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# Charles Xavier - Xmas Vibe CD

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**Available in 5.1 Surround Sound DVD**

Happy Note Records recording artist, Charles Xavier, aka: The XMan, is proud to announce the release of his new CD, Xmas Vibe, on October 20, 2010. Xmas Vibe is an enchanting, avant-garde, mystical, eclectic and original approach to festive, traditional and contemporary Christmas classics, with the inclusion of one Xavier-original song, performed on vibraphone and electric guitar with vocal accompaniment.

Charles Xavier has been called many things, including a "Rara Avis" – a rare and unique person or thing - by the legendary Down Beat Magazine. Therefore, it's not unusual that this "true music Polymath," according to The Mondo Project's Mark Saleski, is releasing Xmas Vibe in stereo and 5.1 surround sound, possibly the only Holiday music offering available in the latter format. Xavier describes Xmas Vibe as "a World Music-meets George Winston and Gary Burton-influenced soundscape of Holiday favorites with a blend of innovative and unusual Rock, Soul, Funk and New Age styles that will appeal to a wide range of listeners."

With a production and compositional skill clearly influenced by Frank Zappa, Xavier's highest praise comes from TheCelebrityCafe.com's Michael Mardings in reviewing his previous CD The XMan Cometh – Expect the Unexpected. Mardings states, "The XMan is an audio chef mixing ingredients in a CD bowl."

Two tracks on the primarily all-instrumental Xmas Vibe, Christmas Day Is Almost Here, which is the CD's original opening number and is being released as the single, and Christmas Time is Here, the Vince Guaraldi classic – best known from A Charlie Brown Christmas - both feature the Jazz-infused vocals of San Francisco-based singer/actress Tina Marie Murray. Xavier offers up Tom Waits-tinged lead vocals on the classic, O Christmas Tree.

Philanthropy will play a big role in the release of Xmas Vibe and future Holiday season performances Xavier is planning for November and December 2010 throughout California and from New England to Washington DC. A portion of the proceeds from the Xmas Vibe CD, downloads and ticket sales will benefit the Bread & Roses Charity ([www.breadandroses.org](http://www.breadandroses.org)) and The Boys and Girls Clubs of America ([www.bgca.org](http://www.bgca.org)). In addition, Xavier's tour dates will also include daytime charity performances at senior and youth centers featuring Xavier on solo vibraphone with pre-recorded accompaniment. Evening live performances will feature Xavier on vibraphone with electric guitar accompaniment, with the addition of special guest vocalists and percussionists in select markets.

Xavier concludes, "Through my music and performances, I hope to encourage others to get involved in their communities to help others rise up to their potential."

**This album will be available digitally through IRIS to all of the major online retailers.**  
**Digital Release date: October 19th, 2010**



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## Track List

- 1) Christmas Day is Almost Here
- 2) The Little Drummer Boy
- 3) Happy Xmas (War is Over)
- 4) Christmas Time is Here
- 5) Toyland
- 6) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 7) O Holy Night
- 8) Silent Night
- 9) A Holly Jolly Christmas
- 10) Silver Bells
- 11) Blue Christmas
- 12) O Christmas Tree

**File Under:**  
**Christmas**  
**Jazz/New Age**

