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Niece

FUNKY BLUES diva Niece, born Denise Wickersham, was raised in the Motor City, and says she "has soul running through her veins." A seasoned veteran, she cites her diverse influences as Koko Taylor, Janis Joplin, Humble Pie, Grand Funk Railroad and Bad Company.

Niece spent a number of years singing backup to various R & B and soul artists like Angela Bofill, Phyllis Hyman, Lisa Stansfield; Aretha Franklin, Patty LaBelle and Gladys Knight.

Niece just recently released PEACE OF MY MIND, her debut CD on Signature Records. Recorded in Nashville and produced by Nioshi Jackson the CD also features blues guitarist Larry McCray and Johnny Neel from The Allman Brothers and Govt. Mule.

One critic raved that "Her thunderous voice mirrors Etta James and Big Mama Thornton." My favorite tracks are "Bed of Lies," "Working Hard to Please," "I Need a Man" and "Shut Your Mouth."

Good stuff, indeed. For more info go to www.niece.net. ■

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