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Cari Lee and The Contenders are living proof of the fact that the rug cuttin', bar-creepin', house-wailing, solid-sending music we know as R&B is indeed alive and well. Just listen to the sparks burstin' on the sax break to *Scorched*, the collection's title opus. Groove on the easy jumpin' cool-jazz edged feel to *How Come?*. Bend your ears to the killer hot-wired guitar strikes in the tortured *I'm A Little Mixed Up* or the torchy speak-easy treatment given *Don't Be A Fool* and you'll most definitely get caught up in this R&B solid sender.



This first time solo album by Cari Lee is enriched by some of Austin's top rhythm cats, including Damien Llanes, drummer for the W.C. Handy Award winner Nick Curran and sax blowin', Dan Torosian, player from another W.C. Handy Award winner, Marcia Ball. Let's not forget bass trad-master Ryan Gould, piano masseur T Jarrod Bonta from Dave Biller's outfit and Steve Merritt, San Francisco's hot-jazz guitar master.

With *Scorched*, Cari Lee delivers like never before.

-Opal Louis Nations



The music video of ***Fine, Fine Man*** can be viewed on any computer multi-media program that plays .AVI data. Simply slip this disc into your computer and open the data file located in your CDR disc drive.

Fine, Fine Man Video Production and Direction by Robley Browne, Jenny Moe, Joey Moe, and Karyn Kleinman & Laura Moe of Custom Video SF.

Video Editing by Jenny Moe

Video Location: The 4th Street Tavern,
711 4th St., San Rafael, CA

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Scorched

THE INTOXICATING SOUNDS OF CARI LEE & THE CONTENDERS



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The Contenders are...

T Jarrod Bonta - Piano
Ryan Gould - Bass
Billy Horton - Bass (on songs 7 and 9)
Damien Llanes - Drums
Cari Lee - Vocals
Steve Merritt - Guitar
Dan Torosian - Saxophone

Recorded at Fort Horton in Austin, Texas

Credits...

All songs arranged by The Contenders
Produced by Billy Horton
Photos by Leah Frink
& Melissa Fry Wiedemann
Graphic Design by Moe, with concept
contribution by Fresneda

CD Mastering by Kevin Ink
at The Studio That Time Forgot

This album is dedicated to the memory of Zachary "Bloodhound" Ward - April 20 1976 - May 25, 2003... Gone but not forgotten... to his courageous wife, Jessica Ward, whose triumphant life keeps me in constant awe, and to the Bloodhounds Car Club.

Thanks to...

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