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STEVE RAYBINE | Bad Kat Karma | Bad Kat Records

When we refer to Steve Raybine as an accomplished musician, it's an understatement. Steve is not only a virtuoso vibraphonist, percussionist, and composer/arranger, he is also an instructor and clinician. If your passion for jazz is deep, you'll no doubt recall the progressive jazz ensemble Auracle. Steve co-founded this band and toured the U.S. and Europe with them and also recorded two albums (Glider and City Slickers) on Chrysalis Records. BAD KAT KARMA is the 2nd solo release for this talented recording artist... This new collection of mostly original Smooth Jazz adeptly incorporates urban funk, R&B, pop and Latin influences. Steve's infectious melodies are sure to get you groovin'. You simply cannot slip vibes into the mix and not enjoy the listening experience! BAD KAT KARMA includes a fun, laid back version of the George Benson smash, "Breezin" featuring former Auracle band mate, Rick Braun on keyboards and programming as well as acclaimed flutist Steve Kujala. Braun also appears on the beautiful ballad, "Indigo Night," playing his instrument of choice: the trumpet. Saxman, Nelson Rangell appears on the exhilarating tune, "Bop City," and we're happy to hear the Raybine original, the chillin' "Cha Cha Cool," included on the CD as well. You'll also discover a hip and relaxed jazz version of "Sunny" featuring the vocals of Rashad McPherson and something spicy called "Querido David" and one of our favorites, a lovely little piece called, "Song For Sam." The vibe is definitely good on BAD KAT KARMA! ~Sandy Shore