

Tortured Soul

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Tortured Soul is 100% live modern, deep, soulful, house music freed from the DJ Booth. Influenced by the classic songcraft of Prince, Heatwave, and Kool & The Gang, Tortured Soul is a collective of incredible international musicians united under a groove-centered rhythm.

Frontman and songwriter, John-Christian Urich, leads the group while simultaneously drumming and singing with effortless mastery. Bass (Ernie Mckone, Bryan Ladd) and keys (Isamu McGregor, Randy Emata, Joel Martin) combine to form the pulsating rhythm and melodic joy that is integral to the Tortured Soul sound. Recently, guitarists Adam Rafferty, Kurt Slabbert, and Mark Tewarson have been helping to expand the musical journey and unlock new live-musical pleasures. Likened to "The Roots of House Music", Tortured Soul's sound is reminiscent of Neo-Soul groups like Jamiroquai or Brand New Heavies, while also being influenced by the contemporary freshness of House purveyors like Joey Negro and Louie Vega and Nu Disco artists like Soul Clap and Purple Disco Machine.

Most recently, Tortured Soul has joined forces with Lisa Shaw for their deep house love duet "I Wish You Were Here", that has Lisa Shaw and John Christian Urich sweetly serenading each other with reassurance that a blissful time is in store once they are reunited! Despite having been in the deep house music scene simultaneously for years, this marks the first time Tortured Soul and Lisa Shaw have collaborated. Better late than never because the chemistry is undeniable! Lisa has released numerous singles on dance label, Salted Music, as well as OM Records, Large Records, and regularly collaborates with Miguel Migs. "I Wish You Were Here (feat. Lisa Shaw) will be made available through Slammin Media and distributed worldwide by Believe Distribution.