

PRESS-INFORMATION 2006

PHILIPP FANKHAUSER

In 2004, and well into the 20th year of Philipp Fankhauser's career, the renowned US-Label „Memphis International Records“ releases Fankhausers' ninth album „Talk To Me“ worldwide. In the same year – and, as the first European artist ever - Philipp Fankhauser performs live at the Chicago Blues Festival, introduced by the daughter of the late great Johnny Clyde Copeland Shemekia Copeland, who also contributed the liner notes in „Talk To Me“. And to top it all off „Talk To Me“ was pre-selected for a Grammy® nomination for „Best Contemporary Blues Album 2004“.

A brief look back: Much more than a milestone in Philipp Fankhauser's biography is Johnny Clyde Copeland. Philipp Fankhauser's meeting with Johnny in 1984 was a life changing experience as Copeland became Philipp's close friend and mentor. Philipp began his recording career in earnest in the late 80s and continued to release albums into the next decade. Margie Evans was part of his first CD "Blues For The Lady" in 1989 and a major influence on him. He moved to New York in 1994 to perform as featured vocalist in Copeland's Band and stayed in the US after Johnny Copeland's untimely death in 1997, only returning to Switzerland in 2000.

Back to the present and future: After approx. 100 shows with „Talk To Me“ in Europe, Philipp Fankhauser enters the studio with the US-producer and three time Grammy® Award winner Dennis Walker (Robert Cray Band, B. B. King a.o.) in November 2005 to record the 10th album. „Watching From The Safe Side“ will be released in late april 2006.

Philipp Fankhauser live shows include a showcase at MIDEM in Cannes and an appearance at Paris' famed club „New Morning“ in January, as well as a show at the official Olympic Games in Torino Italy in late February 2006.

BAND

Philipp Fankhauser, vocals, guitar
Richard Cousins, bass, bandleader
Tosho Yakkatokuo, drums
Hendrix, piano, hammond

PRESS-REACTIONS

A highly impressive cd from a man way ahead of most of the competition!

Blues & Rhythm Magazine, London, England

The Blues music world is richer for the cd Talk To Me, don't miss it!

Blues Wax Ezine, Des Moines, Iowa, USA

Talk To Me presents the polished work of a seasoned entertainer!

Blues Revue, Salem, West Virginia, USA

Fankhauser sings with a voice that ranks among the best in all of Europe!

Blues Box, Alfdorf, Germany

Fankhauser doesn't sound the least bit like a visitor from Switzerland that unrealistically fancies himself as a blues singer!

Down Beat, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Brilliant as vocalist, above-average as guitar player, and excellent as song writer!

Blues News, Altena, Germany

I've always been impressed with Philipp's musical ability; I mean, he totally has it down!

Shemekia Copeland

The Philipp Fankhauser Blues Band is sensational!

Blues In The South, Exmouth, England

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