

## **Candy Dulfer**

### **Biography**

To describe the career of the young Dutch alto-saxophonist Candy Dulfer as impressive would be an understatement. Dulfer - who was taught the basic principles of her instrument by her father, renowned jazz tenorist Hans Dulfer - started performing when she was just seven, had her own band when she was fourteen, and had a Grammy nomination and millionselling debut album ('Saxuality') Under her belt when she was barely in her twenties.

Her talent has not gone unnoticed among the big names in pop, jazz and funk. Over the years she collaborated, both in the studio and on stage, with legends like Dave Stewart (The Eurythmics), Prince, Van Morrison, Pink Floyd, David Sanborn, Maceo Parker, Aretha Franklin, Larry Graham, Blondie, Angie Stone, Tower of Power, The Time, Alan Parsons, Fred Wesley, Pee Wee Ellis, Jonathan Butler, and many others.

Her first collaboration with Dave Stewart, a catchy tune called "Lily was here", went straight to Number 1 all over Europe. Several years later they worked together on the soundtrack for the Robert Altman motion picture "Cookie's Fortune". She featured prominently in Prince's video for "Partyman" (which included his infamous recommendation "When I want sax I call Candy"), performed on his soundtrack album "Graffiti Bridge" and guested on his 1998 American and European tours. She still regularly joins Van Morrison for his concerts all over Europe.

Despite these high profile collaborations with the big names in music, she always stayed focussed on her own musical career and concentrated on expanding her talents. Her debut album "Saxuality" (1990) sold over a million copies and was nominated for a Grammy award, her fourth album "For the love of you" (1997) was a major smash in the USA and stayed in the Billboard charts for over forty (!) weeks. To this date she sold over 2.5 million albums worldwide. She has been a highly requested guest on all the major television shows in Japan - one of her biggest markets - and the USA. She appeared on many famous shows like Jay Leno's "Tonight Show", "Good Morning America", CNN's "Showbiz Today" and The Arsenio Hall Show.

From age fourteen she's been performing with her own band Funky Stuff. Together they have toured all over the world: from the Newport Beach Jazz Festival in sunny California to the famous Blue Note club in Tokyo, Japan; from the Beacon Theatre on Broadway in New York to all the major festivals in Europe, including the Montreux Jazz Festival and annual appearances at the world-famous North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague.

Her outstanding reputation as a smashing performer will continue to expand with the upcoming release of her long-awaited live album, which will feature special guests Dave Stewart, Angie Stone and Hans Dulfer. Of course, Candy classics like "Lily was here", "Sax-a-go-go", "Pick up the pieces" will be included, but the album - scheduled for release in the Spring of 2001 - also features several brandnew songs.