

MIKE SHUPP

WASHINGTON, D.C. / ROCK • POWER POP



ARTIST / SONGWRITER / PRODUCER / MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST

BIG HOOKS. SHARP INSTINCTS.

Guitar-driven American pop, melodic urgency and unmistakable songwriting from the Washington, D.C. area.

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THE STORY

BIOGRAPHY / SHORT FORM

Mike Shupp writes American guitar pop built on ringing and crunching guitars, soaring harmonies and direct, emotionally vivid songs. Based in the Washington, D.C. area, the singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist balances power-pop immediacy with the storytelling of classic heartland rock.

Before his solo work, Shupp was the guitarist for Big Bang Theory (later Bang Theory), a D.C.-area band signed to Paradox/MCA, with an EMI Publishing deal. His solo catalog on Private Mind Records spans October Sun, The Key and This Time.

He recorded This Time at his City Park Sound studio, playing nearly every instrument; Chris Zogby contributed drums. The album was mixed by Don McCollister. A Spotify-exclusive remaster arrived in 2025, and the album was also made available on vinyl.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

“Big hooks, sharp pop instincts”

THE WASHINGTON POST

“Great melodies and clever lyrics”

PASTE MAGAZINE / 4 STARS

A PATH THROUGH THE RECORDS

1997

OCTOBER SUN

The first solo album

2000

THE KEY

Produced with Jeff Murphy

2002

THIS TIME

Mixed by Don McCollister

ARTIST CREDENTIALS

Former guitarist with Big Bang Theory (Paradox/MCA) • EMI Publishing history • Solo performances opening for Lisa Loeb and Tommy Keene • City Park Sound / Private Mind Records

THE MUSIC

SELECTED RELEASES

THIS TIME

2002 / 2025 remaster

Original album; remastered for Spotify, available on vinyl.

THE KEY

2000

Produced with Jeff Murphy of The Shoes.

OCTOBER SUN

1997

Debut solo album; national college-radio airplay.

START LISTENING

01 ALL OVER TOWN

A biting, hook-led power-pop song

02 CAME TO THIS

Melodic heartbreak with a rhythmic punch

03 LOVE COMES DOWN

Full-bodied guitars and ringing harmonies

04 A LITTLE FUN

Early-period rocker, streaming in 2026

COVERAGE & RADIO

THE WASHINGTON POST

"Big hooks, sharp pop instincts"

PASTE MAGAZINE

Four-star review of This Time

ON THE AIR

WCNI 90.9 FM — "Came To This" (Sep 2026)

KZFR 90.1 FM — "Prove Me Wrong" (Nov 2025)

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