

## Embers / Raleigh, North Carolina

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<b>Brief Description</b>	Beach Music's most enduring band has just been wowing audiences for over forty-five years and they don't seem to be slowing down. They continue to turn out great recordings as the genre's standard bearer, <i>I Love Beach Music</i> which was released in 1977 and is their signature song but a rare classic, <i>Watch Out Girl</i> , is included on the book's CD.			
<b>Year Established</b>	1958-Current			
<b>Music Genre/Recordings</b>	<p>R&amp;B <b>Singles:</b> <i>I Love My Baby</i> (1958) Donald King with 4 Juniors (Donald King, Bill Duncan, Simon Dixon, Kenneth Pierce) and Five Jays (Embers) <i>Money, Money, Money, Once In A Blue Moon</i> (1958), Don Smith with 4 Juniors and Five Jays <i>Shimmying In Winter Wonderland, I'm So Lonely</i> (1959), The Swinging Embers featuring Jackie Hamilton (Gore) Embers: <i>In My Lonely, Good Good Lovin'</i> (1964), <i>A Fool In Love, Good All Over</i> (1964), <i>First Time, I Wanna Be (Your Everything)</i> (1964), <i>It Ain't Necessary, Mexican Divorce</i> (1966), <i>Just Crazy Bout You Baby, We've Come A Long Way Together</i> (1967), <i>We've Come A Long Way Together, Wish You Didn't Have To Go</i> (1967), <i>Just Crazy Bout You Baby, Aware of Love</i> (1967), <i>It Ain't No Big Thing, It Ain't Necessary</i> (1967), <i>Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Walk On By</i> (1967), <i>Far Away Places, Watch Out Girl</i> (1969), <i>You Got What You Got, Where Did I Go Wrong</i> (1969), <i>Fast David and The Wolf Pack</i> (instrumental) (1973), <i>I Love Beach Music, Why Did You Leave Me</i> (1979), <i>I Love "Budweiser" Beach Music, Sixty Minute Man, This Bud's For You</i> (1980), <i>I'm</i></p> <p><i>Gonna Do Beautiful Things For You, You Are So Beautiful</i> (1978), <i>Far Away Places, Just Crazy About You Baby</i> (1991), <i>Buckhead Beach-promo</i> (1982), <i>Embers Beach Music Medley 81, Cheaters Never Win</i> (1981), <i>I Love Beach Music, Far Away Places</i> (1992), <i>Embers Beach Medley, Cheaters Never Win</i> (1981), <i>I Can See Clearly Now, Canadian Sunset</i> (1990-Ripete), <i>Brenda, What You Do To Me</i> (1992-Ripete), <i>Cool Me Out, Fool In Love</i> (1983), <i>Blue Decorations, Santa Claus Is Coming To Town</i> (1986), <i>Tribute To The Platters, Glad I Fell In Love (With You)</i> (1983), <i>Watch Out Girl</i> (Stereo-Canada) <i>Just Crazy About You Baby</i> (1992), <i>Far Away Places, Just Crazy About You Baby, Did You Boogie with Your Baby</i> (1995), <i>Dot Com Your Ass</i> (1998), <i>Little Egypt</i> (1999), <b>Albums/CDs:</b> <i>Embers Roll Eleven Live!!</i> (1963), <i>Just For The Birds</i> (1964), <i>Burn You A New One</i> (1967), <i>Live &amp; In Concert</i> (1976), <i>I Love Beach Music</i> (1979), <i>A Landmark Performance Live</i> (1980), <i>This One's For You</i> (1982), <i>25th Anniversary</i> (1983), <i>Vacation Live At The Landmark</i> (1984), <i>Christmas Memories!</i> (1986), <i>Colours</i></p> <p><i>The Heat</i> (1993), <i>Embers Live</i> (1995), <i>Let's Have A Party</i> (1996), <i>String of Pearls</i> (1997), <i>Coca-Cola &amp; Piggly Wiggly Presents</i> (1999), <i>Live At The Sands</i> (2001), <i>With Love</i> (2002), <i>Bluewater-Teaser</i> (2003), <i>Beach Music Super Collaboration</i> (2004).</p>			
<b>Performer</b>	<b>Now Resides</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Years In The Band</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tomlinson, Bobby	Raleigh	Drums	1958-Current	Most consistent performer in Beach Music.
<b>Harrison, Doug</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Saxophone</b>	<b>1958-1960</b>	
Ellis, Blair		Keyboards	1958-1961	
Gore, Jackie	Roxboro	Lead Vocals, Guitar	1958-1994	Long time lead vocalist, heads a group called The All Starz.
Biggers, Foy		Saxophone	1960-1961	From Jetty Jumpers
Norket, Dave		Keyboards	1961-1964	Out by July - Durwood from the Jetty Jumpers.
Reich, Frank		Saxophone	1961-1969	
<b>Carter, Russell</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Keyboards</b>	<b>1962-1963</b>	<b>From Jetty Jumpers</b>
Martin, Durwood		Keyboards	1964-1976	Out 2 Years 68/69 Back in 1970 - Out in 1976 Buck/Dur/John.
Hopkins, Johnny	Raleigh	Trumpet	1967-Current	

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Whitfield, Rick		Keyboards	1968-1969	Black & Blue
Thompson, John		Bass, Vocals	1968-1976	Weejuns, Monzas, Band of Oz, and now Rhythm Brothers.
<b>Holloway, Don</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Saxophone</b>	<b>1969-1970</b>	
Hammer, Mark		Keyboards	1969-1970	Durwood Returns
Rivera, Ray		Vocals	1970-1971	Black & Blue
Brooks, Ray		Trumpet	1970-1971	
Keener, Buck		Trumpet	1970-1976	
Heyward, Larry		Bass	1973-1974	
Strange, Doug		Keyboards	1976-1979	Came from Pyramid band.
Woolard, Criag		Saxophone, Vocals	1976-2003	Solo Artist, came from Pyramid band now with the Craig Woolard band.
Davis, Gerald		Bass, Vocals	1976-Current	Came from Pyramid band.
Barker, Johnny		Keyboards	1980-1991	From Catalinas, wrote <i>Summertime's Calling Me Now</i> with Entertainers.
Hignite, Randy	Greenville, NC	Keyboards	1990-1991	6-month stint
Swindell, Andy	Raleigh	Keyboards	1991-1999	
Jordan, Ron		Guitar	1994-1995	
Hayden, Jeff		Saxophone, Vocals	1994-1996	
Grimes, Jeff	Raleigh	Guitar	1995-Current	Previously with Jimmy Castor Bunch; on six Atlantic albums; influences include Cannonball adderly, Charlie Parker, Arturo S, B.B. King, Larry Carlton, and George Benson.
Black, Mark	Conway, SC	Saxophone, Vocals	1995-2004	
Tripp, Freddy	Charlotte, NC	Keyboards	2001 -2002	
White, Kevin	MyrtleBeach, SC	Keyboards	2002- 2004	
Weaver, Donnie	Rocky Mt, NC	Keyboards, Vocals	2004-2004	Sang lead for O'Kaysions on <i>Girl Watcher</i> .
Free, Wayne			2004-Current	From Swingin' Medallions; ambition: to one day live at Graceland.
Tellier, Jerry		Lead Vocals	Current	Broadway credits include Smokey Joe's Café, Saturday Night Live, and 42nd Street.