

Celebrities

Musicians Mario Dewar Barrett (born August 27, 1986) is an American R&B and pop singer. He is best known for his hit singles "Just a Friend 2002" (2002) and "Let Me Love You" (2004), which won him two Billboard awards, as well as for appearing in the films Step Up and Freedom Writers. His latest album, Go! was released on December 11, 2007 in the United States, but was released in South Africa on October 9, 2007 under Gallo Records. On February 18, 2008, it was announced Mario will be appearing on Season 6 of Dancing with the Stars.

Chingy (born March 9, 1980) is an American hip-hop music artist. His hits date back to 2003 and include: "Right Thurr," "Holidae In," "One Call Away" featuring Jason Weaver, "Balla Baby" and more recently, "Pullin' Me Back" featuring Tyrese, and "Dem Jeans" featuring Jermaine Dupri. He has also taken part in the "Get Low (Remix)" music video. Chingy goes by the logo "G.I.B.", which stands for Git It Boyz. He was on the road from August 6-January 7 and is now in his hometown St. Louis helping his younger cousin Young Spiffy create his debut album, Troublemaka. Spiffy will be the first off his label Slot-A-Lot Records.

Christian Ward (born September 9, 1985) better known by his stage name Yung Berg, is an American rapper from Chicago. His first single was "Sexy Lady" which features R&B singer Junior. Yung Berg had been previously signed to DMX's Bloodline Records as Ice Berg. He is featured on the Exit Wounds soundtrack.

The album is a joint venture between Epic Records and Koch Records and includes guest appearances from Twista, Lil Wayne, Kanye West, Eve, Shawna, Rich Boy, Jim Jones and DMX. The Almost Famous EP was released on July 24, 2007. Yung Berg has announced that Robin Thicke will be featured on his album. Allyson Brooke Hernandez, professionally known as "Ally Brooke", is a 14 year old American pop singer and actress born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. Since her birth at an astonishing 1 pound 14 ounces, Ally has mesmerized fans with her amazing voice in and around San Antonio, TX and Los Angeles, CA. She is currently residing in Los Angeles while working on her debut album with the production camp of 1500 or Nothin. 1500 or Nothin have produced tracks and toured for artists such as Chris Brown, Jay-Z, TI, Snoop Dogg, and Lupe Fiasco among others. A release date for Ally Brooke's album is soon to be determined.

Lyrical hot shot Question is the latest to break through the southern underground into the flow of the mainstream. After building a buzz in his San Antonio hood, Quest has signed with Cinematic / Epic records and proceeds to earn his contract with his latest joint. Some of the highlights are "That Boy Bad", the anthem-esque "Fly Way featuring Eddie B and "Ridin So Slow" featuring the team of Nipsey Hussle, Sean Kingston and Bun B.

J-Mellion was born in Statesboro, Georgia which is approximately 180 miles southeast of Atlanta and 50 miles northwest of Savannah. My grandmother raised me and our relationship is written on my track, "Die for You to Live". I presently reside in San Antonio, Texas where I write and record my life story. My plan is to provide scholarships, in honor of my grandmother, to students in my hometown who desire to attend college but do not have the financial resources. These students will be required to write a three page essay on why the elderly are important to our community. While my grandmother is no longer with me on earth she remains my deepest love, she was my best friend, and my biggest supporter, regardless, of how good or how bad. Thank you grandma!

Released first official Black Wall Street mixtape, "Death Certificate" which was nominated for Four categories; including Hip Hop Mixtape of the year, West Coast mixtape of the year, Best West Coast Artist, and Best Underground artist Eddie B, was born in Detroit, raised in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Columbus, Ohio, in November 2002. A born performer and songwriter, Eddie was a member of his high school choir and learned his stage craft in groups like Tone Deep, Syncere, Project Soul and Woodgrain. His list of influences draw from all quarters of American musical history: old school jazz, country, rock, pop, hip-hop, and R&B with particular props to Michael Jackson, 112, Boyz II Men, New Edition, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Usher, Donny Hathaway, and the Temptations. "I love to dance," Eddie admits, "and do a little acting. I'm also into sports and love meeting new people."

Grammy Award winning producers and rap duo Play-N-Skillz consist of brothers, Juan "Play" and Oscar "Skillz" Salinas who hail from Irving, Texas. They have been gaining heavy recognition as A-list producers having worked with some of the top names in the industry including 50 Cent, Pitbull, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Hilary Duff, Slim Thug, Nina Sky and Lil' Flip to name a few. Play-N-Skillz reached the pinnacle of their producing success in the summer of 2006 when they produced and co-wrote Chamillionaire's Hip-hop anthem "Ridin" (Dirty) which became the most requested song of the year soaring to the top of the urban, hip-hop and mainstream radio charts as well as became the biggest selling ringtone of all time selling over 4 million ringtones. "Ridin" (Dirty) was certified by the RIAA as the first multi-platinum Mastertone in history and earned Play-N-Skillz a GRAMMY.

