

Soulmasters/Danville, Virginia

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Brief Description	Their only recording was thru the local Raven / House of Sound facility in '67. No local airplay came about but a few times they were thrilled to hear " I'll Be Waiting Here " coming through late at night from Nashville, courtesy of John R. at WLAC. Doug's "You Took Away The Sunshine" has a cool intro with John and Jerry name checking each other as well as cutting loose a scream n shout. The title makes for a great hooky chorus with plenty of boost from the band and a full throttle fade has the singers riding it all the way. The Soulmasters carried on before coming to an end during the changing time of 1970. They found "the sound" and we're honored to present it. (Brent Hosier, Arcadia International, Ol' Virginia Soul part 1)Band started out as the Soulmasters based in Eden, North Carolina but after two gigs they became the Sensational Soulmasters and played the fraternity circuit and backed or appeared with Top R&B acts including Arthur Conley I'LL BE WAITING HERE (Disk #7) is a Soulmasters' track that spotlights a splendid vocal performance, and a very nice, well-rounded overall production. www.soulmasters.com			
Year Established	1965-1970			
Favorite Venues	The Soulmasters were for the most part too young to play clubs. In Danville they played the Y, the Coke Plant and the 360 Drive In. Sometimes the group would go out to the Fairgrounds to play at Danceland.			
Music Genre/Recordings	R&B: singles: I'll Be Waiting There/You Took Away The Sunshine (1968) Raven			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Fox, Ricky		Guitar	1965-	Original member
Matthews, Jimmy		Trumpet	1965-	Original member
Scearce, Steve		Guitar	1965-	Original member
Thompson, Brian			1965-	Original member
Wilson, Jerry		Vocals	1965-	Original member
Davis, Larry		Drums	1965-	Original Member
Dickens, Ernie		Bass	1966-	Formerly the band leader for Majors
Hyler, Doug		Sax	1965-1968	Original member, Later Men of Soul
Womble, Wayne		Organ	1965-1968	Original member, produced "I Gotta Get Back To The Beach" in 1998
Irby, John		Vocals	1965-1969	Original Member
Barksdale, James		Trumpet	1966-	
Sheppard, Dennis		Trumpet	1966-	
Walton, Junie		Sax	1966-	From The Majors
Farr, Marvin		Sax	1968-	
Hairston, Charles		vocal	1968-	
Irving, Eddie		Sax	1968-	
Parrish, "Crazy" George			1968-	From The Majors
Matthewson, Tommy		Sax	1968-1970	From The Majors, later Backstreet
Crowder				
Gentry, Charles		Guitar		

Woodall, Lonnie		Guitar		