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'N SYNC

The five young men who make up 'N Sync came from all over the U.S. to form a band in Orlando, FL that then became an overnight sensation in Germany. Confused? You needn't be. JC, Joey, Justin, Lance and Chris have come together, with a self-titled debut RCA Records album. The record, originally released on BMG Ariola Munich, was produced by several top-name producers, including dancemeister Denniz Pop (Ace of Base, 3T, Robyn), and has already sported two giant smashes. The anthemic pop-soul of "I Want You Back" went Gold in both Europe and the United States. The dance-floor pulse of "Tearin' Up My Heart," their latest release, is one of the most played songs at Top 40 radio this summer. In August, with the help of their first hour long television special, 'N Sync In Concert, on the Disney Channel, 'N Sync's debut album earned Platinum status and entered the Top 10 on Billboard's charts.

The group's roots are based in the Orlando meeting of Washington DC born "JC" Chazez, and Memphis, TN native Justin Timberlake on the set of the Disney Channel show, "Mickey Mouse Club." After the show ended, JC and Justin found themselves in Nashville at the same time working with the same vocal coach and writers, but on separate solo projects. Justin was then called back to Orlando, where he hooked up with Pittsburgh, PA expatriate Chris Kirkpatrick. The trio then met New Yorker Joey Fatone in a local Orlando club. The four would go out clubbing where their slick dance-floor moves had everyone wanting to know what group they were in.

Thus inspired, the quartet decided to form a band and started looking for a bass voice. Through Justin's vocal coach in Tennessee, the group hooked up with blonde-haired, green-eyed, 18-year-old Clinton, Mississippi crooner James Lance Bass AKA Lance, who fit right in with his characteristic basso profundo. The bandmates may have come from all over, but Justin, Chris, JoeY, LansteN (Lance's occasional nickname) and JC discovered immediately they were 'N Sync.



TOP 10 MOVIES THIS WEEK

- 1 Forces of Nature
- 2 Analyze This
- 3 True Crime
- 4 Baby Geniuses
- 5 Cruel Intentions
- 6 The King & I
- 7 The Rage: Carrie 2
- 8 The Corruptor
- 9 Shakespeare In Love
- 10 The Deep End of the Ocean

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