



An Independent Record Label

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## rufus harris

Take the vocal and melodic sound of *Seal*; add a little funk; guitar work like *Toto*; bundled with a spiritual focus; and you have - *Rufus Harris*.

Now, with four projects under his belt and another in the making – this Recording Artist has taken Christian music to a whole new level. Each cleverly crafted album illustrates Rufus' creativity and varied musical influences. His upbringing in Alaska exposed him to all types of musical artists ranging from Sly and the Family Stone to the Beatles.

Rufus' latest release - *basics* is an acoustically-driven collection of songs with spiritual concepts centered on the "basics of the Christian faith." The project features various songs from two of Rufus' CDs: *rufus harris* (self-titled) and *How Do You Read It?* Originally, these songs featured the electric guitar as the principle instrument. These versions, however, are performed on acoustic guitar. The album also includes four new songs: a cover of the beautiful song *Tapestry* by Glenn Kaiser (Rez Band); *Blessed Abundantly* (the 1st Christian song he wrote); *Rescue* – inspired by Fanny Crosby (1864); and a brand new *Happy Birthday to You* song.

When not performing at coffeehouses and churches, Rufus spends much of his time sharing his music at nursing homes and prisons. He is a national platform artist for Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship and performs for inmates across the country.

But Rufus is not just focused on his own music career. In an effort to help other independent Christian artists, he co-founded *The Camp – Christian Artists and Musicians Project* – a non-profit organization that assists and showcases diverse independent artists. The organization's most visible event - *4thFridays with rufus harris* has become one of Metro Detroit's premiere venues for Christian entertainment.

Rufus continues to touch many with his unforgettable melodies and thought-provoking lyrics. He has become a mentor to artists and prisoners and an inspiration to Christian music lovers everywhere. He currently lives in the Detroit area with his wife Denise has two beautiful daughters and two granddaughters. He is pastor of *The Bridge Church* in Pontiac, Michigan.