

Brown The CousCous

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For Immediate Release

Rock/Pop/Jazz Fusion band, *Brown The CousCous*, is pleased to announce the release of their hugely anticipated debut album ***Stratosphere*** this month.

The band is led by Wayne Ulanski, who is a prolific songwriter and who is the executive producer for this project. Evolving from his NY/NJ roots and his love for “blue-eyed soul music (think, Hall & Oates)”, *Stratosphere*, his labor of love, has been positively reviewed by industry luminaries and fellow musicians.



Wayne Ulanski

“My songwriting reflects influences from many artists and many musical styles but what has influenced me most is life itself.”, Wayne writes.



The album title was chosen as it embodies their many layers of sound, styles and the talents of the players.

The band features, the soulful sounds of Danny Mancuso on the sax and flute, powerful and magical melodies from keyboardist, Scott Salmon and the driving pulse of Jay Saldana, bass, Brian Robinson, drums and Jim Miranda on percussion. Jen Ford adds sweet vocals and a shimmering excitement through her on stage presence. Jon Cicchetti, who wrote *Heart of Our Love*, contributed stirring blues harmonica and vocals.

“Stratosphere” features 10 songs that capture many genres of song including pop, pop/rock, jazz fusion and soul.

Song List

- Cervesa Con Lima
- Here in L.A.
- Do Ya Do Ya?
- I Want You to Want Me Too
- Until the Moonlight Hits Her Eyes
- This is the Last Time
- Knock You Out
- Leave Real Slow
- Heart of Our Love
- Alone

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Brown The CousCous band members include:

- Wayne Ulanski Executive Producer, vocals, guitar
- Jen Ford Cajon, vocals
- Danny Mancuso Horns, flute, vocals
- Scott Salmon Keyboards
- Brian Robinson Drums
- Jay Saldana Bass
- Jim Miranda Percussion
- Jon Cicchetti Harmonica, vocals

"I just have to tell you that your album is amazing! Yes, amazing...I hope you can get your music out to the world because it is so fresh and old at the same time. Good timing for it!"

About Wayne Ulanski

A lyricist at heart, Wayne has more than 600 songs to his credit. His compositions range from rock to pop to jazz fusion and blue-eyed soul and includes many pieces that have been used in video scores or that have been performed by some of the top indie bands in the United States.

"Stratosphere is an album I am very proud of. It is raw and organic. Each song was arranged and performed to capture moods and moments that turn the lyrics into mental images to enhance the listening experience."

"With an absolutely remarkable group of musicians we have released a work that delivers a celebration of creativity in each song, each arrangement, melody, rhythm and sound."

"Creating something wonderful requires a combination of Originality and Elaboration...basically taking an idea and realizing its greatest potential. I believe that we have accomplished that with this new release."

Regarded as one of the true poets in the songwriting field, his lyrics are both sensitive and poignant, reflecting life stories and experiences appreciated by his growing fan base of performers. His dynamic arrangements are anything but predictable exhibiting a freshness and spontaneity that is appealing and exciting. As a composer he continues to create expressive works and provide today's artists with a selection of hit material to help complete their next platinum album.

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Some examples of his lyrics

Knock You Out (Commentary about emptiness in a relationship. Don't let it "Knock You Out").

"It takes a lot of nothing

To find something in the meaning of what everybody talks about

It takes a lot of nothing

To find something in the emptiness before it finds a way to knock you out"

Leave Real Slow (When she decides it is time to move on, but you're not ready).

"When you set your spirit free – My arms may not release you

But my heart will know what's right – and I'll let you go, I will let you go

If you must go -If you must go"

"Do what you gotta do

Go when you gotta go

Say what you need to say

But leave real slow – Please, real slow"

Some of the many positive comments about his songwriting inspired this latest project, "Stratosphere".

"Wayne is a serious artist. I've said that from the start. But now he has risen to a whole new level of musicianship and performance. And what a thrill to witness that." - CA, Vocal Arranger/Vocalist

"Kenny Rankin meets Stephen Bishop meets Steely Dan meets Jimmy Buffet." - JB

"The songs are as light and bubbly as champagne on the high seas, yet oddly complex and intellectual." MD, Long Beach

"Soul-inflected ultra-smooth rock with unabashed sun-drenched soaring vocals and harmonies." RS, California

"Cool Songs Done Cool" – This quote comes from a fan after hearing our live show. We now use this term in our marketing to highlight our sound and our goals.

Learn more about Brown the CousCous at their website: www.BrownTheCousCous.net

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