

Tempests / Charlotte, North Carolina

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Brief Description	The band was founded by the Branch brothers, Roger and Mike — lead vocalist Mike Williams excels on the track that opened the door for the group's success — Hazel Martin's addition to the act ushered in their greatest era of prosperity, yielding classic recordings like "Would You Believe", "Long Live Our Love" and "Someday". The Tempests figured prominently in defining the Carolina Beach scene and became significant players in the overseas Northern Soul market, a nice legacy indeed. Included on the Heeey Baby Days companion series are two cuts. On CD # 2, listen to "Love Have Mercy" and on CD # 8, listen to "A Place Where We Can Be Free", an unreleased 1972 gem with major writing, arranging and production from New Orleans mega-talent, Allen Toussaint			
Year Established	1963-1974			
Favorite Venues	T&T balls (Tams & Tempests)			
Music Genre/Recordings	Singles: Would You Believe / You Are The Star I Wish On (1967) Smash What You Gonna Do / Can't Get You Out Of My Mind (1967) Smash Long Live Our Love / In The (Cold Light Of Day) (1968) Out Of My Life / The Way To A Man's Heart (1968) Albums/CDS: Would You Believe 1968			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Kojas, Manly		Drums	1963-	
Hamilton, Sidney		Vocals	1963-	
Baker, Karl		Vocals	1963-	
Lynch, Bill	Charlotte	Trumpet	1963-1965	
Alexander, Ray	Las Vegas	Trumpet	1963-1965	
Butt, Jim	Lincolnton, NC	Trumpet	1963-1967	
Branch, Roger	New Orleans	Guitar	1963-1975	
Schurm, Gerald	Lincolnton, NC	Saxophone	1964-1967	
Branch, Mike	Deceased	Keyboards	1964-1975	
Williams, Mike	Charlotte	Vocals	1965-	
Smith, Ronnie	Charleston, SC	Trumpet	1965-1966	
White, Rick			1965-1967	
Brawley, Tom	Dallas, TX	Saxophone	1965-1967	
Coble, Van	Midland, NC	Bass	1965-1967	
Lemmond, Nelson	Charlotte	Drums	1965-1968	
Martin, Hazel	Deceased	Vocals	1966-1968	
Adams, Otis		Vocals	1967-	
West, Bruce		Vocals	1973-	
Mason, Nan		Vocals	1974-	
Scott, Jim				
Farr, Bobby				
Smith, Creed				

Grimes, Eddie	Charlotte	Trumpet		
McPherson, Bill	Rock Hill, SC	Trumpet		
Reavia, David				