

SMOOTH GENTLEMEN NEW



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MUSICIANS:

Bartek Szopinski - Vocals, Piano Hammond Organ
Piotr Bienkiewicz - Guitar
Milosz Szulkowski - Drums

TRACK LISTING

- 1) If You Want To Know** (3:41) Szopinski
- 2) Give It To The People** (3:11) Szopinski, Clifton
- 3) No One Love Like Me** (4:10) Szopinski, Clifton
- 4) Fake Love** (3:01) Szopinski, Clifton, Perry
- 5) Hollywood Fast** (3:14) Szopinski, Bienkiewicz, Szulkowski
- 6) Traveling Bag** (3:01) Szopinski, Clifton
- 7) Walking Jam** (4:16) Szopinski
- 8) Speed Up Shuffle** (2:34) Szopinski, Bienkiewicz, Szulkowski
- 9) Andrea** (3:14) Szopinski, Clifton
- 10) Slow Down (For a Minute)** (6:18) Szopinski
- 11) Tylko My** (4:03) Szopinski



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New is the title of the debut by Smooth Gentlemen, but the grooves the trio lays down could only come from a band with an old soul. Led by Bart Szopinski on vocals, piano and Hammond organ, the band draws on elements as diverse as Ray Charles, Texas-style boogie, '60s pop and blue-eye soul and compresses it all into a loaded 11 tracks. Szopinski, who's perhaps best known as the founder and leader of the Boogie Boys, a band whose 17 year career has taken them around the globe to critical acclaim, wanted to stretch. "I've written a lot of songs that aren't really right for the Boogie Boys," he notes. "they were just stored on my computer. So with Smooth Gentlemen I can bring them to life. The whole idea is to make the band a platform for something new. It's a new experience for me. It's easy to be the keyboard player and bandleader, but when you have to be the arranger on top of that, it's more of a challenge. But I like that! It allows me different ways to grow as a musician. What we're doing with this trio is way more fresh and more commercial too. Most trios are usually jazz, especially when there's an organ, or Boogie Woogie, or it's a power trio with guitar. This is different. We keep it simple, a little blues, some soul, even a little pop." While those grooves might seem disparate, by keeping it simple Smooth Gentlemen makes it all work. Smoothly.

Upon the European release of the single "If You Want To Know" on May 20th, the song has reached #6 on the Polish National Top 40 Pop Chart, and still continues to chart.

This Album was produced by Rip Cat recording artist/producer John Clifton. Recorded at the legendary and fantastic RecPublica Studios in Lubrza, Poland (The studio was designed by John Flynn himself (famous for his work at Abbey Road Studios, for instance). The state-of-the-art premises were fitted into a 700-year-old mill house, so the final score is indeed breathtaking.