

Boyz II Men Motown: A Journey Through Hitsville, USA

Hailed by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) as the most commercially successful R&B group of all time, Boyz II Men return with their first public television special, **BOYZ II MEN MOTOWN: A JOURNEY THROUGH HITSVILLE, USA**. Recorded at The House of Blues in Atlantic City, NJ during the trio's 2008 World Tour in support of their album *Motown: A Journey Through Hitsville USA* (co-produced by Randy Jackson of "American Idol"), the concert features wall-to-wall hits, including Marvin Gaye's "Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)," The Miracles' "The Tracks of My Tears," The Temptations' "Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)," and the Commodores' "Easy." The special also features Boyz II Men classics "End of the Road" and "Motownphilly."

Down through the decades, the stars and songs of Motown Records have been the subject of countless tributes and cover versions recordings. But few of these homages have displayed the level of vocal artistry or the faithfulness to the sound and spirit of the originals that Boyz II Men capture on their new public TV special. "Our approach was not to taint or take away from the integrity of the original records," explains Shawn Stockman, "but to add a little thing, here or there, and put our Boyz II Men flavor on it...We wanted to pay tribute to an era that had such a major influence on our sound." The four-time Grammy Award-winning group was originally signed to Motown Records in 1991, and their first single – the million-selling "Motownphilly" (No. 4 R&B/No. 3 Pop) – was a tip of the musical hat to the soul music production centers of Detroit and Philadelphia. "We took everything from *before* and brought it up to *now*," says Nathan Morris, "just to let everyone know that we haven't forgotten it."

Nathan Morris, Wanya Morris and Shawn Stockman are the three unstoppable members of Boyz II Men. Having sold an estimated 60 million recordings in a spectacular career that enters its seventeenth year in 2008, Boyz II Men continue to energize audiences all over the world, and are sure to win over public television audiences nationwide with **BOYZ II MEN MOTOWN: A JOURNEY THROUGH HITSVILLE, USA**.

Song List

"The Tracks of My Tears" (originally performed by The Miracles)
"Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me)" (originally performed by The Temptations)
"Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)" (originally performed by Marvin Gaye)
"War" (as performed by Edwin Starr)
"Money (That's What I Want)" (originally performed by Barrett Strong)
"It's The Same Old Song/Reach Out I'll Be There" (originally performed by The Four Tops)
"Easy" (originally performed by the Commodores)
"End of the Road"
"Motownphilly"

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