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"Amazing" is bound to be a classic song and is full of warmth and emotion. The track is a tribute to Nikkole's colossal vocal talents (5-octave range), as well as the incredible virtuoso himself, the legendary GRAMMY and EMMY award winning trumpeter and pianist Arturo Sandoval. The collaboration feels like a natural fit for both Nikkole and Arturo. Nikkole says "All the stars lined up for me on this project, and nothing was forced". This track boasts a sultry, sumptuous vibe that Arturo Sandoval dubbed as "Jazzy" (which equals Soulful, Sexy and Jazzy). Nikkole uses her magnificent voice in such a way that it carries us through the story line and engulfs the listener in amorous lyrics and intimate vocals. Arturo's playing throughout is brilliant, with long lines of perfectly placed notes created in an unpredictable but ultimately logical fashion, and demonstrates that he is certainly the premiere trumpet player of our time.

One can listen to this song over and over again and love it each time as much as you did the first time you heard it.

Penned by Nikkole and Producer Lloyd Tolbert (*Lionel Richie, Toni Braxton, Diana Ross, Norman Brown*), "Amazing" highlights and demonstrates the lovely tone of Nikkole's voice, which complements the effervescent and exquisite sound of Arturo Sandoval on trumpet and flugelhorn. The recording includes other noted musicians such as: (guitar) Adam Hawley (*Manhattan Transfer, Escovedo Family*), (bass) Jervonny "JV" Collier, (*Gladys Knight, Bruce Hornsby, Herbie Hancock*) and (drums and keys) Lloyd Tolbert.

"Amazing" is a grand song because Nikkole expresses her artistry by showing a broad knowledge of diverse types of music and pulling from different decades, styles and eras and blending it into a cohesive whole through her flair. Arturo Sandoval represents with exquisite expertise, and the techniques and diverse styles of which he possesses is absolutely genius. You will be unequivocally blown away from this collaborative effort and would expect nothing less than this from such a giant - from the virtuoso talent that is maestro Sandoval; and the exceptional writing, arranging and vocal proficiency of Nikkole.

Collectively Nikkole and Arturo are thoroughly comfortable. Combined they accentuate and polish the brilliant melody of "Amazing"; which fits the beautiful song like a glove.

ARTIST PROFILE — NIKKOLE is a vibrant and universal singer / songwriter / producer / performer with a 5-octave range whose performance in the studio and on-stage is filled with emotion, excitement and passion. Critics everywhere agree that not only has Nikkole mastered the art of brilliant songwriting, dynamically powerful live singing with a captivating stage presence, but she has mastered making concert goers feel like they are watching her do what she was born to do - perform live.

She has been a GRAMMY nominee contender 4 years in a row in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. Her songs have been heard in movies, national commercials and TV shows. Nikkole's immense talent has led her to write, record with and / or share the stage with some of the world's top artists such as *Babyface, Boyz II Men, Macy Gray, Bobby Brown, Arturo Sandoval, Teena Marie, The Emotions, Ambrosia, Jon B, The Temptations, Lakeside, The Commodores, Midnight Star, Gregory Hines, DJ Quik, Melle Mel, Whoopi Goldberg, CASE, Cedric the Entertainer, Everette Harp, David T. Walker, Patrice Rushen, Blood Sweat and Tears, and Norman Brown*. On Norman Brown's #1 Billboard smash "Stay With Me", more specifically the radio-friendly cut "You Keep Lifting Me Higher", Nikkole was not only the featured vocalist, but she also co-wrote and arranged the vocals. The project spent 8 weeks at #1 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Charts. The album remained in Billboard's Top 10 for over 4 months.

With so much on the horizon, Nikkole will continue to develop her expertise so that she can remain a musical talent who is always at the top of her game.

ARTIST PROFILE — ARTURO SANDOVAL is fluent in at least 4 musical languages. He can burn through an Afro-Cuban groove, tear up a bebop tune, soar over a Mozart concerto and soothe you with a luscious ballad; with equal power and grace.

He has been awarded 4 GRAMMY Awards, 6 Billboard Awards and an Emmy Award. The latter for his composing work on the entire underscore of the HBO movie based on his life, "For Love or Country" starring Andy Garcia.

Arturo Sandoval's versatility can be heard on recordings with everyone from *Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Herman, Bill Conti, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Rod Stewart* among many others. He has performed with *Celine Dion* at the OSCARS, *John Williams* with the Boston Pops, and at the Super Bowl with *Tony Bennett* and *Patti LaBelle*. He has also been seen by millions at the GRAMMY Awards performing with *Justin Timberlake* as well as at the Latin Billboard Awards with *Alicia Keys*.

Arturo Sandoval is one of the most brilliant and prolific musicians of our time.



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