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KIPPER
JONES



BIO



Kipper Age 3 (1965)



Brian Holland, Kipper, Eddie Holland (1991)



TEASE Promotional Image (1983)

When a singer/songwriter/entertainer almost single handedly drives 90s R&B to a new level finds himself the Ringmaster of one of the most powerful R&B/Soul homage bands in the country, what's a guy to do? Start recording Dance Music, of course. That's just what R&B/Soul music legend, Kipper Jones, (songwriter of hits like "I Wanna Be Down", and "Baby" for Brandy, "The Right Stuff" and "The Comfort Zone" for Vanessa Williams", "Never Too Busy" for Kenny Lattimore, and much more), is doing! Releasing his new EP "Trip the Soul Fantastic," the L.A. bred, Atlanta based, Jones is reimagining Soul classics with his signature style and groove.

Kipper's career is a timeline through the history of modern black music, from performing and recording as part of the venerable R&B outfit TEASE, as well as working with an eclectic, multi-generational collection of musicians including Anita Baker, Teddy Pendergrass, Darius Rucker, Teena Marie, Eric Clapton, Lauryn Hill and Sly Stone.

Although hailed by the L.A. Times as, "...one of the best kept secrets in Soul", Kipper is no longer just an entertainer. Kipper has become a very respected activist and educator who hosts his own webcast called "Know Better with Kipper Jones," among his many other socially conscious endeavors. All while completing his degree in Music Business at Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music. For Kipper, "Soul" isn't just about the music, it truly is about the soul of a people.

**"In this life there's people
we belong to from the
day you're born..."**

From "Consider Me Yours"
(Lyrics by Kipper Jones)

SONGWRITER

113

REGISTERED SONGS
WRITTEN

SELECTED SONG-OGRAPHY

3

NUMBER 1 SONGS
WRITTEN

"Go Getta" f/ Kenny G (2018)
Artist: Joe Gransden's Big Band

7

TOP 20 SONGS
WRITTEN

"Still" (2012)
Artist: Lenny Williams

14

CHARTED SONGS
WRITTEN

"Never Too Busy" (1996)
Artist: Kenny Lattimore

"I Wanna Be Down" (1994)
Artist: Brandy

"The Comfort Zone" (1991)
Artist: Vanessa Williams

"I'm only brokenhearted,
life's not over. I can start
again..."

From "Brokenhearted"
(Lyrics by Kipper Jones)

ENTERTAINER

Kipper Jones' RnB Circus™

Kipper Jones' RnB Circus™ is a multi-set journey through Kipper's favorite R&B, Funk and Soul hits. Kipper, as the circus Ringmaster, takes the audience on a musical journey that brings smiles to all who attend. Kipper Jones' RnB Circus™ is perfect for any corporate party, wedding or club where audiences want a party expertly presented.

QUOTES:

"Kipper Jones at the mic and the rest of the crew were totally 'dance in your seat' fabulous."

"...wear your dancing shoes and warm up your vocals for Uncle Kippaaaahh aka Kipper Jones and the RnB Circus."



Respect Yourself: The Music of a Movement

Respect Yourself: The Music of a Movement is a one-set musical journey that celebrates the great musical contributions of African-Americans during the Civil Rights Movement. Kipper and the crew cover some of the most important songs from the era. *Respect Yourself* is perfect for fundraisers, school performances or commemorative events around Black American History.

Listen to Kipper on NPR discussing *Respect Yourself*

**"When it's time to get up,
you're gonna know it..."**

From "Freedom Dance"
(Lyrics by Kipper Jones)

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EDUCATOR

"Soul in the Sanctuary"

From the beginning, the church has undoubtedly been the greatest influence on the Black Music experience in the United States. From jazz and rock and roll, to blues, funk, and r&b and beyond, it was the music that was played and heard in churches from coast to coast that influenced the likes of Donny Hathaway, Marvin Gaye, Curtis Mayfield, Al Green, Aretha Franklin, and of course Sam Cooke and Ray Charles. Soul in the Sanctuary is a multimedia presentation (that sometimes is performed as a concert) that explores the history of Soul & R&B music through the influence of the church, specifically performed in the church.



"The Power of a Great Song"

Ever wonder why decades later when we hear the opening of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On" the entire room loses its mind? Or you know that feeling you get when you hear just the guitar intro to "Chain of Fools", and you know Aretha is about to give you that epic performance? That's the power of a great song! It's that combination of performance, and intention. This 45 minute presentation delves into what makes a great song, and how you can create them yourself.

