

Kiyoshi Graves Bio

Kiyoshi Graves has the spirit of a poet and the heart of a rock musician. With a unique lyricism that ranges from uplifting and full of hope to questioning and full of doubt, Kiyoshi delivers an uncommon passion and honesty in every line of his songs. As the son of a second-generation Japanese American mother and a father of mixed French/German descent, Kiyoshi is a rising artist who straddles the line of his bi-racial identity and combines a diverse set of influences from Paul Simon to Radiohead to The Who, resulting in a unique sound that seamlessly blends elements of Classic Rock, Modern Rock and Americana.

Kiyoshi has built a strong and loyal following by playing in front of tens of thousands of fans at clubs, coffee houses, bookstores and festivals including B.B. King's, Borders Books & Music, Little Tokyo Live with 102.7 KIIS FM and HOT 92 JAMZ in Los Angeles, VC FILMFEST, the LA Tofu Festival and the KSCI Harvest Moon Festival. "With whatever energy, passion and charisma I have," Graves says, "I want the audience to know that I am really grateful to be playing music for them and that rock music is something that should agitate, invigorate and motivate. It should be a give and take between the audience and the artist where, together, we go someplace we couldn't have individually. I'm not sure where we go but when things work, it's somewhere not on this Earth and I absolutely love that."

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