

Robben Ford Speaks the “*Truth*” on His Latest Release,

The blues will never die is an axiom proven over and over again, but it does change shape. Robben Ford’s latest Concord Records release, “*Truth*” presents blues as they are today: in a powerful setting only a master veteran like Ford could envision. “The blues have always been socio-political,” says Ford. In the opening song “Lateral Climb,” he addresses the 9 to 5 grind, credit card debt, and the political frustrations we all experience. “Peace on My Mind” was inspired by Willie Dixon’s “It Don’t Make Sense, You Can’t Make Peace,” which Ford describes as an anti-war song without being too preachy. “If you’re pointing the finger, no one wants to hear it. It’s a portrait rather than a sermon. The truths I describe are self evident.”

In this set, Ford also incorporates playful tunes, like “You’re Gonna Need a Friend”, co-written by his wife and singer Anne Kerry Ford. In it, Ford subverts blues clichés, such as the evil lady who bedevils her victim. Other tracks on the CD include a funky cover of Paul Simon’s “One Man’s Ceiling Is Another Man’s Floor,” which features guest vocals by Susan Tedeschi, as well as loyal version of Otis Redding’s early B-Side, “Nobody’s Fault But Mine.”

Widely recognized by peers and critics alike for his mastery of the guitar, Robben’s impressive résumé includes performances with such heavyweights as Jimmy Witherspoon, Joni Mitchell, George Harrison and Miles Davis. Ford was named one of the “100 Greatest Guitarists of the 20th Century” by *Musician* magazine, and his superlative instrumentalism is particularly evident on this new release. His guitar solos have never been more expressive or exciting and the musical settings (largely a product of live studio performances) are full of surprises, drama and humor. His abilities as a guitarist aside, Ford says it is songwriting that he has used to push himself to grow as a musician. “I love playing, but I want my music to be *about* something. It’s the context- the song that gives the playing purpose.” *Truth* will be released on August 7, 2007, and Robben will also be touring in support of the release.

Tracklisting:

1. Lateral Climb
2. How Deep In The Blues (Do You Want To Go)
3. Nobody’s Fault But Mine
4. Riley B. King
5. You’re Gonna Need A Friend
6. One Man’s Ceiling Is Another Man’s Floor – featuring Susan Tedeschi
7. Too Much
8. Peace On My Mind
9. There’ll Never Be Another You
10. River Of Soul
11. Moonchild Blues