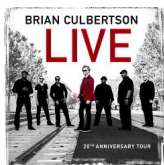


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01. *City Lights Intro* 02. *Always Remember* 03. *Hollywood Swinging* 04. *Do You Really Love Me?* 05. *Come to Me* 06. *All About You* 07. *Let's Get Started* 08. *Fullerton Ave.* 09. *Beautiful Liar* 10. *Get It On* 11. *Skies Wide Open* 12. *Another Love* 13. *Horizon* 14. *Think Free* 15. *Dreams* 16. *On My Mind* 17. *Secret Garden* 18. *Serpentine Fire* 19. *Funkin' Like My Father* 20. *City Lights Outro* 21. *Our Love* Brian Culbertson - Piano, Trombone, Background Vocals & Additional Percussion Marqueal Jordan (vocals, sax & percussion) Adam Hawley (guitar & vocals) Eddie Miller (keyboards & vocals) Michael Stever (trumpet & keys) Rodney Jones Jr. (bass) Chris Miskel (drums) Recorded live at the famed Yoshi's jazz club in Oakland, CA September 11-14, 2014.

The expression 'been there, done that, bought the tee-shirt' may be overused yet in the case of smooth jazz superstar Brian Culbertson he never ceases to find new and innovative ways for his myriad of fans to do just that.

Take for example the 2014 smash 'Another Long Night Out' which in reality was simply a reworking of his 1994 debut 'Long Night Out' or his latest project, 'Live - 20th Anniversary Tour', a blockbuster double album featuring 22 of his best loved numbers.

It was recorded live at a sold-out; eight-show stand at Yoshi's nightclub in Oakland, CA in September of 2014 and (for those who have not experienced the phenomenon of a Culbertson live performance) captures to perfection the raw dynamic energy that is evident each and every time Culbertson steps on stage.

Another feature of a Culbertson live show is the quality and collectiveness of his backing band,

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many of whom have been playing with him for years. In fact the personnel has evolved over time and the current line-up of Marqueal Jordan (vocals, tenor sax & percussion), Eddie Miller (keyboards, Hammond B3 organ & vocals), Michael Stever (trumpet & keyboards), Adam Hawley (guitar & background vocals), Rodney Jones Jr. (bass) and Chris Miskel (drums) is arguably as good as it could possibly get.

For the 'Live' recording, these six core members were supplemented by the horn power of Doug Beavers and Doug Rowan while, Culbertson being Culbertson, he also keeps it fresh with a CD only bonus track, 'Forever', and a vibrant new composition, 'Think Free' written by Culbertson and long term collaborator Sheldon Reynolds especially for the occasion.

Can't make it to an up-coming Culbertson gig? Then try 'Live - 20th Anniversary Tour'. It's the next best thing. --- smoothjazztherapy.typepad.com

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