From the bleeding blocks with countless volumes of his chopped and screwed mixtapes to wrecking flows beside Hip-Hop heavyweights like CHAMILLIONAIRE, BUN B and Sean Kingston to laying down trunk-rattling production behind the boards, Houston-born rapper/DJ/producer KYLE Lee is the Lone Star State's best kept secret.

Actors/Other Celebs

Karina Smirnoff (Russian: Карина Смирнова) is a world champion professional dancer from Kharkiv, Ukraine. She is a five-time U.S. National Champion, World Trophy Champion, and Asian Open Champion. She was a performer on the third season of the ABC series *Dancing with the Stars* with celebrity partner Mario López. On October 16th, 2007, Karina and Floyd were the fourth couple eliminated from competition. She returned for season 6, partnered with singer Mario. Status Quo is a finalist for MTV's 2008 reality talent search *Randy Jackson Presents: America's Best Dance Crew*; where hip-hop dance groups from all over US compete for the prize money and for the opportunity to be given a touring contract. On Disney Channel's breakout hit *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, actor Adrian R'Mante plays quirky but lovable "Esteban", the earnest Latino bellboy who came to the United States with dreams of playing baseball and now dreams of managing the hotel in which he works. Possessing the rare combination of superb comedic instincts, a flare for drama, and leading man looks, R'Mante has developed a deep fan base and a wide array of opportunities before him. The enormous worldwide popularity of the show, which also airs Saturday mornings on ABC, has made "Esteban" a household name and R'Mante beloved as a lead member of the ensemble cast.

Graduated from Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, Texas, before attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in literature. He also spent two terms at Oxford University in England, UK, researching British literature and poetry.

Nick has played roles on *The O.C.*, *Resurrection Blvd*, *That 70s Show*, *Dharma & Greg*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Ugly Betty*, *Ghost Whisperer*, and *American Family*. Nick has had film roles in *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid*, *Spun*, *Behind Enemy Lines II: Axis of Evil*, *Scenes of the Crime*, and *Marco Polo: Return to Xanadu*.

Paige Hurd currently plays the role of "Tasha" on the CW hit show *Everybody Hates Chris*. She has also appeared in television series including *ER*, *Felicity*, *Medium* and *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*. Her films include *The Cat in the Hat*, *Cradle 2 the Grave* with rapper DMX, *Virginia* as well as her role as Vanessa in the 2005 film *Beauty Shop* alongside Queen Latifah.

She has appeared in national magazines working as an editorial and swimsuit model. She debuted in a lead role in the television show "It's a Miracle" as well as the soap operas "Passions" and "The Young and the Restless." She was recently cast in a Paul Reiser Pilot for CBS as the wife of Omar Benson Miller (*Things We Lost In the Fire*, *8 Mile*, and *Shall We Dance*). Temple also has a few independent films under her belt including "The Hustle" and "Hip Hop 2000" along with a collection of shorts that have been previewed at several film festivals around the country. You might have seen Temple in a few television commercials, as well, including a Time Warner Cable national commercial that is currently running. Temple has also done a voice-over radio ad and a print ad for the Time Warner Cable company. You can also catch this starlet-on-the-rise in other print ads for Verizon Wireless, X-Box Live and Bank of America and on the cover of romance novels in your local book store. Tequan landed his first pilot for CBS a very short time after arriving in Los Angeles. He starred in an Aaron Spelling Production entitled "The Law and Mr. Lee" playing the grandson (Andre Lee) to Danny Glover (Henry Lee). Tequan's greatest career accomplishment has been playing the role of "Drew Rock" as a series regular in the hit television comedy "Everybody Hates Chris," as in *Rock*. Chris Rock narrates and produces this hilarious half-hour show on the CW Network. The show also stars Tichina Arnold (*Martin*, *One on One*) and Terry Crews (*The Longest Yard* and *White Chicks*).

Samuels does voiceover work for Bill Cosby's animated show, *Fatherhood*, on *Nick at Nite*. In 2006, she appeared in the movie *Bring It On: All or Nothing*, the third *Bring It On* movie. She has also appeared as an extra in *Raven-Symoné's "Backflip"* video and in the 2007 film *Freedom Writers*. She also has appeared in the movie *Christmas At Water's Edge*. In July 2007, she began appearing as a recurring character on *The Suite Life of Zack & Cody* as Nia Moseby, niece of Marion Moseby. On the show she worked as a candy-counter girl, taking the place of Maddie Fitzpatrick, Ashley Tisdale, while Maddie was in Antarctica. When Maddie returns, she gets into a fight with Nia because Maddie wants her job back. Diana Chaloux is WNSO (World Natural Sports Organization) Pro Athlete and the FAME Pro Fitness Model North American Champion. Diana is the owner of *Destined 2 Be Fit* based in San Antonio, TX, she is a certified personal trainer through ACE/AFAA/FPI, lifestyle management nutrition manager, wellcoach fitness coach, published fitness columnist and host of "Fit Dreams Come True with Diana Chaloux" featured on *bodybuilding.com*. Diana is a member of the WNSO advisory board and is also the promotor for FAME camps, events and sports expos held in Texas.

