

Biography for “Dance Legend”

MARTHA WASH

The voice behind the massive #1 Pop Hit songs:

“It’s Raining Men”

“Sweat” (Everybody Dance Now)

“Strike It Up”

“Everybody, Everybody”

Martha's voice has dominated the airwaves, and her charisma and spirit has embraced millions of people around the world. She is responsible for some of the top-selling, most recognizable pop hits of the 80s and 90s. "it's Raining Men", the cult pop classic, is still heard everywhere... the radio, movies, commercials, TV. "Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)" was the highlight of C&C Music Factory's career, and sold 5 1/2 million copies worldwide. Black Box's Dreamland featured four #1 Billboard Dance singles and three Top 40 hits including "Strike It Up", a single that continues to receive massive airplay and is still heard at every NFL and NBA game everywhere! All of the above have achieved major success and all have one common denominator – Martha Wash. She is the heart and soul of dance music. "Martha Wash "The Collection": was released in January 1998 on Logic Records/BMG, honors her timelessness and her renowned presence that has been instrumental in shaping popular music as we hear it today.

The highlights of Martha Wash's career create a colorful history, telling the story of dance and pop music from the days of disco to the present. She has toured and performed with the world's top entertainers. In addition to her work with countless superstars, and Martha's projects with Black Box and C&C Music Factory, she was half of the magnificent duo Two Tons Of Fun, which evolved into the Weather Girls with the release of "it's Raining Men".

"it's Raining Men" hit BIG worldwide. "Martha Wash "The Collection" reintroduces the legendary hit, reproduced 90's-style guest-starring larger-than-life media personality RuPaul. "Strike It Up" has also been re-recorded especially for this album. "Sweat", which helped the duo Cole/Civiles (C&C Music Factory) sell multi-platinum, is featured on this collection in its original form. All of these hits were turning points in pop music, bringing an underground, club flavor into the mainstream and enduring as classic radio favorites.

"Martha Wash "The Collection" assembles the most significant hits of the era and boasts a set of new songs that span the realms of dance, pop, R&B, and gospel. In addition to the aforementioned titles, the album features: "Taking Away Your Space",

which was written especially for her by the late Sylvester and "it's True I Do" which was recorded while she was part of Two Tons Of Fun; the award-winning duet with Jocelyn Brown "Keep On Jumpin'" from Todd Terry Presents Ready For A New Day, "Taking Over" also from C&C Music Factory's last album; and from her self-titled RCA album, "Carry On", "Give It To You", and Martha's personal favorite, "Someone Who Believes In You". The Collection's highlights are three brand new recordings produced especially for this album: the inspirational "God Bless The Road" featuring an extraordinary gospel choir; the glorious anthem "Catch The Light" produced by the power west coast duo Richard 'Humpty' Vission and Pete Lorimer; and the passionate "Come", blending African rhythms with the power and heart of club music. The new "Strike It Up" is produced by Jim Papoulis, and "it's Raining Men...The Sequel", "God Bless The Road", and "Come", were all produced by the maestro Gary "The Headman" Haase.

Martha Wash began her musical career at the age of two in her parents' church in her native San Francisco. She went on to study opera and tour Europe while still in high school. Martha became part of a contemporary gospel group called N.O.W. (News Of The World). This mix of classical and gospel training and experience accounts for her seemingly effortless transition, from ballads to dance music to pop. In addition to her vast career in pop music, Martha has also starred in major theater productions, and has recorded numerous jingles and movie soundtracks (Kiss Me Guide, First Wives Club, Mighty Ducks, Gun Ho).

Martha Wash "The Collection" is the perfect presentation of her varied talent, which has been called her "twelve different voices". The importance of this collection rests on the fact that this is the first time all of her great multi-platinum hits are featured on one album, proudly boasting the voice and now the name. Martha will also take to the stage to promote Martha Wash "The Collection": keeping close to her millions of fans around the world.

Martha lives in Baldwin, NY