

By Marcus Purnell

Jackie Christie is a lady. Her poise and candor define her as something special even before you get to know her. As she makes her way through the dance floor, records in tow, she processes her vision of what will quickly become her night, her journey. As she steps into the booth and begins to settle in, the first word you may hear from her mouth is "love." And from this moment on, Christie and her dance-floor grooves are destined to embrace all that is good and free on the dance floor and in your heart.

Christie has enjoyed more commercial successes than most mainstream DJs that play to the gay/lesbian clubs. Although Christie's audience transcends most stereotypical sexual or social labels, she is at home with a dance floor full of "screaming gay bobby-soxers" at Crobar or Firestone as she is spinning at for MTV ("The Grind"), Playboy or at a Pacific Northwest rave outside of Portland.

Her latest production effort, "Made 4 U," available from Motéma Music, is a testimonial to Christie's commitment to her soul, an embodiment of all that supports her musical journey. From Lady Bunny to Sandy B., you'll hear the commitments of the Jackie Christie following wrapped up and "Made For U."

With as much confidence as passion, "Made For U" opens to a personalized introduction from Christie: "Welcome to my fantastic world where pink in the new black. This is 'Made 4 U' and I'm your DJ, Jackie Christie. Enjoy your trip."

Egomaniacal? Hardly. This is house music and Christie makes no qualms about it.

"Here in 'The City' right now, New York, it's kind of a hipster's scene. You know, kind of a combination of every type of music. We're kind of re-living the early '80s kind of house music in my classic deep house sets... It's really kind of fun and interesting," says Christie. "I find strength, spice, in variety – just as I have a wonderfully rich mix of people in my life, and on the album"

Her embrace of house is as emotional as her affections for her audience. Her grooves are so completely her own that one has to study her canvas for a moment to prepare for the kind of audio departure that Christie has on schedule for us.

"The lyrics of my first single, 'Beautiful Day' sum up my philosophy: There are people in your life that can lift you up so high and even when you're wrong, they're still standing by your side."

You'll find that when Christie crosses your path and there is a connection, it is not forgotten. Her track listing reads like a list of respect for those that she embraces. Her compilation is an eclectic mix of house artists all working to support Christie's mantra of love and kindness.

"I produce my projects with a partner and co-producer, Shane X. Conry, and I guess what we wanted to leave people with was this combination of many different things

we've been talking about," she says. "For starters we just wanted to entertain people. And for people who are deep enough to maybe feel more, to pay attention to the way the songs are brought together – it's as if you had started your day and gone into your night – and you complete your journey into the morning."

Christie recently had the opportunity to take her current projects to the streets of San Francisco for the Launch of the Love Parade (U.S.), and she shines when she can share the experience of delivering her work to an audience.

"I started the parade out with Shelia Broody's big beautiful lead vocal of 'Beautiful Day'; it just fit the day so perfectly, the people just loved it!" she says. "The sun was shining, Kraze and Dirty Shane of Discomind were with me on the float to perform, as well as Babatunde Lea playing live percussion and DJ Kerí (who I am doing a co-tour with). 'Beautiful Day' pumped as we made our way through the sun-filled streets of San Francisco. The audience really liked 'Keep Dancin' (It's Alright)' featuring Kraze, 'Everlasting Love' featuring Sandy B. – and 'Made 4 U' featuring Dirty Shane was really massive! What an amazing day the Love Parade was! Love Parade was one of the best days of my life."

"Made 4 U" unites Christie's eclectic collection of friends as they forge a musical pathway into your heart. The lineup includes Lady Bunny, the founder of NYC's annual Wigstock festival; house music pioneer Kraze; club diva Sandy B.; and her musical partner and co-producer Dirty Shane (aka Shane X. Conry) of Discomind.



*Made For You: Pretty lady Jackie Christie recently blew out the Love Parade in San Francisco spinning signature tracks from her new CD available from Motéma Music.*