

"An Evening at the Tiffany"

# The Voice

## Dennis Edwards *The Sixth Temptation*

20 year history as lead singer for the legendary Temptations, Dennis Edwards is one of the most talented and gifted singers of our time. Born on February 3, 1943 the son of a preacher man, Rev. Dennis Edwards, Sr. He began singing at the age of two (2) at his father's church. By 1961 he had formed his own group called Dennis Edwards & The Fireballs. Later in 1966 he joined the Contours (age 12).

Edwards' career with The Temptations began in 1968- David Ruffin's first replacement, and so did a long line of #1 hits for the Temptations. Utilizing his unique style and smooth delivery he became known as one of the most influential vocal singers in the history of R & B music.

His guest appearances on Johnny Carson, Ed Sullivan, Soul Train, The Joan Rivers Show, The Merv Griffin Show, Midnight Special, Solid Gold, BET, Motown's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Oprah Winfrey show and the Arsenal Hall shows are just a some of the many special appearances Dennis has made in his 35 year career.

While performing with the Temptations Dennis received fourteen Gold Albums, Five (5) Grammy's and Seven (7) Grammy nominations. He was also inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame & Museum in 1988. The first Music Hall of Fame induction and awards show was in 1985, and shows have been held every other year since that time in Birmingham Alabama.

Dennis Edwards' music has traveled with many generations, selling well over 100 million recordings. Some of most familiar hits include... *Cloud Nine, A Song for You, Masterpiece, Why did she Leave me, Ball of Confusion, Can't Get Next to You, Aphrodisiac, Poppa was a rolling Stone My Girl, Get Ready, Take a Look at you and Psychedelic Shack.*

The Florissant Mr. Edwards is the most recognized former Temptation around. After leaving the group permanently in 1988 he scored a big solo hit "Don't Look any further" recorded with the cooperative efforts of Siedah Garret. Dennis Edwards' group including his life long friends David Ruffin and Eddie Kendrick's [the three most recognized Temptation vocals/began touring around Europe and abroad as the "Temptin Temptations" who recorded Four hit albums. On his own he added to his well developed musical virtuosity with his hit albums ~ *Dennis Edwards, Cooling Out, Talk to Me and Aphrodisiac.*

The temptations reunited at the Fisher Theatre in 1990 in Detroit. The lineup included Dennis Edwards, David Ruffin Eddie Kendrick's, Otis Williams,

Melvin Franklin, Richard Street and Glenn Leonard [Paul Williams was not available for the reunion.

There have been many "Temptations" over the years. In fact, ever since the group's inception back in 1961, some of the greatest voices in popular music have found a home in The Temptations. Some of the names include: *Ricky Owens, Terry Weeks, Louis Price, Damon Harris, Richard Street, Ron Tyson, Ali Ollie Woodson, Theo Peoples, Nate Evans and Chris Arnold*

In the late eighties and early nineties, the group, suffering from internal disputes, management problems and above all the tragic passing away of all, but *one* of the original lead singers ~ Dennis

Edwards ~ it looked as though an era had come to an end. The totally unexpected deaths of his closest group members and friends, David Ruffin in 1992 and Eddie Kendrick in 1993, left Dennis Edwards alone - alone with a deep rooted sense of responsibility to keep the spirit of the Temptations alive. ~ A promise he made to Eddie James Kendrick's upon his passing.

Edwards had gone through the Temptation years as a very young man with a very big future. Now, he is thoroughly well rounded in his vocal artistry and stage talents. He is still a very bright and energetic star and continues to keep the spirit of the TEMPTATIONS alive. From the wistful, innocent falsetto of Eddie Kendrick to the emotion-charged tenor of David Ruffin to the bottom line bass of group mainstay Melvin Franklin, The Temptations have provided enjoyment and magic memories to generations of fans nationally.

His current list of Temptations include, David Sea ~ David Ruffin's second replacement selected by Eddie Kendrick upon the passing of the late Mr. Ruffin. Mike Patilla, Bernard Gibson, and Steve Harris.

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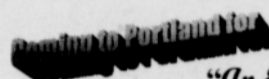
### The Temptation Review featuring Dennis Edwards

Saturday June 5  
2 Shows ~ 6 & 10 Pm  
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## Richard Leo Johnson



Richard Leo Johnson, a self-taught guitarist of Metro Blue will perform at Roseland Grill in Portland, Oregon. In support of his debut record *Fingertip Ship*. He will be performing on May 28 at 9 PM. For more information, call Ellie Sarty at Blue Note Records 212/253-3188 Fax 212/253-3162 or Email at [ellie.sarty@emimusic.com](mailto:ellie.sarty@emimusic.com)



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