

OCTAVIO SANTOS - SPEND IT WITH YOU

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Octavio Santos – Spend It With You **[O.N. Santos, D. Seale]**

Written by Octavio Santos

Produced by Living Soul Music

All vocals, trumpet/flugelhorn, vocal and horn arrangement by Octavio Santos

Vocals and horns recorded by Octavio Santos at The Groove Cafeteria, Mississauga, ON.

Mixed by Living Soul Music

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Swanky says - liner notes:

The holidays are a time for rest, spending quality time with loved ones and looking forward to a refresh from the calendar and onto the new year. I decided to write a Christmas song this year because it seemed fitting. I've always wanted to write one, but I never got around to finishing one. Last year was my attempt and I scrapped it. This year is my completed one from scratch. As a person who believes that love is essential in life and without it emptiness follows, the inspiration in writing this song came into play. I knew exactly what I wanted to say. Because it's my first written Christmas song, this will hold near and dear to me.

I called upon my **Vibrasonic Sessions** keyboardist **David Seale (Living Soul Music)** to paint me the musical picture I desired. I can tell you it was quite hectic coupled with work and other musical projects. It was crunch time down to the wire trying to get this ready for you (YES, YOU...YOU ARE READING THIS) on Christmas Day. The long nights spent in the studio, methodically calculating how the music was to be executed, not only for myself but for **Dave** who had his own musical projects to work on ("**A Merry CHRIST-MUST**" EP with **JustVibes** and also working with my **Vibrasonic Sessions** band backing **Casey Yugo**), was all a labour of love. It's love for the music that we do. You probably don't want to feel like our sleep deprived and exhausted selves after finishing this up, but you definitely want to feel our sense of accomplishment that followed. Thanks a million **Dave** for musically pulling through and having my back...you nail a clutch J from 3-point land brother!

To **Jay Laws**: I would've wanted you to lace this with your ridiculous bass playing skills, but it looks like the schedules never matched up. I was so excited when your name popped up as a potential player on this track! We will definitely write some hits as a trio soon enough.

As we approach 2011's near, I look back and see that life was a rollercoaster filled with its ups and downs. Normally, that's what life throws at you...curveballs...but then, if you're sharp enough, you'll be able to drive 'em out the ballpark. I've met faces, seen smiles as bright as the Aurora Borealis and have been fortunate that my musical endeavours have launched themselves into official labeled releases. Just as blessings have come around my way, they've also touched you too no doubt. You may not have noticed them, but if you look around it will appear in front of you as clear as day. Don't forget to count them.

2012 will be no exception. Music will be at the forefront and it'll just get better.

"Spend It With You" calls you to grab that special someone during this winter season. Hold them tight and keep them warm. Don't reserve this action for one season...you have four remember?

I wanted to give each and everyone a soul hug that's been truly supporting my music wholeheartedly. I appreciate y'all very much. Thank you to those who have stuck around.

This is my Christmas present to you.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and you'll hear from me in the new year.

Please share/tweet/re-post to any music aficionado.

Much love and Reese's peace,

-Swanky

P.S. A big shout out to **Mina Senturk** for being instrumental as well in allowing me to finish this and being understanding in regards to my lack of sleep from studio work. Thank you so much.

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VERSE 1

*Snow falling down, the weather trend
Traffic seems to never end
It's a rush to wonderland
But it's never a chore when you're near*

*Holiday songs fill the air
Cold just hits without a care
Hugs are valuable, the warmth it bears
You can cuddle with me my dear*

PRECHORUS 1

*[Malls are crowded all around]
Shopping sprees
[You can hear the busy sound]
[Children saying please]
To toys on the shelves
To go under the tree
[Carols being sung]
I hear la la las
[That are pleasing everyone]
And the smiles it caused
The sweetest thing
Is I have you with me*

CHORUS

*Girl, it's Christmas
[It's Christmas]
You're the gift that I look forward to
Unwrap you in my arms 'cause you're mine
[By the fireplace, feel your warm embrace]
You're the star on my tree, that's bright in my mind*

*It's the most wonderful time of the year
And I'm grateful baby that I get to spend it with you*

VERSE 2

*Mornings and hot chocolate
Waking to you is heaven sent
Love surrounds us for the betterment
In keepin' our fire aflame*

*Lazy weekends, sleeping in
Neighbours outside shoveling
While we're inside listening
To music with tastes just the same*

PRECHORUS 2

*[Santas everywhere]
Spreading Christmas cheer
[Sporting red in what they wear]
Yes they've made it clear
That it's time for joy
With the love you can bring*

*[Candy canes galore]
Hung around the trees
[The excitement fills floor]
And it's made with ease
In the atmosphere
Gives you reason to sing*

HOOK

BRIDGE

*(You, you)
And I get to spend it with you (you, you)
The feeling is precious and
I can't wait another day
To spend it with someone who brightens the way*

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