



## Here's what the critics are saying about Crash: The Dr. Is In

### **The Province (Vancouver) June 22nd, 2004**

*Tom Harrison*

The Dr. is Lonnie Smith, whose medical specialty is treatment of a Hammond B3. Crash is a Vancouver quintet that plays an instrumental jazz that incorporates funk. Put Smith and Crash together, record them live in The Cellar and the result is remarkably bluesy with generous space of solving. The band is busy but tight on grooves that recall James Brown while Smith colors everything with the rich, but piercing, tone of the Hammond. Smith stabs and jabs or counters Crash with a rhythmic precision that is marvellous. It's a record steeped in mutual respect. At The Commodore on Friday, June 25th. \*\*\* / 5

### **The Vancouver Sun June 26th, 2004**

*Marke Andrews*

Vancouver funk group Crash has a regular guest artist in Hammond B3 organist Dr. Lonnie Smith, and Smith and the boys energize each other with each track on this date, recorded live at The Cellar. Alto saxophonist Cory Weeds, drummer Bernie Arai and Smith let fly on *Love Bowl*, and tenor saxophonist Jerry Cook and guitarist Dave Sikula keep the 12-minute *Nick's Kick* kicking hard. The other tracks, though not as long these two, move and shake as well.

Crash with Dr. Lonnie Smith, play Gastown today, 4 p.m., and The Cellar tonight, 8 p.m.

### **The Toronto Star August 7th, 2004**

*Geoff Chapman*

The Dr. here is Hammond B3 organist Lonnie Smith, nicknamed so because he applies his special medicine to the music of others. His patients don't need any cure, however, since Cory Weeds (alto sax), Jerry Cook, (tenor), Dave Sikula (guitar), Mark Humeniuk (bass) and drummer Bernie Arai are a potent lot. This combo from Vancouver, where this sessions was taped last September, has a passion for R&B and funky jazz, so the addition of the Doc's dense rhythmic engine and earth-moving thrashing fits right in, especially when the pace is high. "Your Mama's Got A Complex" is strident funk fun, "Crash" burns, "Nicks Kick" keeps the live crowd clap-happy and "Play It Back" rocks and rages.