

Joyce Spencer Biography and New CD "Sweet Dreams"

A native of South Louisiana, Joyce's musical influence came early and often starting with her grandfather, **Freeman Fontenot**, who was a musician and one of the originators of Zydeco music.

Most of the family gatherings included music, song, and dance where Joyce was continuously influenced by Blues, Jazz, R&B, Funk, Gospel, and the charismatic flavor of South Louisiana Zydeco, which all played a major role in her musical development.

The resources to study music in her small town were very limited during her childhood, so Joyce did not hesitate to join the beginner's school band in 5th grade playing the clarinet, where she received the outstanding band member's award. In 12th grade, she traded the clarinet for the tenor sax, and added the alto sax and flute in college where she majored in instrumental music education. Her college experience afforded her the opportunity to expand her knowledge and training in many areas of music, especially in classical and jazz. This experience has also allowed her to become even more creative in writing and composing.



After an approximate 20-year hiatus, Joyce returned to her love and passion for music and released her first CD, "Sweet Dreams", in 2010. Joyce said, "I stopped waiting to be discovered and discovered myself." (She uses this statement to hopefully encourage others who may feel that it's too late or they are too old to pursue music.) Her CD is a collection of eleven amazingly beautiful songs and instrumentals of smooth jazz, inspirational jazz, with a hint of folk/ Latin jazz on soprano/alto sax, flute, and vocals.

Media, friends, and fans of the artist have labeled her CD Inspirational Jazz, Smooth Jazz, and Smooth/Contemporary Gospel, but she plays all styles. She was nominated Best Female Artist by the South Florida Gospel Music Awards in 2010, and received The Heart and Soul Inspiration Award from Coffee Talk Jazz in 2011. Joyce was also awarded by the ASCAPLUS Awards panel for original work on the CD and other compositions, including an original musical score entitled, "Glory to God" for two consecutive years. Joyce has been featured in several radio and television shows such as **Joshua's House** for Christian Artists, **Jazzy100.com** streaming music and commentary around the world, **GHP Radio Network**, **Bethlehem Baptist Church** Television Program, **The Ester Davis** Talk Show, **The Dallas Spot Light - "The Grind"** Talk Show, **Dallas Late Night Gospel Show**, **LA Jazz**, **Wendy Williams' WNUR 89.3 FM** Inspirational Jazz hour, **Tehillah Praise** TPBN Radio, **Coffee Talk Jazz Radio**, **KJAZZ** radio, **Jazz'em Up with Cres Oneal**, **Hot FM with The Hitman**, and more.

Joyce was recently honored for her accomplishments in a published article by "All About Jazz", a leading jazz music website for industry professionals and enthusiasts, entitled "Take Five with Joyce Spencer". She was also honored to make the front cover the Spirit **Alive Magazine's** October 2011 issue, and her hometown newspaper, "**Basile Weekly**". Her accomplishments have also been noted in other magazine, blogs, and newspaper articles around the world.

When you ask Joyce what is her greatest challenge in music, she explains that since she loves so many genres of music, she will start writing in one style and evolve into another or just combine the elements of both, then sometimes return back to the original version. It is difficult for her to "stick to one style". For example, her track "Praise His Name" started as a slow, rubato feel in its original version, but moved to an uplifting, moderate tempo arrangement, with a Latin Jazz flavor.

Joyce and her husband/manager, LaDarien, have their own label, HIM Record Promotions, and Joyce has recently become a chartered partner of PromoteTheMusic.com in Costa Rica. There is a lot of work to do "behind the scenes" while plans are being made for her next project in 2012 and tour dates.

The artist has her own band, Expressions, with Tyrone Walls (keys), James Ward (bass), Jay Stixx (drums), and Harry Jackson (lead guitar), and she also plays with Tony Key and The Faith Band, among other artists in the area. Joyce is also available as a solo act. She plays in jazz clubs, restaurants, parties, corporate functions, churches, weddings, conventions, etc.

You can always find contact information about Joyce and how to purchase her music at her website, www.JoyceSpencerMusic.com and/or join her on facebook, myspace, twitter, or reverbnation.com/joycespencer for updated information about the artist. The label's website is www.himrp.com.

Joyce Spencer - Discography

Artist CD Title Year

Joyce Spencer Sweet Dreams 2010

Joyce Spencer - Discography with Other Artists

Artist CD Title Year

Sean O'Bryan Smith

Tapestry Re-released 2012

(Bonus track: "KM's Groove")

Loretta Jordan My Life's Reflection 2011

("I Love You")

Herald Prosody Rapper Singer Rocker Poet 2010

("Morning Sun", "Everything"

"Dynomite", "Life Turn Around")_

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