

The Guy Groups



The Four Tops

* One of Motown's most consistent groups and longest lived lineup without any personnel change, together for over 40 yrs.



* Most notable was lead singer Levi Stubbs who went on to be a very influential artist within Motown

* Same members from 1953-1997

* 1964 *Baby I Need Your Loving*

* From 1964-1972 The Four Tops had over 30 hit songs

* 1965 *I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey)*

* 1965 *Same Old Song*



* Like other Motown groups used a lot of choreography and dance moves

* 1966 *Reach Out, I'll Be There*

* 1967 *Standing In The Shadows of Love*

The Miracles

* Started off as The Matadors

* Became Motown first successful group

* Most influential member was lead singer Smokey Robinson

* 1959-1978 they twenty six hits with four R&B #1 hits



* Spent a couple of years working on their choreography

* 1960 *Shop Around*

* Early 60's The Miracles were Motown's most popular group and became the first Motown group to perform on Dick Clark's *American Bandstand*



* 1962 *You've Really Got I Hold On Me*

* In the early years of Motown Smokey Robinson was involved in most of the songwriting not just for The Miracles but for most Motown acts

* 1965 *Ohh Baby Baby*

* 1965 The Miracles became Smokey Robinson & The Miracles after Claudette Rogers stopped touring with the group



* 1967 *I Second That Emotion*

* 1970 *Tears of a Clown*

* Smokey Robinson & The Miracles influenced a lot of groups outside of Motown, including the Beatles (John Lennon said Smokey was his favorite songwriter)

The Temptations

* Started as The Elgins and sometimes called The Temps

* Were considered THE male group of the 1960's

* Like Smokey Robinson, they were also influential



* 1964 *The Way You Do The Things You Do*

* 1965 *My Girl*



* By 1967 there was friction between lead singer David Ruffin and the rest of the group, Griffin was fired and replaced

* 1965 *Aint Too Proud To Beg*

* The Temptations were the ultimate showmen, their live performances were considered very entertaining due to their choreography

* 1969 *I Can't Get Next To You*

* 1970 *Ball of Confusion*

* The Temptations had hits into the 1970's

* They are still touring today with one original Temptation still in the group (also Mr. Chavez has backed them up!)


