

JOYFUL BAND



The group was formed in 1980 by duo Alfred and Loretta Caston, along with father and son team, Jessie and Regionald Veal (former bassist for Wynton Marsalis' group). Today, the group consists of Alfred Caston, Albert Mickel and Jan Randolph. New Orleans' own, JOYFUL!, has been delivering their own brand of gospel and soul to enthusiastic audiences all over the world for more than three (3) decades. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, they were privileged to visit some 1000 different cities in more than ten European countries, fifty festivals and a multitude of clubs.

At home in New Orleans, JOYFUL! started out performing at The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, one of the world's largest music festivals. It was there, in fact, that they got their first European gig as the festival is a hot spot for promoters the world over.

JOYFUL! has authored 7 independent label recordings; several European labels as well as on their own Rampart Street Music label. Their biggest chart songs, to-date, were two classic re-makes. "If I Had A Hammer" and "People Get Ready." Since that time, the group has charted other tunes like "Makin' It Thru A Storm" and "Don't Leave Me.". Their latest release, "Caught In The Middle" is selling well in Europe.

In the early nineties, JOYFUL! became a favorite on the Hollywood scene as they often performed at R&B Live, one of California's most prestigious clubs for the stars and worked with the likes of STACY LATISAW, EARTH, WIND & FIRE, and DOUG E. FRESH, just to name a few. They have played great club venues from New York City to Athens Greece, famous Cathedrals and theatres in Italy, Spain, Poland and Switzerland as well as small churches and venues in the tiny towns of the Czech Republic, Sicily and Sardegna.

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