

# A Sample of R&B Performers



## Gladys Knight

Knight found her true forte with the dramatic show-stopper ballad "Neither One Of Us (Wants To Be The First To Say Goodbye)" and she hit her commercial peak with "Midnight Train To Georgia" after she left the Mowtown Label. In 1994, Just For You comes at a significant juncture in Gladys Knight's success? Celebrating her 45th anniversary in show business after starting at age 4. The legendary Gladys Knight is one of contemporary music's most prodigious talents.



## The Commodores

Their hit record "Machine Gun" sold over a million copies and earned the Commodores their first gold record. Attendance at their shows broke records previously set by the Beatles. They have twenty-four gold records, six platinum albums and international record sales in excess of 40,000,000 albums sold. They have been honored by awards ranging from Best R&B Group to Best Pop Group.

## Kenny Loggins

Kenny became phenomenally popular during the 1980's, doing movie soundtrack themes such as "Footloose" from the movie starring Kevin Bacon of the same name, "Danger Zone" from the Tom Cruise film Top Gun, and "I'm Alright" from Caddyshack, among others. Kenny's first solo album not to make platinum status, and in 1991 with his insightful album Leap of Faith, ended up producing four chart-topping Adult Contemporary singles. The following album, Return to Pooh Corner, Kenny's first children's album, which he describes as "music to ... enjoy children by", has already gone double platinum and was nominated for a Grammy in 1995. Kenny recorded "For the First Time" from the movie One Fine Day in 1997, which in turn was nominated for an Academy Award.



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## Roberta Flack

Is an internationally-acclaimed, Grammy-award winning recording artist and performer -- a musical legend. Music lovers and critics the world over agree that when it comes to genuine sensitivity and pure emotions, Ms. Flack is one of a kind. She's influenced many contemporary artists. Her debut album, *First Take*, was released in 1969, but her career took off in 1972, when Clint

## The Village People

Selling more than 65 million recordings the Village People were an instant phenomenon with their hits "San Francisco (You Got Me)," "Macho Man," "Y.M.C.A.," "In the Navy," "Go West" and "Can't Stop the Music." Calling all macho men (and women) to the Village People Dance Party for any night that you want the house rockin' to the hip sounds of the 70's with the one and only Village People. They've been called an exaggerated camp act, but the Village People are definitely one of the best disco/pop groups to emerge from the 70's. A resurgence of sorts occurred in the 90's for the Village People with television appearances on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *Oprah* and *Good Morning America*.



*Toni Braxton*

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Coasters  
Creedence  
Clearwater  
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Fabulous  
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Four Tops  
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India.Arie  
Isley Brothers  
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