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To whom it may concern,

Enclosed is a complete KongFuzi press package and professional studio recording for your perusal. This band is currently drawing impressive audience sizes locally as well as throughout the Midwest and beyond.

KongFuzi is an original 5 piece funk-based dance band located in Chicago. Live shows consist of a wide variety of tasteful original music and recognizable cover songs. This band's sound has been classified as a combination of Stevie Wonder, James Brown, Jamiroquai, and The Meters. Instrumentation includes saxophone, organ/keyboards, bass, guitar, and drums. KongFuzi's strong suit is their ability to appeal to a very diverse audience with their accomplished performance skills and large repertoire.

Please do not hesitate to contact us or visit us on the web should you require any further information. We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Kong Fuzi



ARE YOU FUNKIN' READY FOR THIS!? KongFuZi is the hottest funk band in Chicago and we are ready to groove your patrons into oblivion. A full five-piece group, KongFuZi keeps the crowd dancing and drinking until the small hours of the morning and we can't wait to bring our brand of dirty old-school funk to you live and direct. The music of KongFuZi blends funk, New Orleans Horns, Soul and R&B into signature vocal and instrumental grooves with fun pop sensibility rarely found in today's club market.

VENUES. KongFuZi has funk'd out several reputable venues in the Chicagoland area including Martyr's, The Boulevard Cafe, The Double Door, Gunther Murphy's, The Elbo Room, The Bottom Lounge, The Note, Wise Fools Pub, Hog Head McDunnas, The Wabash Tap, and Subterranean among others. The band has also shared stages with notable artists including The Benevento-Russo Duo, The Frank Catalano All-Star Band, Buddha's Belly, Ordinary K, Diplomats of Solid Sound, New Math, Fly Williams, The Jesters, Hounds Way, and The Greyhounds.

PLAYERS. KongFuZi's instrumentation includes Travis Mandrell on organ and lead vocals, JP Cassidy on guitar, Josh Shapiro on tenor sax, Andy Peplinski on bass/vocals, and Peter Marx on drums. The combination of these trained professional and road-tested performers results in KongFuZi's booty-shaking, full-figured funk.



PRESS

"Woo-Hoo, a Real Horn Section! Very tasty brass and Hammond organ combo in this solid funk orientated band. It's refreshing to hear a tight horn section these days. Especially with musicians that can PLAY! This would be a great band to see live in an intimate nightclub- The solos are all interesting in their own unique way and add to an overall sense of interplay. John Coltrane said, "If you ain't lived it, it ain't gonna come out your horn!" Take my word, these players are livin' it the moment!"

- Jason Didner

Saddlebrook Times (New Jersey)

"Rising from the ashes of the Chicago 90's music scene, KongFuZi is one of the most promising young jazz/funk jambands on the scene- by virtue of how hard they rock.

-The Wolfman

Wolfman Howl (Chicago)

"KongFuZi – Coming out of Chicago, a town that knows a thing or two about rhythm, KongFuZi sounds like a tight funk unit, with musicians who fly dangerously close to blues and jazz. Think Galactic and Flea providing a soundtrack to Godzilla. Even sounds like Stevie Ray Vaughn could sit in comfortably. You should too."

- Sean Orr

Revolutions Live (Chicago)

"The Music of KongFuZi can be described as low-down earthy, groove layered, nasty, dirty funk you just gotta dance to! Get a copy of the live recordings, kick back, dig and let the vibes flow through! Better yet, you should go see 'em."

- Funktothemax.com

"KongFuZi is the new Spiritual Warrior for the Funk."

- Jeff Laundry

Superfly Productions N.O. LA

"...they have that symbiotic relationship with the audience...one really can't appreciate the musicians and the feeling without experience it first hand."

- John Bell

Jam Productions, Chicago

"Funk that stands alone! KongFuZi makes me shift from side to side and clap my hands. This band just jams and I love it. The instrumentation is something better than anything I have heard all year."

- iBeam Management, Brooklyn, New York



Original Songs

Chicken Wire
Paid In Full
Phortune Kooky/Felasophy
Diggin' It All
Salsa Del Boca Vista
Big Bang Theory
Herbal Life
Running Back
Shaking The Fist
Swamp Gumbo
Sunny Day Buzz
Emperor's Groove
Prime Minister's Beat
The Money Shot
Pick Yourself Up
Heapin' Helpin'
Same Old Song
Confession
Soothing
Never Say Never
Funkypox
Go Down Swinging
Baby Got Game
Night Light
If It Takes All Night

Cover Songs

I Wish - Stevie Wonder
If You Want Me To Say - Sly & The Family Stone
Round In Circles - Billy Preston
Love & Happiness - Al Green
Musicology - Prince
Frontin' - Jamie Cullum
Funky Train - The Poets Of Rhythm
Jealous Guy - Donny Hathaway
Cissy Strut - The Meters
Root Down - Jimmy Smith
Happy Friends - The Greyboy Allstars
It's Your Thing - The Isley Brothers
Peg - Steely Dan
Them Changes - Buddy Miles
Cold Duck Time - Eddie Harris
Diggin' Up The Yard - The Other Side
Strataskank - Vinyl
Booty - The Greyhounds
Tough Chicken - James Taylor Quartet
The Hen - Karl Denson
Tighten Up - Billy Ball & The Upsetters
Mercy Mercy Mercy - Cannonball Adderly
Soul Serenade - Beau Dollar
Hey Pocky Way - The Meters
Hot Pants - James Brown



KongFuZi Stage Layout/Inputs

Mics:
2 Vocal, 1 sax, Leslie Top,
Leslie Bottom
1 Guitar
Drums: 2 O.H. 1 Kick, 1 Snare

DI:(1/4")
1 Keyboard DI
1 Bass DI

