



OnOffOn



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biography

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*critically
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Label-ready Jazz/Rock outfit 'OnOffOn's core line-up comprises Don Lake - guitars, harmonica, vocals; Von Babasin - bass, keyboards, vocals; and Dave Goode - drums and percussion.

Since forming in 1996, LA based OnOffOn have produced three outstanding and consistently innovative albums: 'Surrender Now' (1997), 'Your Mind' (1999), and their most recent release 'Bridge to Presage' (2005).

OnOffOn have been compared, in terms of their widely appealing musical approach, to The Dave Matthews Band, Phish, Brand X, Frank Zappa, King Crimson, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Pat Travers. In the studio and in live performance, OnOffOn are, without a doubt, a little beyond comparison; a fact that was recently confirmed when the band won the 2005 IOM magazine 'Artist of the Year' award for excellence in studio performance and production.

It is widely accepted that, not only have OnOffOn established themselves as an award winning label-ready band with considerable international sales potential, but they have also managed to eclipse their jazz rock roots through a blend of immeasurable creative diversity and truly outstanding musical innovation.

Reviews



Surrender Now



Your Mind



Bridge to Presage

[allmusic.com - 'Your Mind' review by Stanton Swihart](#)

"...While its wonderful instrumental prowess and locked-down ensemble playing is still in place, Onoffon take a distinct left turn on *Your Mind*, dispensing with its former new age-isms and opting to add world music, New Orleans, and Latin influences while maintaining its exciting jazz-rock and progressive direction."

[IOM magazine - 'Your Mind' review by Colin Lynch](#)

"Who remembers excellence in composition, musicianship and production? The kind of excellence that is usually awarded a Platinum presentation disc by the RIAA and a standing ovation when the band arrive on stage to collect their award from a scantily clad supermodel on behalf of the record industry?"

[JamBands.com - 'Your Mind' review by Erica Lynn Gruenberg](#)

"All in all, one cannot go wrong by checking out ONOFFON. In fact, I would stand to believe that letting this one slip through your fingers would be a mistake you'd learn to regret. Beautiful music *does* exist, and people are still making it..."

[AllAboutJazz.com - 'Surrender Now' review by Ed Kopp](#)

"Fans of Brand X, Yes or Phish should dig ONOFFON, a band that mixes progressive rock, spacey atmospherics and jazz on the self-produced CD, *Surrender Now*. ONOFFON is a southern California group consisting of three accomplished instrumentalists: Don Lake on lead vocals, guitar, and harmonica, Von Babasin on bass and keyboards, and Dave Goode on drums. The lyrics on this release are a bit too cosmic for my tastes, but no more so than the aforementioned bands'. Best cuts include the title track, which blends bluesy harmonica, a pleasingly ominous groove and otherworldly vocals. Also cool are the instrumental "Weekend in Montreal," which is driven by guest Glen Garrett's jazzy tenor sax, and my favorite, "The Gift Must Always Move," which features some impressive guitar work by Lake. Southern California is not known for its prog rock, but ONOFFON could change that perception. This is a talented band with an interesting sound that should appeal to fusion and prog-rock fans alike."

Gallery



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