"This Songwriter's Life"

This Songwriter's Life is an interactive workshop that is part the story of Kipper Jones, and also, a lesson on how to be an effective songwriter. Participants are encouraged to work together in a group setting to learn from one another, and build their skills as songwriters.

"If I got a house, you got a room..."

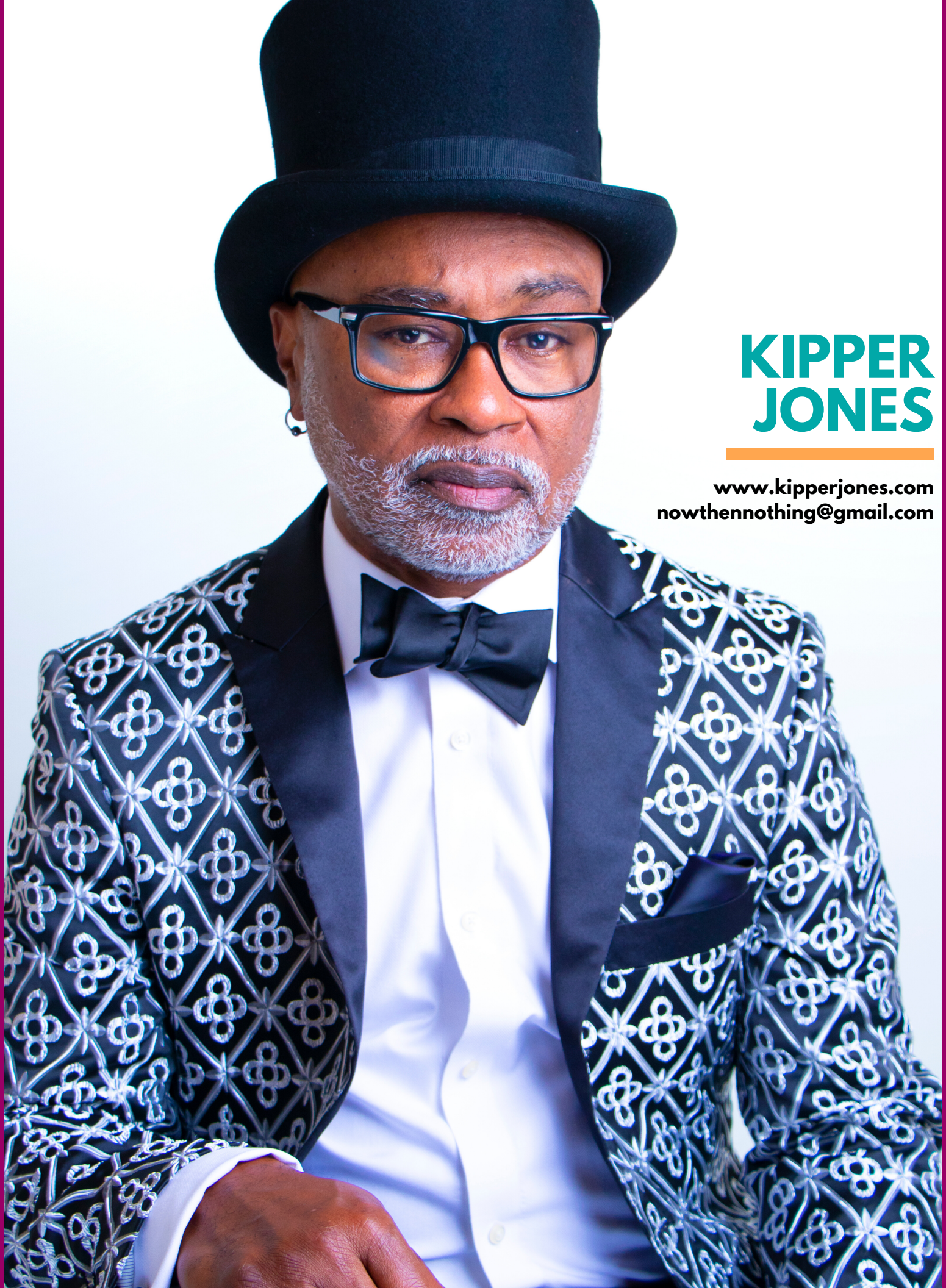
From "Sit Down"
(Lyrics by Kipper Jones)

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