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Karma Phala in All Its Glory

It is with *much* over-due pleasure that I review one of my most recent musical ... acquisitions. Not purchased, not pirated. A simple email, a simple response, and a simple response to the response. Next thing I knew, I got a lovely little package in the mail. Sarah Fimm is working on her 7th CD. Meanwhile, she had been working on a project called "Karma Phala." This compilation was distributed in the single most philanthropic method I've ever seen:

She mailed me a thumb drive full of music, pictures, and a video, and she mailed it to anyone who asked.

That's it. *And* she's been mailing them all over the world. Correct me if I'm mistaken, because oftentimes I am, but isn't the current music business model to sell your soul to the RIAA so they can rape and pillage our wallets? So ... how is she doing this? WHY is she doing this? Truthfully, I don't have an answer. All I know is that I am the happy recipient of a thumb drive full of love and beauty. Maybe it's the fact that she knows how to "pay it forward": she mails off this nifty little gift with tracks from her previous 6 CDs PLUS previously unreleased material, and she hooks people enough for them to want to buy all 6 CDs (if they don't have some or all of them already). For the unfamiliar, it's a great way to indoctrinate new fans. For those who are well-acquainted with her work, they'll be happy to have new material to tide them over until the new CD comes out. For everyone, it's a piece of awesome-ness.

Oh. And it's not *just* a thumb drive. It's silk-screened with a fitting little logo. You *really* should just get one of these. I don't know if she's still running this promotion, but if she is, jump on it.

Now ... for the music.

To understand the scope of this project, keep in mind that there are 31 tracks, 13 of which are previously unreleased material. In that mix are a few instrumentals and experimental tracks, all of which will haunt your auditory canals until the day you die. And even then you'll probably mix and mingle with the ghosts of Karma Phala past, present and future.

Rather than review individual tracks, I'm going to give you an overall view of what you can expect. You can expect to get some lovin' with your significant other. And by that, I mean intense, sweet, hot lovin'. There are some serious grooves on here that will turn the most shriveled up grape into the sweetest bottle of wine. You could actually get drunk from listening to this over and over. It's that intoxicating.

She works her vocals like a snake charmer works a python in and out of a trance. She'll take your breath and she won't give it back until she's ready. There is something ultra-sexy about her voice and music that ... riles. Turn off the lights, light some candles, burn some incense, and grab your lover cuz there's gonna be some sweet-ness going on. If her music doesn't have that affect on you, you're void of life. Or at least of hormones ... cuz seriously? *Damn*.

There are definitely some stand-out tracks on this compilations, but I'm going to let you discover those on your own. You know what I think of the music. Now ... if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go find my wife and some candles.