

ENTERTAINMENT

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"LOU MYERS, MORE THAN AN ACTOR ON 'A DIFFERENT WORLD'..."

Over the year that I've been a fan and weekly viewer of the weekly sitcom "A Different World" on NBC Network, there's never been a doubt in my mind about Lou Myers being a fantastic actor. Lou has also turned out to be quite a community activist since becoming a resident of Los Angeles. He has always found the time to make an appearance on behalf of various community charities and causes when called on. He's been a regular supporter of the Annual Black History Celebrity Basketball Game benefiting the Daisy Child Development Center in Compton, and when we called him last year to serve as "Grand Marshall" for the 'Annual Black History Parade' on Western Avenue sponsored by the Merchants for Community Improvement, he didn't hesitate to answer the call.

These are just a few things that we've come to know about Lou Myers since watching him weekly on "A Different World," and getting to know him better through our mutual interest and involvements in charitable causes.

What we didn't know about Lou Myers, was that he was quite the performer away from the cameras and on stage as a singer and entertainer!! We just recently became aware of this side of Lou when we received in invitation, inviting us to attend a 'one night only' special performance by him, Friday September 4th, at a Westside popular nitery in Los Angeles called Lunaria's.

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We wanted to find out more about this new career dimension of Lou Myers' as a nite club performer, so we called him and came up with the following information.

Lou was born and raised in Charleston, West Virginia, and began his acting career in high school. It was his grandfather that taught him the German language while he was quite a youngster, and motivated his interest in learning other languages. He attended West Virginia State College after finishing high school, took courses in drama and pursued his dream of becoming an actor.

After college he went to New York and got his first break in acting as a cast member of "The Blacks." In addition to his performances in "The Black" he participated in workshops and performed at jails and in churches. He also recalls being one of the male dancers that performed prior to every Malcolm X speech around New York. New York also gave him a vast experience in performing. He danced with various dance groups, worked with jazz musicians, played in off Broadway productions, and even taught himself to play piano.

He has always regarded himself as a performer, and in his opinion a performer is a total entertainer! Consequently he dose not view his role as an actor on "A Different World," and his engagements as a nite club performer as two separate careers. In further expressing his feelings on singing and performing being two separate careers he stated, "as far as I am concerned, acting and performing are one and the same, and shouldn't be treated as two separate career involvements. A performance by a performer, is a performance by any standard. It doesn't make a difference if you're playing a role in a movie or on a television series, or performing in a small nite club or performing on a concert stage. Either way, you're performing. Consequently, you're a performer!!

It's these thoughts coupled with his various performance experiences and backgrounds that Lou Myers will be bringing to Lunaria's on Friday, September 4th, for one night only!! With this information in mind, one can easily come to understand why Lou Myers is more than an outstanding actor on the television series "A Different World." In our books Lou Myers is one of Hollywood's genuine articles, and definitely the 'total performer.'

"MUSICALLY SPEAKING..."

John Robert's, Barry White's internationally famous orchestra conductor will be stepping out of the shadow of the big band spotlight and returning to his soulful musical roots Friday and Saturday, September 4th and 5th, at 'Sir Alex's Lounge' here in Tinseltown for

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) END OF THE ROAD - Boyz II Men
- 2.) DEAR MR. PRESIDENT - Next Issue
- 3.) 1-4-ALL-4-1 - East Coast Family
- 4.) HUMPIN' AROUND - Bobby Brown
- 5.) JUST MY LUCK - Alyson Williams
- 6.) MONEY CAN'T BUY LOVE - Ralph Tresvant
- 7.) AINT NOBODY LIKE YOU - Miki Howard
- 8.) PEOPLE EVERYDAY - Arrested Development
- 9.) SLOW DANCE - R. Kelly
- 10.) MY KINDA GIRL - Rude Boys

THREE STRAIGHT WEEKS AT #1: END OF THE ROAD

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK:

SLOW DANCE

FORGOT YA LAST

WEEK: Mistakenly, the #8 song was laeft off the chart last week. Moving up one spot to #7, it was Miki Howard's, soft cut Ain't Nobody Like You.



BOYZ II MEN

FURTHERMORE: Boyz II Men is a unanimous #1 on charts all across the country and has broken all records for record sales off of a soundtrack; Next Issue and East Coast Family creep to #2 and #3 but if there is any song that will eventually claim the top spot, it'll be Humpin' Around; R. Kelly and Rude Boys slide in the the #9 and #10 positions.

GOTTA SAY WHAT'S UP: To Kimberly Bailey. My homegirl found out this past week that her ever-so-popular entertainment column will begin to run in Jack The Rapper magazine. **Congratulations.**

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Top 10 compiled by:
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a special two night performance and the unveiling of his exciting new music group "Soul Heritage." In case you don't remember, John Roberts if the former Houston native who skyrocketed to musical fame with several hits on his group 'John Roberts and The Hurricanes' back in the late '60's and '70's, while doubling as a music teacher in the Houston school system and playing nightly with his band at Ray Barnett's Cinder Club. He gained additional musical fame after moving Tinseltown, and yours truly recommended him to Barry White to become his conductor for the "Love Unlimited Orchestra," a position he still holds. This Pre-Labor Day Weekend engagement at Sir Alex's Lounge for John's 'Soul Heritage' group will also bring about some musical history and nostalgia for music lovers, with the appearance of songsational Patience Valentine (John's wife and Sam Cooke's former opening act), handling the vocal chores for John Roberts' new exciting musical group, 'Soul Heritage'... and that's Hollywood this time!! Until the next time. Lanier.

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