

SHIRMA ROUSE

CHOCOLATE COATED DREAMS

A LIL SOMETHING SOMETHING 'BOUT SHIRMA....

Remember how music used to get into your mind, body and soul? Well if you forgot, Shirma Rouse is about to bring it all right back to you with her debut album, appropriately titled; **“Chocolate Coated Dreams”**.

Known for her ability to bring life into any song. You can trust that she will raise the roof when it comes to funk, jazz and soulful tunes.

Her talent for music has been nurtured at an early age. Her family played an important role in developing her talent. Her father, a well-known instrumentalist, was one of her biggest inspirations. Accompanying her grandmother to church and singing in church would form, unknown to her, the steps towards her current career. Born on the island of Curacao and raised on the island of St.Eustatius, it is in the Netherlands where she would build her 10 year musical career.

Her introduction to the Dutch music scene started off when she was asked to become a backing vocalist of the group Tasha's World, moving on to performing, recording and touring with a wide range of artists from every genre. Intwine, Extince, Wouter Hamel, Candy Dulfer, Alain Clark, Anouk, Izaline Calister, Randal Corsen, Tribute 2 Bob Marley, Margriet Sjoerdsma, Michelle David, Carlo de Wijs. She has shared her talent and love for music with them and many more.

OVER 10 YEARS IN MUSIC. HOW DOES THIS LOOK FOR SHIRMA?

ALBUMS & DVD'S

Margriet Sjoerdsma – Bloom
Gerard van Maasakkers - Deze jongen
Willem – Succes
Colombiaanse bloedgroep – Guerilla tactiek
Randal Corsen – Dulsura di korsou
Gianna Tam- Make me Smile
Rootsriders- So Much More - Songs Of Redemption, Part II
Tim Beumers - Bloed, zweet en tranen
Leona - Strut it
Ziggi- In transit
Bart de Win- The simple life
Izaline Calister- Krioyo
Intwine- Debut Album Intwine
Extince- Toch?
Wouter Hamel- Nobody's Tune
Anouk- Live in de Gelderdome
Anouk- For Bitter or Worse

Alain Clark- Live it out
Marco Borsato- War child
Wouter Hamel- Nobody's tune

TV & RADIO

Tros muziek café
538 Giel Beelen
Radio 6
FunX
Barend& Van Dorp Rtl 4
3 voor 12
Wereld Omroep
Paul de Leeuw
Rayman is Laat
De wereld draait door
Cappuchino
Weekend Winfried

FESTIVALS

Lowlands, Ajoc festival, Rock Werchter, North Sea Jazz, Cape town Jazz, Pink Pop, Park Pop, Bevrijdings festivals, Uitmarkt, and Solar. Just to name a few.

AND SHE DOES SO MUCH MORE...

Her impressive career in music has also been enhanced through an education in music. With a bachelor degree in Pop and Jazz vocals from Rotterdam Conservatorium Codarts, Shirma has been able to pass on her talent and skills to others in the form of workshops, coaching and vocal teaching at the Albeda College in Rotterdam as well as the Artez Conservatorium in Enschede. But her love for music doesn't stop there. Shirma is also a member a non-profit foundation Instruments 4 Africa. The foundation collects instruments in the Netherlands and then travel to Africa where they give workshops and try to supply community centers, schools and most of all young talent with a musical instrument.

Her debut album, "**Chocolate Coated Dreams**", set to be released on April 25th, is an independent project by Shirma, containing 12 Hammond jazz/soul songs that will take you back to those sweet old school Motown days.

The album was recorded and co-written with Salle de Jonge and Bas van der Wal. Recorded in Marmalade and Mocosound studios in the Netherlands and mixed at Mocosound studios. Mastering was done by Chris Gehringer for Sterling Sound studio in New York.

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