

## **Motown Records 50th Year Anniversary**

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Darlene Francis /red sea rising / & Acklee King Jr Walker All Star Band Presents- Mo town Records 50th year Anniversary

Interview:

Legacy Band Keeps Jr. Walker, Motown Spirit Alive

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### Â » SOUND CHECK

When Motown saxophone player and band leader Jr. Walker died in 1995, former label executive Harvey Fuqua — who passed away himself on July 6 — encouraged associate Acklee King to put Walker's All Stars back together and take them out on the road.

King did, with original All Stars Tony Washington and the late Victor Thomas, and 15 years later the group is not only going strong but has expanded into a more broad-based Motown act.

— SWhat we're doing now is a whole Motown revue, — • reports King, 58, who grew up in Niles and is now based in Detroit. The current edition of Jr. Walker's Allstar Band taps into more Motown heritage.

To whether or not Tony continues to play or not is quoted as — SThat's to Tony's discretion, — • King explains. — SHe turns 70 this year, so he's slowing down a little. But there's always a spot for him whenever he wants to come out and play, and those are very special shows. — •

Walt Harvery Faqua signed only four people to his label in 1961.

Tony Washington

Victor Thomas

Willie Woods

Autrey DeWalt

After the passing of Jr. Walker in 1995, On Thanksgiving day . Tony, Victor, And Acklee reunited in the year of 1996.

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Jr Walkers Allstar Band from Motown Records.

2002 GRAMMY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE.

Today the band is still working side by side with Harvey Fuqua 49 years, later until his passing in 2010. From the years of 1961-2010.

The Legendary Classic Motown show featuring Hits of: The Supremes: Stop (In The Name of Love), Come See About Me; Martha and the Vandellas: Dancing In The Streets, Jimmy Mack; Marvelettes: Mr Post Man, Beachwood 45789; Gladys Knight & The Pips: Mid-Night Train To Georgia and many, many more; The female part of "The Jr Walkers Allstar Band" is handled by a group affectionately known as "The Ladeez". The Ladeez being from Detroit have toured and worked with many of the Motown legends around the world helping to keep this music authentic. This list consist of FLO The Supremes, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Temptation Revue feat. Dennis Edwards, The Contours, Freda Payne, Laura Lee, The Floaters, The Dramatics, The Jones Girls, Carl Carlton, David Ruffin, Eddie Kendrick and The Miracles to name a few. The Ladeez are a great addition to Jr.Walkers Allstar Bands Motown sound.

The combination makes for a great evening.

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