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## Carmen Lundy - Code Noir



The latest release by [Carmen Lundy - Code Noir](#) is a melding of African influenced sounds from across genres such as *Jazz*, *Blues*, *Funk*, *Bossa Nova*, and more. **Code Noir** shows **Carmen Lundy's** mastery of writing passionate lyrics that blend seamlessly with alluring melodies.



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**Code Noir:** *Another Chance; Live Out Loud, Black and Blues; Whatever It Takes; Afterglow; Second Sight; The Island, The Sea and You; I Keep Falling; I Got Your Number; You Came Into My Life; Have a Little Faith; Kumbaya*

**Personnel:** **Carmen Lundy:** vocals, keyboards, guitars; **Patrice Rushen:** piano; **Ben Williams:** acoustic and electric bass; **Jeff Parker:** electric guitar; **Kendrick Scott:** drums and percussion; **Elisabeth Oei:** background vocals

**Carmen Lundy - Code Noir** was produced by **Carmen Lundy** and released on the indie [Afrasia Production](#) label; this marks Ms. Lundy's 15th release in her storied career. The release contains twelve tracks that were written or co-written by Carmen Lundy influenced by the African dispersion on different music forms from Jazz, to Bossa Nova, Blues, Funk, Swing, and many others.

The release starts with a melodic tone and the beautiful vocals of Carmen Lundy on the track *Another Chance*, a tender and touching song of allowing for love's "another chance." The release segues to another poignant and rich melody track, *Live Out Loud*, that showcases Carmen's vocal mastery as she accompanies the beautiful piano work of Patrice Rushen.

The release turns up the vibe with the track *Black and Blues* and opens with a driving baseline and lower range vocals from Carmen that shows her coverage and ability to mesh with any beat and melody, this is followed by a duet of drums and Carmen's scat. The track *Whatever It Takes* brings the tempo back to a soft and reflective passage opening with the piano and snare drums complemented by Carmen's lush vocals to paint a moment in time "either wrong or right, we will try,... whatever it takes."

The track *Afterglow* is like its name, a romp across the instruments with a pace that shines after each instrument's transition to the next segment, the progression throughout the track, accompanied by Carmen's up tempo vocals, is a masterpiece in song writing. *Second Sight* is a love song of "It was love at first and second sight," the track captures the enraptured state a person can be drawn into when they find that special person.

The release contains Blues, Jazz, some Bossa Nova (*The Island, The Sea and You*), and the rich velvety

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tones of Carmen Lundy along with a band that presents each track with a sophistication and attitude that will make you take notice and appreciate the unique musicianship; this is a release that will be spun over-and-over again.

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