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# Art Sherrod Jr - "SEASONS"

### Track Listing:

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- 2) Thinking of You (featuring **Will Downing**)
- 3) Just Chillin' (featuring **Gerald Albright**)
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Artist	Art Sherrod Jr
Title	Seasons
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Format	CD

## www.artsherrodjr.com

### Personnel:

Art Sherrod Jr.: soprano, alto, and tenor saxophones  
 Alex AI: bass  
 Gerald Albright: bass  
 Cherise: background vocals  
 Stan Cooper: lead guitar  
 Will Downing: background vocals & ad libs  
 Tracy Hamlin: lead vocals, background vocals & ad libs  
 Allyn Johnson: Fender Rhodes, piano, keyboards  
 Lorenzo Johnson: keyboards, bass  
 Marcus Johnson: piano  
 Cammi Knight: background vocals  
 Robert "WaWa" LeGrand: lead & rhythm guitar  
 Chuck Loeb: guitars, keyboards, drums & percussion programming  
 Kurt Lykes: background vocals  
 Frank McComb: background vocals  
 Michael Ripoll: guitars  
 Chip Shearin: bass  
 Dwayne "Smitty" Smith: bass  
 Antonio Sol: vocals  
 U-Nam: lead guitar  
 Eric Valentine: drums, drum & percussion programming, bass,  
 synth bass, strings, keyboards, vocals  
 Will Wesson: Fender Rhodes & piano  
 Alvin White: rhythm guitar

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*~ Dennis Poole, Smooth Jazz Therapy & Smooth Jazz Vibes*

Saxophonist Art Sherrod Jr proves on his second CD, "Seasons" that he has established himself as an impressive artist with a magical style like no other. Laced with urban jazz, R&B and the traditional smooth jazz sounds, "Seasons" manages to bring together a "who's who" list of great musicians Sherrod has performed with during the years including: (his mentor) Gerald Albright, Will Downing, Tracy Hamlin, Marcus Johnson, Chuck Loeb, Frank McComb, U-Nam and his long time associate and the producer of his last project, Eric Valentine. According to Sherrod, "Seasons is about the variety of changes that I went through in my life while recording this project from the end of 2006 to the middle of 2009. We all experience the differences from spring, summer, fall and winter and we realize that each season lasts for a short time and then it's gone. Nothing lasts forever."

Sherrod demonstrates in his new release that he really knows how to shape a myriad of moods, from his sultry "Thinking Of You," to the funky "Smooth Groove" and covering a silky rendition of Earth, Wind and Fire's, "That's the Way of the World." Each track is an expression of Art's heartfelt voice on soprano, alto and tenor saxophones as he creates rambunctious riffs, soulful sounds, and gorgeous grooves. "I enjoy doing music," says Art, "because it allows me to communicate with people physically and emotionally. I want to help people through tough times, help them to keep a positive point of view." Sherrod's method of communication can be heard through his music as he makes us dance in east coast style on "East Coast Steppin'," reflect on our lives in "Everything Will Be Alright" and get us back on our feet in times of trouble on the classic Donnie McClurkin gospel tune, "We Fall Down."

As a solo artist, Art has performed, opened or co-headlined shows with Chuck Loeb, Marion Meadows, Roy Ayres, Natalie Cole, Boney James, Everette Harp, Bob Baldwin, Randy Scott, Noel Webb, Najee, Michael Henderson, Jean Carne,

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## ART SHERROD JR, "SEASONS"

performed on the Brazilian-American Jazz Festival in Rio de Janeiro, the Beantown Jazz Festival in Boston, the Volvo Jazz Festival and many others. Art is just as active in his community by working with churches, the MS Society and Progressive Horizons, an organization that works with foster children and mentally and physically challenged individuals. "It's important to me that I share my music in ways where I can contribute to the well being of others."

According to Denis Poole of *Smooth Jazz Therapy*, "Sherrod delivers a sequence of spine chilling gems... it is adequate to luxuriate in the sublime artistry his musicality so effortlessly engenders." So get ready to go on a roller coaster of sonic emotions on this second release from an artist we should all keep our eyes on as he rises to the top while serenading us through the seasons.

**"Many recording artists of this period don't begin to capture the brilliance of Art's live performance." ~ Cuba Gooding, of the Main Ingredient**

**"The smooth, sexy sounds of Art Sherrod, Jr. will make your heart melt and your feet dance. After one listen you will instantly become an "Art lover..."  
~ Donna Jean Rumbley, Promotions Director, Smooth Jazz WSMJ 104.3 Baltimore**

### TRACK INFORMATION FOR "Seasons" from Art Sherrod Jr.:

- 1) To The Floor (featuring U-Nam) - This up-tempo, toe-tapping song is intended to reflect a period of no turning back. Regardless of what happens, all systems are go!
- 2) Thinking Of You (featuring Will Downing) - When I started dating my wife she traveled a lot for work and we spent short periods of time away from each other, so this song let's her know that I'm thinking of her.
- 3) Just Chillin' (featuring Gerald Albright on bass) - Sometimes life slows down enough where I can "chill," so with the help of my mentor, Gerald Albright, known for his saxophone brilliance, we kicked back to create a moment of just chillin'."
- 4) You're The One (featuring Tracy Hamlin) - I dedicated this serious R&B vibe song to my wife, Georgia, who at the time of making this recording was my girlfriend and then we married in November 2008. I appreciate how she was there for me during the ups and downs of the entire recording process. The words of this song say how I truly feel.
- 5) Everything Will Be Alright - This romantic ballad is like a day when you sit back with a glass of wine and reflect on everything. Somehow in your heart you know that everything will be all right in the moment.
- 6) Seasons (featuring Chuck Loeb) - This up-tempo title track song makes a statement about going through the many changes of life, experiencing all of the emotions yet staying on the journey. When I think about this song I get the feeling I am riding in my car, sunroof back and music blaring without a care in the world.
- 7) On Sunday Morning - This funky, soulful, groove oriented tune is a reminder of my Sunday mornings where I play at my church. We like to worship God with joy, excitement and a groove. There's definitely nothing boring about my church!
- 8) East Coast Steppin' - This definitely danceable tune is a tribute to Grover Washington and reminiscent of his sound. Since I admit to not being the greatest dancer I thought it would be fun to do a song that would make people want to dance. This groovin' tune will get your body movin' and let's you know how we do it on the East coast. A favorite for the "hand dancers."
- 9) That's The Way Of The World - This "Earth, Wind and Fire" classic song has always touched my heart because of its inspirational message about love and that even if the world is cold, stay focused on love.
- 10) Anytime (featuring Frank McComb) - Sometimes its lonely when you're out on the road and you just need a song that speaks to you and brings you close to your family since they are so far away. This song is dedicated to my wife (Georgia), son (Brandon) and daughter (Ava)..
- 11) Smooth Groove (featuring Marcus Johnson) - Being that I live only 30 minutes outside of Washington DC, the influences of Funk and Go-Go have rubbed off to create this tune. This funky song just makes you want to party.
- 12) We Fall Down - This classic gospel tune, made popular by Donnie McClurkin, is my absolute favorite contemporary gospel song. This is my life's testimony. Sometimes in life, you just don't know what you're gonna do. You feel as though you're up against the wall with little to no options. The important thing to remember is that we, as humans, all have periods where we fall down whether it is spiritually or emotionally. The way to overcome that fall is to "get back up again."

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