NFL Athletes

Clark was selected by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the seventh round of the 2000 NFL Draft. In four seasons with the Jaguars, Clark played in 61 games, starting 27, and saw action both at linebacker and on special teams. Clark was the second leading tackler on the Jaguars for the 2002 NFL season, during which he started all 16 games.

In 2004, Clark became a full-time starter at linebacker with the Raiders, having joined the team as a free agent during the prior offseason. In 2005, Clark finished second on the Raiders in tackles with 113. He was released by the Oakland Raiders prior to the 2006 season and signed with the Saints, whom he played for one year before signing with Houston

in 2007. Bell was drafted 41st overall in the 2004 NFL Draft, after attending Oklahoma State University for four years and finishing sixth on the school's all-time career rushing yards list. He debuted with the Denver Broncos in 2004, and led all AFC rookie running backs in rushing yards. In 2005 he was the second part of a dual running back system with Mike Anderson and rushed for 920 yards.

A First round NFL Draft selection of the Oakland Raiders (pick 23 in 2005). Fabian was in All-Big 12 selection in each of his three seasons at the University of Nebraska. Fabian recorded 145 career tackles (97 solos) with seven stops for losses of 15 yards, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. He also intercepted 11 passes and broke up another 38 in his three-year career, placing him fourth in Nebraska history in both categories. In his first season Fabian Washington played all 16 games and recorded 40 tackles. In his second season with the Raiders, Washington played 14 games, had 43 tackles, 4 interceptions and helped Oakland to 3rd overall defense and 1st in pass defense. While having Randy Moss as a teammate for two years, Fabian Washington picked on him in First Team offense versus First team defense scrimmages. He recorded 11 picks while covering Randy Moss in practice on September 17th, 2006.

Ndukwe Dike "N. D." Kalu (born August 3, 1975 in Baltimore, Maryland) is an American football defensive end for the Houston Texans of the National Football League. He was originally drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the fifth round of the 1997 NFL Draft. He played college football at Rice.

Kalu has also played for the Washington Redskins in his career.

Leroy Hill, Jr. (born September 14, 1982 in Haddock, Georgia) is an American football linebacker for the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL. He played high school football in Milledgeville, GA for the Baldwin High School Braves. He was selected with the 34th pick of the third round of the 2005 NFL Draft out of Clemson University. Injuries to starting veteran linebacker Jamie Sharper put him into the starting lineup in his rookie year, and he did very well, totaling 72 tackles and 7.5 sacks from the outside linebacker position. He and rookie middle linebacker Lofa Tatupu were two of the biggest contributors to the 2005 Seahawks squad that went to Super Bowl XL.

Ovie was selected on the 134th overall pick (4th round) of the 2003 NFL Draft. The choice was a compensatory pick. He is the 2nd FB (1st was Steve Lee in the 6th round, 1997), and the 1st Wake Forest player selected in Baltimore's franchise history. Ovie is one of the biggest fullbacks in the NFL and known for being a power blocker with the ability to pick up the blitz, plus have good hands out of the backfield and shows skills as a special team's ace.

NBA Athletes

Humphries was drafted by the Jazz in 2004 as the 14th pick. He spent two seasons with the Jazz, averaging 3.6 ppg and 2.7 rpg in 11.6 minutes per game. On June 8, 2006, Humphries was traded along with Robert Whaley to the Raptors in exchange for Rafael Araújo. In the 2006–07 season, after a slow start in which he did not receive many minutes from Raptors coach Sam Mitchell, Humphries proved to be a valuable rebounder and energy player and contributed to the Raptors capturing their first ever division title. On March 28, 2007, he grabbed seven offensive rebounds in 27 minutes against the Miami Heat, both a game-high and a career-high. He followed up this performance with nine offensive and 18 total rebounds in a win against the Detroit Pistons on 13 April 2007, again both game and career-highs. Humphries concluded his inaugural season with the Raptors with a career-high 3.1 rpg and .470 field goal percentage, as well as 3.8 ppg.

Joseph (Joey) Graham (born June 11, 1982 in Wilmington, Delaware) is an American professional basketball Toronto Raptors of the NBA. After a stellar senior year at Oklahoma State University in which he showed incredible athleticism and the ability to take control of a game while playing for the Cowboys, he was selected 16th overall in the 2005 NBA Draft by the Toronto Raptors.

Joey started his rookie season as a Raptors starter, playing as small forward and was given difficult tasks such as guarding much more experienced players such as Vince Carter, Antawn Jamison, Tayshaun Prince, and LeBron James. After five games, he was moved out of the starting lineup and replaced by the 5-year Raptors veteran, Morris Peterson. Stephen "Stevie" Graham (born June 11, 1982, in Wilmington, Delaware) is an American professional basketball player for the Indiana Pacers of the NBA, with whom he signed in July 2007. After playing college basketball through his senior year, including two years with the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Stephen Graham has a fraternal twin brother, Joey, a Toronto Raptors player, who was chosen in 2005 NBA Draft with the 16th overall pick by the Raptors. The two played on the same team throughout their college careers. Both Graham brothers graduated from college with degrees in aviation management and are licensed pilots.

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