

Music Spotlight: Winston Warrior

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According to Dictionary.com, the word “warrior” is defined as “a person who shows or has shown great vigor or courage.” Here is an example: You are part of a musical group that is performing all over the country. Your group is getting radio airplay, being interviewed and record labels start calling. Just as you are about to sign a contract and dare to dream about a life without constant struggle— It all comes to a crashing halt! No more shows, interviews or record contracts— It is all gone! What would do you do? It takes a WARRIOR to fight through the pain, the highs and lows and the disappointment of not being able to share your music with the world. It takes a WARRIOR to rise from the ashes, dust himself off and return to claim what they lost. Winston Warrior has returned and he has something to not only prove but to say. By the way, Winston Warrior is his real name.

“Going through what I went through in the 90’s actually taught me a few lessons, which has better prepared me to go on this musical journey now,” Warrior said. “The most important lesson that I learned is that you must really understand the music business to be in the business. Every artist should take the time to not just focus on being on stage but the business side of performing as well. You have to understand contracts, production, promotions and so forth. Artist should invest more in themselves and their careers instead of just hanging out.” Warrior said.

Winston Warrior’s first solo project, Lifeology 101, pairs warm vocal tones with picturesque narration. He created a 12-track album that showcases both his strong writing and vocal abilities. According to Warrior, “Today’s music is missing the emotion and feeling of the classic songs performed by artists like Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Donny Hathaway. I want to bring that emotion back to the music.”

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The “Lifeology 101” project contains four songs: Elevator, Walk with U, Crossroads, and Ready 2 Love are heartfelt and honest. Winston Warrior pours out his heart and soul in these songs. He admits to making many mistakes but is still willing to take chances and he still believes in love. The tracks on “Lifeology 101” flow smoothly from one to another. Two standout tracks for me are “Winner” and “Willing 2 work 4 It.” Both songs feature a NeoSoul vibe that incorporates the elements of Hip-Hop mixed with an R&B vibe. If you are looking for grown-up sexy music, you will love what Winston Warrior has to offer.

Warrior maintained his artistic vision by controlling the music, manufacturing, promotion and art direction on the “Lifeology 101” project. Spoken like a true warrior, he said, “I wanted [to produce] something that everyone could enjoy and remember. With me being in control, it was done my way.”

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