds.

"It's sort of a simmered stew of past and present, of body, soul and hard pavement," says McIntyre. "We sing stories that connect the audience to themselves."

To listen to AnnieMac and read what fans have to say about this band, check out their page on MySpace: http://www.myspace.com/anniemacmusic.