

## Robert Cray - This Time (CD Preview)

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Fans of Robert Cray's unique style of guitar-driven soul-blues can prepare for a trip down to their favorite local purveyor of fine blues music! August 11, 2009 is the date set for the release of Cray's first studio album in four years. Titled *This Time*, the nine-track CD will be released by Cray's own Nozzle Records and distributed by notable folk and blues label Vanguard Records.

*This Time* was recorded at Santa Barbara Sound Design in Santa Barbara, California with Cray sitting behind the board himself to produce the album. Cray has shuffled his band roster somewhat since the release of *Twenty*, his 2005 album, bring his old friend and former bandmember, bassist Richard Cousins, on board along with veteran blues drummer Tony Braunagel to join long-time Cray keyboardist Jim Pugh for this recording.

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The songwriting on *This Time* is a true collaborative effort, with Cray and his band members all contributing to the pot. Cray penned the title track as well as "Chicken In The Kitchen," "I Can't Fail," and "Trouble And Pain," and he co-wrote "Forever Goodbye" with his wife Sue Turner-Cray. Jim Pugh wrote "Love 2009" and "To Be True" while Richard Cousins and Swiss soul/blues

musician Hendrix Ackle collaborated on "Truce." Tony Braunagel and guitarist Johnnie Lee Schell co-authored "That's What Keeps Me Rockin'."

Cray's sound has always been a unique blend of blues and soul, but as shown by *This Time*, it's also much more than that. "Every time somebody asks me about where my music comes from, I give them five or six different directions - a little rock, soul, jazz, blues, a little gospel feel," says Cray in a press release for the new album. "Then there are some other things that maybe fall in there every once in a while, like a little Caribbean flavor or something. You just never know. I always attribute it to the music we grew up listening to, and the radio back in the '60s. It's pretty wide open. It's hard to put a tag on it."

### **Robert Cray - *This Time* Tracklist**

1. Chicken In The Kitchen
2. I Can't Fail
3. Love 2009
4. That's What Keeps Me Rockin'
5. This Time
6. To Be True
7. Forever Goodbye
8. Trouble And Pain
9. Truce

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