

The Tropics/Bradenton, Florida

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Brief Description	This Tampa Bay area Rock N Roll band made frequent forays into Georgia where they almost always received a great reception. In the early days, the Tropics were more Soul Music oriented, even had a couple of horn players but that all changed in 1966 when they won an international Battle of the Bands. Charlie Souza has reformed a band called the New Tropics. Check them out at www.charliesouza.com .			
Year Established	1962-1970			
Favorite Venues				
Music Genre/Recordings	Roll/ Singles : I Want More/Goodbye My Love (1965), You Better Move/It's You I Miss (1966), For A Long Time/Black Jacket Woman(1966) Time/As Time's Gone (1967) This Must Be The Place/Summertime Blues-Land Of A 1000 Dances (1967) Groovy Christmas/Toy Soldier (1968) Tired of Waiting/Talkin' About Love (1969)			
Performer	Now Resides	Instrument	Years In The Band	Notes
Dryer, Mel		Vocals	1962-1970	The Tropics started out as a seven piece band featuring horns and heavy R&B, but after the Beatles exploded on the scene, they turned to rock, won International battle of bands in 1966
Pendergrass, Buddy	Deceased	Guitar	1962-1967	Band Founder
Hinkle, Spencer		Drums	1962-1965	To Soul Trippers, the Noah's Ark
Guida, Wayne		Trumpet	1962-1964	
Ferrer, Ronnie		Saxophone	1962-1964	
Turner, Eric		Guitar	1965-1970	
Souza, Charlie		Bass	1965-1970	www.charliesouza.com ; went on to play with many big acts
Shea, Bobby		Drums	1965-1970	
Sexton, Marge		Manager		
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