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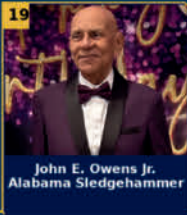
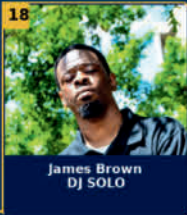
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Cleopatra “Cleo” Kennedy

At the age of thirteen, Birmingham, Alabama’s Cleo Kennedy became a singer and foot-soldier in the movement for civil rights. She was a featured soloist in the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights Choir, whose music fueled the mass meetings at Birmingham’s Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and she was arrested and jailed in the historic marches of 1963. Documentary recordings from the height of the movement—available on the Smithsonian Folkways album *Lest We Forget, Vol. 2: Birmingham, Alabama, 1963 Mass Meeting*—have preserved her signature interpretations of “City Called Heaven” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” Kennedy would continue to spread the songs, stories, and lessons of the Civil Rights Movement through her subsequent work with the Freedom Singers and with Birmingham’s Carlton Reese Memorial Unity Choir.

An accomplished gospel artist with a distinctive soprano voice, Kennedy was still a teenager when she joined Dorothy Love Coates’ Gospel Harmonettes, the celebrated Birmingham-based group with whom she recorded four albums. Relocating to Los Angeles, California, in 1979, Kennedy began her long association with the Rev. James Cleveland, who featured her prominently in his groups; she remained close to Cleveland until his death and sang at his funeral in 1991. Through her work with Cleveland, Kennedy found additional opportunities in secular pop music, performing backing vocals for Ray Charles, Diana Ross, Graham Nash, Paul Williams, Aretha Franklin, and others, and appearing in the TV miniseries *Roots* and the film *The Blues Brothers*. In 1992, she joined Bruce Springsteen’s world tour, an experience she regards as an unforgettable career highlight. After that tour she returned to Birmingham, becoming a fixture again in the local gospel scene, performing extensively with the Birmingham Community Mass Choir and other groups.

She was inducted into the Gospel Music Living Legends Hall of Fame in 2024.

MARY ELAINE HUDSON



Mary Elaine Hudson was born in February 1957 in Camden, Wilcox County, Alabama the poorest county in the USA; her family moved to Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama when she was 10 months old. At the age of three, after watching the performers on The Lawrence Welch Show Elaine dreamt of becoming a singing star who would be heard around the world. Elaine had her first paid performance at the age of 12 after reading an ad in the newspaper that said, "Negro Combo" looking for a female vocalist so Elaine decided to call to inquire about the position and learned that it was a family band who worked with young singers. After the husband and wife team spoke with Elaine's mother; she was allowed to work with "Leroy Allen and the Nite Lites" touring the club and college campus scene which she did until the age of 18. During high school Elaine performed on talent shows and sang in a band that some of her classmates had formed. After high school Elaine and some of her friends formed a group called "New Way" and recorded one gospel single "Holding On" and performed in a few small clubs before joining the army at the age of 22 in 1979.

Elaine would have joined the Army after high school in 1975, but she did not meet the height requirements of 5 feet at that time. Elaine joined the US Army Reserves in 1979 as a Field Medic after the height requirements went down to 4 ft. 10 inches with a two inch waver. At the end of a year in the Army Reserves Elaine ran into some of her friends who were in the Alabama Army National Guard, so she transferred to the National Guard until 1981 when she joined the Army as a Telecommunication Operator. She was assigned to Kaiserslautern, Germany 1st Signal Battalion where she received a Top-Secret Clearance working closely with the European Commander transmitting and receiving messages. During her tour of duty Elaine would sing at the Chaplin's prayer breakfast once or twice a month. During Elaine's tour of duty in Germany she would open up for USO Shows that came to support the army troop, she also opened for Peaches & Herb on a Kool Festival. Elaine won 1st place local military star search in Germany in 1983 but didn't have a chance to go all the way because of military duty. She auditioned for the 7th Soldier's Army Chorus in 1984, was accepted and temporarily assigned to the chorus for 90 days from May to August 1984 traveling with the Full Band and Chorus to Scandinavia for 21 days with the first stop being Denmark then Sweden and Norway. After returning from Scandinavia the band and chorus played in The Netherlands and then Belgium (NATO). Elaine was determined once again to enter army star search now that she had been with the chorus for close to two years she may have a better chance of entering the contest and going all the way. She entered the Star Search Competition in 1986 and won 1st place in Schwetzingen Germany going on to compete against all 1st place winners in Hanau, Germany Military Kaserne where she won 1st place All Europe Army Star Search in 1986. Elaine received several letters of appreciation while performing for the 7th Army Soldier's Chorus.

