



For Immediate Release

***Fly To The Sun* to release its inaugural record, featuring Ray (Universe Records), Jennifer Batten (Jeff Beck, Michael Jackson), Billy Sheehan (David Lee Roth, Mr. Big, Steve Vai, The Winery Dogs), Andrew Giddings (Jethro Tull, The Animals, Leo Sayer), Gregg Bissonette (Ringo Starr, ELO, David Lee Roth), and other very notable musicians.**

This new eclectic album project by this innovative band crosses over into several musical genres, including prog rock, progressive pop, art rock, R&B, and more. Ray is the band's front man, composer, vocalist, and flautist. He has written and produced songs with his unique vocal style, range, and tone, accented by the virtuoso musicianship talents of Jennifer Batten on guitar, Billy Sheehan on bass, Andrew Giddings on keyboards/percussion, Gregg Bissonette on drums, and additional contributions by JJ Sansaverino and Drew Hall on guitar, and Troy Perkins on bass.

Working on the project with assistance from producer/composer/musician Alex Grata, Ray as executive producer decided to create songs that are unique and appealing to a wide range of musical tastes. The songs have an upbeat musical structure and positive lyrical content. The outstanding production work by Andrew Giddings (16-year keyboardist/producer with Jethro Tull) has brought a wealth of expertise, arrangement experience, and keyboard excellence into the project. Carol Roehner is lead producer on the project, and her music capabilities, organizational skills, and intellect have been the foundation of the project.

Ray has always been a staunch follower of progressive rock music icons like Jethro Tull, Yes, Pink Floyd, Queen, and other rock legends that pushed the envelope into uncharted musical territory and had a huge impact on his life. He has performed with various bands, and also played live shows as front man for many years with his touring band, “Living With The Past”, as they aspired to play the very technical progressive rock music of Ian Anderson and Jethro Tull.

Assembling this band of world class musicians to join him, Ray decided to produce music that will have a positive impact on listeners, hoping to help them feel good at a time in history when “feel good” songs are sorely needed. Ray said, “The line by 70’s band *Ten Years After*, ‘I’d love to change the world, but I don’t know what to do,’ has always resonated with me. I would love nothing more than to produce music that genuinely makes people feel happy about their life, and going forward, that’s what I endeavor to do in this new body of work.”

The *Fly To The Sun* record will be released on the Universe Records label. More to come on the release date soon...