

The Delfonics Return

Having established themselves in the early '70's as outstanding vocal talent of that era, the Delfonics are again entering the fields of recording and live performance with the same kind of professionalism that's already built them fame as recording artists.

The Delfonics have experience, from having blossomed into a dynamite trio with a perfected high-pitched vocal blend, with such hits as "La La Means I Love You," and the Grammy Award winning hit, "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)."

The Delfonics legend begins with founding members William Hart, born in Washington, D.C., Jan. 17, Wilbert Hart, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Oct. 19, and Randy Cain, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2, who was later replaced by Major Harris, born in Richmond, Virginia. The group initially sang for local parties and dances under the name of the Veltones, which was patterned after a group called the Teenagers. As they got older they moved on to playing in small clubs in Philadelphia, performing with various groups and working dance routines.

In 1966, after being away for several years, studying at Lincoln University, Randy Cain decided to go back to singing with the Harts. It was at that time that they decided to rehearse their new act under the name, Delfonics. A short time thereafter, they achieved a regional hit with their single "He Don't Really Love You." The song, like almost all of the group's later hits, was written by William Hart.

Two years later Hart wrote another local hit, "He's Been Untrue." Then Hart came up with "La La Means I Love You," based on the words his small son always repeated in the morning. The single began to build up airplay, first locally, then across the country. It became a Top 10 hit on the



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soul charts and also moved onto the national pop lists. Before long, the record was winning favor in England and Europe. The Delfonics are international celebrities.

The Delfonics then followed with a steady string of hit singles in 1968 and 1969, including "You Get Yours and I'll Get Mine," "I'm Sorry," "Break Your Promise," "Ready or Not Here I Come" and late in 1969, "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)." This latter single moved onto the national charts in 1970 and kept moving upward until it rested in the number-one position. Before the year was over, it had sold over

a million copies for a gold record.

In the 1971 awards poll of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, "Didn't I" won the Grammy for Top Soul Hit of 1970. Their soft, sexy, sound and style not only was the prime mover in the rising tide of soul music in the late 1960's, but it was also the fancy of popular music followers, Black and White.

The Delfonics were soon to become the stellar attraction in rock concerts, theatre and nightclub circuits. They were featured on almost every highly rated TV variety shows at home and overseas. They toured all over the country including a highly suc-

cessful tour of Europe. In 1970 the group had such other singles as "Trying To Make A Fool Of Me" and "When You Get Right Down To It." They also recorded their best-selling LPs, "The Delfonics Super Hits" and "The Delfonics."

Early in 1971, Randy Cain left and Major Harris took his place. Major had worked with other groups including the Teenagers, Jarmels, the Impacts, Nat Turner Rebellion and finally the Delfonics. During 1972 the group made the charts with the album "Tell Me This Is A Dream" with the single "Walk Right Up To The Sun." In 1975 another chartmaker was made with their LP "Alive and Kicking," and in 1980 the "Delfonics Return" LP made Cash Box Magazine, Billboard and Black Radio Executive.

William Hart has recorded and released a number of records as a single artist. Hart has also written songs for various artists such as the Jackson Five, Aretha Franklin, Tierra, Michael Jackson, and the theme song in the movie entitled, "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh."

The Delfonics have performed with various artists in the music industry, including Al Green, James Brown, Chiles, Commodores, Four Tops, the Supremes, Nancy Wilson, Chaka Khan, Stylistics, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, Temptations, Sugar Hill Gang, Blue Magic and Billy Paul.

They have traveled and performed in such cities and countries as London, England; West Germany, Hamilton, Bermuda; Toronto, Canada; Kingston, Jamaica; Nassau, Bahamas; South America and the U.S., Virgin Isles and many more.

Well recognized for the debonairing, ("always today's look") stage attire, the Delfonics have maintained a style which is uniquely their own. It is often imitated but never really duplicated. Their latest LP is entitled "The Best Of The Delfonics."

Class Magazine Seeks New Cover Girl



Karen Smith

In conjunction with Class Magazine's seventh anniversary, a search is on for a new Cover Girl. Young ladies between 16 and 30 are encouraged to compete for the honor.

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Rare, Collectible Book Sale

Nearly 8,000 rare, collectible and better books will be available at Seattle Goodwill's first two-day book sale at its main store on Rainier S. and S. Dearborn, Saturday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, from noon until 4 p.m.

Items of special mention include a collection of Custerana, a number of illustrated children's volumes, 1947 editions of the Nippon Times and the Tokyo editions of Stars and Strips, and a three volume set of the History of the Ci-

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