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ALBUM CONCEPT



Born from the blues. Lifted by gospel.

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Ivory and Blues is a musical journey that brings two seemingly opposite yet deeply connected forces into dialogue: the blues and gospel.

On one side there is the blues, the voice of the earth, of the night and of wounds. It is the language of hardship, of doubt, of solitude and of human resilience. On the other there is gospel, which brings light, hope and redemption. It is the sound of faith, of community and of the ability to rise again after every fall.

Between these two universes stands the piano, the true narrator of the story. At times it whispers with delicacy, at others it erupts with force and energy. Its keys become the meeting point between pain and hope, between memory and rebirth.

The piano solos take on the value of intimate confessions, while the gospel voices widen the individual gaze toward a collective and spiritual dimension. Each track represents a stage of a human path that crosses shadow and light, despair and trust, fall and elevation.

Ivory and Blues is not merely an album. It is a journey of the soul. A continuous dialogue between earth and sky, told through piano, voices and feeling.

MUSICAL IDENTITY

The sound identity of *Ivory and Blues* is born from the most authentic roots of traditional blues, but develops in a wider, cinematic and spiritual direction.

The language of the blues forms the foundation of the entire work. The harmonic progressions, the expressive phrasing and the emotional intensity tell of the fragility and the strength of human experience. Every note carries the weight of memory, of defeats and of hopes never entirely abandoned.

Onto this foundation is grafted the luminous force of gospel. The choirs do not serve a merely musical function: they represent a presence, a community, an answer to the questions that arise along the album's narrative path. Where the blues speaks of the individual, gospel speaks of union. Where the blues questions, gospel encourages.

At the centre of it all stands the piano. The ivory of its keys, echoed in the album title, becomes a symbol of connection between the two worlds. The solos move from the most introspective reflection to emotional explosion, turning into genuine inner conversations.



THE IVORY OF THE KEYS — THE MEETING POINT

Improvisation plays an essential role. Every instrumental passage is born from the desire to tell a real and immediate emotion. Nothing feels artificial: the music breathes, grows and transforms following the flow of feeling.

The album also adopts a strong cinematic sensibility. The dynamics expand and contract continuously, alternating intimate, contemplative moments with more powerful, choral sections. The listener is carried through different emotional landscapes, as if each track were a scene from a larger story.

The overall atmosphere is deliberately warm and analogue. The sonorities seek human contact, closeness and authenticity. Every instrument keeps its own personality, helping to create a sound environment that is alive, deep and welcoming.

The result is music that looks to the roots of the African American tradition without giving up a modern, emotional and universal narrative.

THEMES

Hope after hardship

Personal transformation

Faith and perseverance

Human connection

The search for meaning

Joy earned through struggle



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ARTIST STATEMENT

“The blues taught me how to feel. Gospel taught me how to rise. This album lives between those two truths.”

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NARRATIVE ARC



ACT I

The Blues



ACT II

The Awakening



ACT III

The Grace

The album unfolds as a journey in three acts.

In the first act the blues dominates: the night, the conflict, the doubt and the search for a direction. In the second, an inner awakening emerges: hope appears on the horizon and the individual begins to recognise a force greater than himself. In the third act grace arrives: not as an erasure of pain, but as its transformation.

The whole work tells of the encounter between the blues, symbol of the earth, of suffering and of darkness, and gospel, symbol of light, of hope and of spiritual elevation.

TRACKLIST

★ ACT I — THE BLUES

01 Crossroads of Faith

At a crossroads between faith and doubt, the soul looks for a direction while the night tests every certainty.

02 Dust and Glory

Among dust and broken dreams, the dignity of those who keep walking despite their wounds emerges.

03 Facing the Devil

A look into the eyes of one's own shadows. The inner battle becomes impossible to avoid.

04 Hot Butter Groove

A warm, visceral groove sets the night alight, turning tension and weariness into pure movement.

05 Last Breath of Life

When all seems lost, a final breath becomes the thin line between surrender and hope.

06 Skyline Shuffle

Beneath a lit urban horizon, the blues accompanies uncertain steps toward an unknown tomorrow.

07 Soul on Fire

A soul on fire burns with desire, anger and passion, seeking redemption among its own ashes.

08 Together in Hell

Two souls share the same hell, finding in pain a bond impossible to break.

★ ACT II — THE AWAKENING

01 Between Heaven and Earth

Suspended between what was and what may become, the heart seeks its place between earth and sky.

02 Carry Me Home

When strength fails, an inner voice points the way home and toward peace.

03 Carry Me Through

In the hardest moments, hope becomes an invisible hand that accompanies every step.

04 One More Mile

The finish line seems far away, but determination finds the energy for one more mile.

05 Over the Hangover

Leaving mistakes and illusions behind, the will to begin again with new eyes is born.

06 River of Mercy

Like a river that purifies everything, mercy dissolves the weight of the past.

07 Semicolon

The story does not end here. After the pause, life resumes its telling with new meaning.

08 Starlight Jam Session

Under a sky full of stars, music becomes encounter, freedom and sharing.

09 Talkin' Bass

Words give way to the dialogue of the instruments, where every note tells a deeper truth.

★ ACT III — THE GRACE

01 Blessed Dawn

The first light of morning dissolves the shadows of the night. A new beginning takes shape between gratitude and serenity.

02 Blue Velvet Groove

The blues has not disappeared: it has become an elegant caress, warm and full of awareness.

03 Grace after Midnight

After the longest night, grace arrives. Peace finds room where fear and uncertainty once lived.

04 Homecoming

The journey ends with a return to one's own roots, welcomed by love, by memory and by reconciliation.

05 Sunday Fire

The energy of gospel sets hearts alight like a collective celebration of faith, joy and freedom regained.

06 The Gospel Wind Is Blowin'

A wind of hope moves through everything, bringing renewal, trust and a renewed vision of the future.

07 The Peanut Butter Breakdown

A light and playful moment, a reminder that joy can come from the simplest things too.

08 Walking in Grace

The road goes on, but now every step is lit by grace, by trust and by inner peace.



Every note carries a story. Every voice carries a hope.

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