

Blues Society of Central Pennsylvania by CD review by Greg Hogg

Lancaster Co. native Tony Torres, long time lead guitarist for the D.C. & Co. band has spread his wings to soar with "A Real Gone Time". This CD is a 16 song project featuring Tony's scorching guitar mastery and his smooth vocal along with the two 3 piece bands he fronts. Tony Torres and Real Gone is his blues/rock power trio and Tres Gatos is Tony's Latino flavored rock trio.

"A Real Gone Time" features 3 cover tunes, "Whammer Jammer" by J. Giles Band, "Marie,

Marie" by Dave Alvin and "Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder. The other 13 tracks are

individually or collectively written by Tony and Dave Costarella. The song styling ranges

from blues, old school rock & roll, surf, light jazz, and Latino. Together on this CD these

songs make a spicy stew of diversity.

Tony likes a strong reverb sound to his guitars, and "Whammer Jammer" usually heard as

Magic Dick's harmonica featured J. Giles Band song is performed quite well in Tony style

on his Fender Telecaster. Other old school rock sounding songs include "Let's Rock it",

"Satisfied" and Dave Alvin's "Marie, Marie"

To my ear, "Tongue Tied" is funky jazz and the Stevie Wonder cover, "Ribbon in the Sky" is

smooth jazz.

Tony's use of reverberation fits the bill perfectly for the Latino flavored surf tunes, "Katrina Y

Arturo", "El Gato", "Surf Queen" and "Cowboy Surfer" which sounds to me like it should be

soundtrack music for a Clint Eastwood spaghetti western.

But, we like to hear blues music as BSCP members and Tony serves up 6 blues tracks

sprinkled throughout this CD. They include the title track "A Real Gone Time", "Out of Your

Head", 5 o'clock Blues, "Cold Inside", "Neighbors" and "Baby Come Home".

"Tony Torres - A Real Gone Time" was recorded and mixed in Lancaster Co. by Steve

Puffer at Parallel Productions and mastered by Bobby Gentilo at Right Coast Recording in

Columbia, PA. You can buy this fine CD or hear samples of every song online at:

<http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/tonytorres>.