During Elaine's military career in Germany; she met several local German musicians and worked with a couple of outstanding bands including a German Jazz Fusion band in the Mannheim - Ludwigshafen area in 1986/1987 by the name of Klangk. Elaine received an Honorable Discharge in June 1987 and returned to the USA. In September 1987 Elaine received a phone call from Lufthansa Airlines saying she had a reserved flight back to Germany paid for by the band Klangk. Elaine returned to Germany to work with Klangk until the summer of 1988 when another band by the name of Crypton heard about her; went to Elaine's show and made her a better offer. Before working with Crypton Elaine had never had so many people at her concert, but Crypton was well known and needed a good front person. There were 30,000 people to show up at an open-air concert that Elaine participated in and waited the entire day for her to perform at 1:30 am from 12 noon that day. After doing background vocals and adlibs on Sydney Youngblood's album Elaine was asked by producer legend "Claus Zundel" (who wrote and produced POP MUSIC) if she would let him produce an album on her. Elaine signed a 3-year record deal with RCA Records London in 1989 and released one album and three singles in 1990. Elaine wasn't a great big hit, but she sold lots of CDs. Elaine moved to The Netherlands in 1991; performed with a local Dutch band touring Holland and Belgium.

Since returning home from Europe in 1992 Elaine has performed with several bands in her hometown of Birmingham, AL. Elaine worked with Seasoned to Please for several years and recorded and wrote one song together with J. Wayne Trammell, "It's Raining in My Bedroom" in 2002. Elaine worked with Z & The Party Factory, Silk e Smooth Show Band, Technik Jazz Band, Jazz 2 Soul Duo and the Force of Nature. Elaine sang background vocals for Don Mosely on the Green Trac Commercial and on a few other artists' albums. Elaine sang background vocals on Jazz Guitarist Reggie Stokes' single "If Not for Your Love". Elaine just released her album on ReverbNation; Distrokid and a single "Hang On In There" on CDBaby. After a long waiting period Elaine finally found some great musicians to help with her new album, and hopes to release it this summer 2018. After 49 plus years of performing it is time for a CD written and produced by me to be released.



Evangelist MARY PUGH

Mary Pugh was born in Allen, Alabama (Clarke County) to the Late Odell and Clara Mae Pugh, the third of seven siblings. Growing up, Mary was raised on tough principles, a life of holiness which resulted in a solid foundation from the word of God. Her parents set the example by taking her to churches all across the State of Alabama as a little girl singing in their family group, The Mighty Pugh Singers where they would perform before major, national gospel acts such as The Mighty Clouds of Joy and many others in Alabama and beyond.

She is the recipient of The 32nd American Gospel Quartet Convention Frank Williams Humanitarian Award and received a coveted honor from The Midday Praise Radio, also a Resolution from the House of Representatives. Her family also recorded several albums spanning a career of over 56 years of singing the gospel.

Mary held on to her parents' teachings and accepted her call to preach at the tender age of 12 (which is God's perfect number) and she has been walking and talking with Jesus, through evangelism and singing now for over 50 years.

She is the mother of two children, Camille and Wallace Marshall. She is passionate about our youth and is always imparting wisdom encouraging them to do positive things and stay on the Lord's side, with Him you shall win!

Mary is one of Alabama's premiere, most sought after gospel singers and evangelists, traveling all across the United States seeking the lost and offering salvation and after fifty plus years, she isn't tired yet!

Outside of her busy schedule, Mary enjoys cooking, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Her favorite scripture which guides her life is *Philippians 4:13, "I Can Do All Things, Through Christ Which Strengthens Me."*

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ABOUT CIN DA POET

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Cin Da Poet discovered her passion for writing in the 5th grade. Inspired by legendary poets such as Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou, she quickly learned the power of words and the ability they have to tell stories, express pain, and inspire change. Poetry became more than a hobby—it became her voice.

Through years of dedication, Cin developed a unique writing style that blends emotion, creativity, and real-life experiences. What began as poetry evolved into spoken word performances, music, battle rap, and published literary work.

Today, Cin’s work has been featured in numerous outlets, including Pulse Poetry Magazine, and she has collaborated with artists and platforms throughout Alabama and beyond. Her accomplishments include awards for Poet of the Year, Spoken Word Artist of the Year, and the prestigious MsBarz Award.

From sharing poetry with students to writing memorial pieces for families, Cin continues to use her gift to impact others through words.

