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CURRENT PROJECT 'PHENOMENON' ALBUM BY JAMES DAWKINS

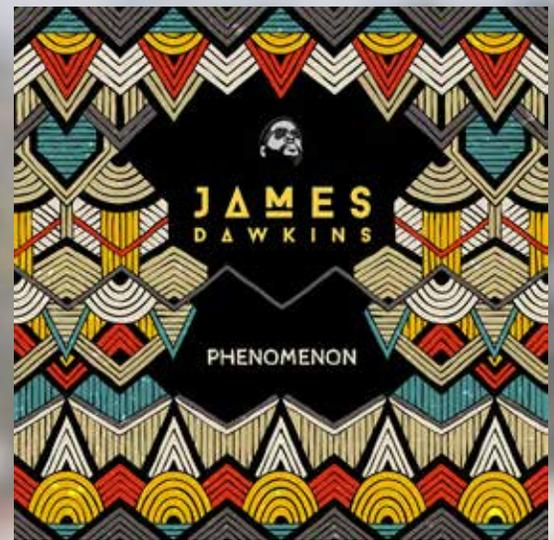
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NOTES

'Phenomenon' is James Dawkins's third studio album released on Aug 3, 2018. Early recordings began in early 2017 until June 2018. There were many obstacles and alterations in between as well as last minute additions that brought this album to where it stands now. The album features vocals from Lady Blakkbyrd, David Olivietti and JeRonelle (who recently was a contestant on the show "The Four") Many amazing musicians filled the feel good album with musical notes complimenting James's keyboard playing. On drums we have Matias Menarguez & Nat Stokes, guitar with Hubie Wang, Tremaine Young & Andrew Paiva, and a special feature from saxophonist Donald Hayes. This album has been detailed from beginning to end where it takes you on a musical journey. We hope it finds your ears.

BIO

James Dawkins is a multi-instrumentalist (drums, bass, trumpet & keys) who's currently touring with KC and The Sunshine Band as their keyboard player. Born and raised in Miami, he was exposed to a variety of musical influences and culture which helped shape his unique sonic fingerprint of jazz / funk / soul. His earliest musical influence was his father, James Dawkins Sr., (a known and respected gospel musician who taught James the fundamentals of solid character and musicianship). Since the age of 5, James has continued to cultivate his skills and his love for good music pushed him to find creative inspiration with other prolific musicians such as Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea, and Stevie Wonder.

After graduating high school James began working as a musician around Miami (Ginger Bay Cafe / Blue Martini / The Funky Biscuit / B.B King's) and later decided to attend Miami Dade College where he graduated with a degree in Music Education. He grew up in an under-privileged area of Miami and understands the lack of accessible creative education outlets, so he gives free piano lessons to kids that want to learn music during the summer months. James Dawkins has shared his heart and the stage with the world and toured with many prominent artists in his career, including Teddy Riley, Chico Debarge, and Nik West. His new album 'Phenomenon' is a bold exploration of contemporary Jazz, Funk, and Soul. The honest human touch of the live instrumentation forged together with the limitless possibilities of the electronic elements are bringing an awe-inspiring magic to audiences worldwide.

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