

## **Vocal Performance Biography**

### **Horace Alexander Young**

When one usually hears **Horace Alexander Young's** name mentioned in a conversation about singing, it most often refers to his long, well documented career as a vocal coach and arranger with a wide variety of great song stylists and performers. For the last two decades, such artists as B.B.King, Bill Withers, The Manhattans, The Chi-Lites, Gerald Alston, Regina Belle, Johnny Kemp, Anita Moore, Yvonne Roome, Lucy Arnaz and many others have utilized Young's varied skills to enhance their live performances and recordings. However, the secret to his understanding of creating a great musical environment around these singers, is his own, less publicized singing ability. Young grew up in a household with parents and his two sisters all of whom loved music. He was nurtured on the recordings of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Tony Bennett, Al Martino, Arthur Prysock, Stevie Wonder, Joe Williams, Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway and in particular, Nat King Cole. It is from these early influences, that he borrowed the key elements of style, tone, diction and stage presence that forms his skill set as a vocal performer. While the majority of his musical accomplishments have been on the instrumental side, he is nonetheless, one of the more gifted and original song stylists and vocal scat soloists in the jazz arena today. His future recordings will reflect more of a mix of his skills in this area, but until then you will just have to catch him in live performances. In recent years, he has appeared as a soloist with the Spokane Pops Orchestra, The Coeur d'Alene Symphony, The Spokane Jazz Orchestra, The Washington-Idaho Symphony and in numerous jazz club appearances with the Dozier-Jarvis-Young Quartet and his own touring unit. Interested listeners should continued to stay tuned - Horace Alexander Young is a "new voice" in the global landscape of Jazz that is deserving to be heard.

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