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Poet of the Year Award Recipient
- ★ Spoken Word Artist of the Year
- ★ MsBarz Award Recipient
- ★ Published Author
- ★ Featured Artist on Multiple Music Projects
- ★ First Lady of The Boiler Room ATL
- ★ Battle Rap Competitor on WTBL Platform
- ★ Performed and showcased talents before respected industry names including Chilla Jones and Tay Roc

*Cin
Da Poet*
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MORE THAN AN ARTIST

While poetry, music, and battle rap continue to elevate her career, Cin says her greatest accomplishment is being a mother.

*“My kids are my reason.
I do this for them.”* ♡

With an ever-growing fan base and a reputation for powerful writing, Cin Da Poet continues proving there are no limits to what passion, persistence, and purpose can accomplish.



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Her growing impact has earned her placements in **R Report Magazine** (available worldwide in Books-A-Million) and a cover feature on Sapphire Emerald Magazine. Musically, she continues to rise with 200K+ streams, listeners in 175 countries, DRT chart positions in the Top 10 Independent and Top 200 Overall, and radio rotation across 13 states on 45 stations. She is also charting in the 200K range on Chartmetric, signaling fast-growing traction in the global music landscape.



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Mz. Coxx widely recognized as Coxx Time and celebrated as **The Modern Day Rockstar**—is an Atlanta-born artist raised in Decatur, GA, whose artistry is rooted in a blend of Southern influence, Northern edge, and Panamanian heritage. Her creative journey began early: she wrote her first verse at age 10 and recorded it in her basement, later stepping into the spotlight as a teen performer under the name SuperTink. During those early years, she toured the southern region on the Scream Tour with Mindless Behavior and the OMG Girlz, made her live television debut on Comcast, and performed in front of more than 50,000 people at the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival—all before turning 17.

A graduate of the esteemed HBCU Miles College with a degree in Mass Communications, Mz. Coxx has since expanded her artistry beyond music. She made her acting debut in 2023 and has appeared in multiple films across Tubi, Amazon, and Peacock, including *Hot Girlz*, *For the Gram* starring Roscoe Dash and Mykko Montana, *Raccades* starring Columbus Short, and *Make It Rain* alongside Lil Scrappy, Sky Keeton, Bangladesh, and others—each featuring her music as well.

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Mz. Coxx is gearing up for the next wave with her club anthem "Go Head," her swagger-filled single "Damn Right," and her sensual standout "Headboard," featuring Lil Durk. With talent spanning music, film, and live performance, Mz. Coxx is crafting a lane built on authenticity, versatility, and star-level presence.



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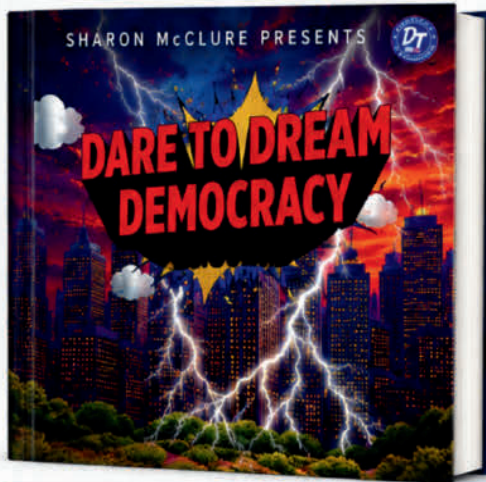


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WABF	1220 AM	Fairhope Adult standards/Soft AC
WACQ	580 AM	Tuskegee Classic hits
WACT	1420 AM	Tuscaloosa Adult contemporary
WACV	93.1 FM	Coosada News/Talk
WAFN-FM	92.7 FM	Arab Oldies
WAGF	1320 AM	Dothan Urban Talk
WAGF-FM	101.3 FM	Dothan R&B, Motown oldies, blues, gospel music, & sports
WAGG	610 AM	Birmingham Urban contemporary gospel
WAGH	101.3 FM	Smiths Urban contemporary
WAHR	99.1 FM	Huntsville Hot adult contemporary
WAKD	89.9 FM	Sheffield Religious (AFR)
WALJ	105.1 FM	Northport Mainstream urban
WALN	89.3 FM	Carrollton Religious (AFR)
WALQ	1130 AM	Carrville Oldies
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WALX	100.9 FM	Orrville/Selma Classic hits
WAMI	860 AM	Opp Gospel
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WAPI	1070 AM	Birmingham News Talk Information
WAPR	88.3 FM	Selma Public radio
WAQG	91.7 FM	Ozark Religious (AFR)
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WAUD	1230 AM	Auburn Sports/Talk
WAUF-LP	97.3 FM	Auburn Christian contemporary
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WDNG	1450 AM	Anniston	News Talk Information
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