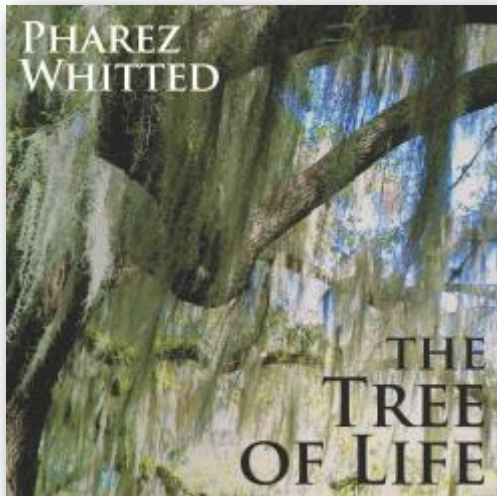


Pharez Whitted: The Tree of Life



ARTIST: Pharez Whitted
TITLE: The Tree of Life
GENRE: Jazz
FORMAT: CD / Digital
PACKAGING: Digi-Pack
LABEL: Truth Revolution Records
STREET DATE: December 2, 2014

TRACK LIST

1. Afghanistan (7:21)
2. Perfect Stranger (5:46)
3. Journey Home (7:11)
4. My Brother's Keeper (4:18)
5. Kayode (8:47)
6. Long Gone Remix (7:36)
7. Everlasting (2:06)
8. I'm In Love Again (5:16)
9. The Bass Player (3:54)
10. So Wonderful (5:35)
11. The Tree of Life (5:10)

Emphasis Tracks: 1,3,8,11

MUSICIANS

Pharez Whitted: trumpet, flugelhorn, and voicebox
Edwin Bayard: Tenor Saxophone
Lovell Bradford: Piano, Keyboards, Organ, and Vocals
Jonathan Wood: Bass
Greg Artry: Drums
Opal Staples: Vocals - track 2, 8
Dionne Custer Edwards: Poetry - track 6
John Robinson: MC - track 11
S.P.I.R.I.T.: Lyricists - track 4

SPIRIT. Lyricist are:

Carnell "Necessary" Willoughby
Malik "Balance" Willoughby
Lawrence "Rizz" Willoughby
Kenyatta "Creamy Dark" Willoughby

ALBUM RELEASE INFORMATION

Pharez Whitted states "**The Tree of Life** represents individuality and oneness, while at the same time showing that we are all different but part of the whole. With the various artists coming together to make this project what it is there was never a loss of individual creativity and spirituality contributing to the final composite of ideas, beliefs and goals that we all wanted to represent."

The members of the ensemble include: band are Jonathan Wood on bass, Edwin Bayard on tenor sax, Lovell Bradford on piano and keys, and Greg Artry on drums and percussion.

Music is not an interest to *Pharez* but actually part of his DNA. His father, Thomas Whitted Sr., played drums with Freddie Hubbard and his mother, Virtue Whitted sang and played the bass beautifully. The majority of his siblings, aunts and uncles on his mother's side ("The Hampton FamilyBand") played instruments.

Pharez states, "Afghanistan... is a song that I wrote to remind us that there are people all over the world trying to live their lives just like we want to live ours, free. I support life and the opportunity to live it for everyone. The melody is a chant for peace, hope and freedom."

In addition to his work as a musician, *Pharez* is a producer, composer, arranger, and educator. He served as Director of Music Studies at Chicago State University and is also part of the faculty at the Rivinia's prestigious Jazz Scholar Program in Chicago. He is currently the Jazz Director at the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra and an instructor with Jazz at Lincoln Center.

KEY POINTS

- Chicago-based jazz trumpeter.
- Two of his releases have hit the "Top 10" jazz charts .
- Has participated in " The Billboard Music Awards" and "The Arsenio Hall Show."
- Released previous albums on MoJazz (Motown records jazz sector).
- Latest release, "**The Tree of Life**" represents individuality and oneness. Written to inspire hope and harmonious vibes throughout the Universe.
- All tracks composed by Pharez Whitted with the exception of track 5.
- Truth Revolution Records is streaming the music from all social and media websites available.
- Extensive tour scheduling in progress.

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