

# ALL THE FACTS

## THE DIXIE MELODY BOYS FACT SHEET

### **Popular Dixie Melody Boys Recordings**

A SEAT IN THE HEAVENLY CHOIR  
VINTAGE  
SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW  
QUARTET CLASSICS  
REQUEST TIME  
HEADING HOME  
LIVE FROM MUSIC CITY  
100% PURE SOUTHERN GOSPEL  
OLD TIME RELIGION  
TRADITIONS & HARMONY  
MASTERPIECE  
NO COMPROMISE  
PRAISE THE LORD LIVE  
DYNAMIC  
ON FIRE  
RIDIN' HIGH  
BACK HOME

### **A Decade of Dixie Melody Boys Hits**

HE'S COMING IN THE CLOUDS- NEW RELEASE  
GOD'S STILL GOD  
I'VE GOTTA CLOUD- TOP 80  
WHEN THE SON OF MY LIFE GOES DOWN- TOP 40  
I'M ONE OF THEM- TOP 40  
ANTIOCH CHURCH CHOIR- TOP 10  
WELCOME HOME- TOP 40  
WHEN I LAY MY BURDENS DOWN- TOP 20  
THIS SIDE OF GRACE- TOP 40  
BACK IN THE GOOD OLE' DAYS- TOP 40  
I'LL BE LIVING THAT WAY- TOP 10  
HEAVEN WILL BE A REALITY- TOP 40  
I WON'T COMPROMISE- TOP 40  
DON'T POINT A FINGER- TOP 10  
I'M FEELING FINE- TOP 20  
THAT'LL BE THE DAY- TOP 40  
HEALING- TOP 40  
GONNA RIDE THAT GLORY CLOUD- TOP 10  
HE SHALL REIGN- TOP 20  
DOUBLE DOSE- TOP 5

### **Recent Dixie Melody Boys Award Nominations & Honors**

ED O' NEAL- INDUCTEE IN SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME- 2004  
ED O' NEAL- MARVIN NORCROSS AWARD RECIPIENT- 2000  
DUSTIN SWEATMAN- TOP 5 FAVORITE HORIZON INDIVIDUAL SINGING NEWS  
FAN AWARDS- 2004  
ED O' NEAL- TOP 10 FAVORITE BASS SINGING NEWS FAN AWARDS- 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997  
FAVORITE BAND- TOP 10 SINGING NEWS FAN AWARDS- 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996

# THE STORY OF THE DIXIE MELODY BOYS

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

### **Ed O' Neal**

For the past four decades, Ed O' Neal has led The Dixie Melody Boys through much success, and in October, 2004, O' Neal was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame. In September, 2000, he was presented the prestigious Marvin Norcross Award for his outstanding contributions to his community and the Southern Gospel Music industry. Under his leadership the group has become one of Southern Gospel Music's most loved and respected quartets. He has received five nominations for Favorite Bass Singer by readers of The Singing News Magazine.

### **Dustin Sweatman**

Joining The Dixie Melody Boys in the summer of 2003, Dustin Sweatman fills the lead vocalist position. Born June 16, 1983 in Atlanta, GA, Dustin possesses a rich musical heritage. His dad, Gerald, has written numerous songs recorded by many Southern Gospel groups, including The Dixie Melody Boys. Following in his father's footsteps, Dustin too has begun to perfect his own songwriting skills. Before joining The Dixie Melody Boys, Dustin sang with his family, as well as Eastern Bound, a group managed by his dad. In 2004, Dustin received a Top Five nomination by readers of The Singing News Magazine for Favorite Horizon Individual.

### **Dan Keeton**

Talented tenor Dan Keeton joined The Dixie Melody Boys in July of 2004. The 35-year old Ashland, KY, native possesses a rich tenor vocal reminiscent of the late, great Rosie Rozell, a Gospel Music legend and Hall of Fame member. In 1998, while attending college, Dan met the young lady of his dreams and the two were married a year later, in June of 1989. For the past eight years, he and his wife, Nancy, have enjoyed a successful musical ministry, and now Dan is thrilled to be a full-fledged member of The Dixie Melody Boys, where he has quickly made new friends. In fact, this year Dan received a Top 10 nomination by readers of The Singing News Magazine for Favorite Horizon Individual.

### **Andrew King**

The newest member of The Dixie Melody Boys is Tenaha, TX, native Andrew King. He officially joined The Dixie Melody Boys on New Year's Eve 2004, and now makes his home in the Eastern North Carolina town of Kinston, home base for The Dixie Melody Boys. King, who is 21 years old and single, formerly sang part-time with his dad and his brother, prior to joining the full-time ranks of Southern Gospel Music. King's energy and smooth vocal ability has already made him extremely popular with long-time fans of this popular quartet.

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## **-Biography-**

Spreading the eternal message of Christ without compromise is the foundation and cornerstone of any career in the ministry of the Gospel. Many talented vocalists and musicians step onto concert stages across the country each week; however, only the faithful and dedicated overcome the pressures of life on the road to delight in the blessings that are reaped by the faithful servant. Ed O' Neal, whose name has been synonymous with Gospel Music for 40 years can certainly be labeled as one of the faithful and dedicated.

O' Neal joined The Dixie Melody Boys in 1961 and became owner and manager of the quartet just a few years later. During the past three decades The Dixie Melody Boys, led by O' Neal have enjoyed tremendous success, including a Grammy nomination and numerous Fan Award nominations from The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. In the realm of personal achievement, a highlight of O' Neal's career came in September of 2000 when he was named recipient of the Marvin Norcross Award, the highest Award in recognition of his long-time service to his community, as well as the Southern Gospel Music industry. Additionally, in October of 2004 he was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed each year to Gospel Music legends.

Over the years, The Dixie Melody Boys have been featured on such popular television programs as The Ralph Emery Show and Primetime Country, They have appeared at Carowinds Theme Park, Six Flags Over Georgia and Dollywood. Southern Gospel radio stations nationwide consistently fill the airwaves with the music of The Dixie Melody Boys. Throughout the past four decades, hit songs have flowed their way in bunches. In fact, they have enjoyed more than 20 Top 40 hits, including eight Top 10 releases.

Present group membership includes O'Neal, who provides the smooth bass vocals. The newest group member, Andrew King provides the solid foundation for the four-part harmony this quartet presents with his exceptional lead vocals. Dustin Sweatman, who hails from Atlanta, GA contributes the pleasing baritone vocals for this popular quartet, while Ashland, KY, native Dan Keeton delivers the rich tenor sound.

The thrill and excitement of performing experienced by each Dixie Melody Boy night after night is most evident at each concert. Their goal of delivering a first-class performance filled with excitement, energy and lots of great traditional, Southern Gospel Music are traits which have proven to play an essential role in the success they have enjoyed. These characteristics, united with their desire to never compromise their responsibility to spread the Gospel through Southern Gospel Music in a Christ-like, professional manner have allowed The Dixie Melody Boys to firmly establish their place at the forefront of Southern Gospel Music.

As The Dixie Melody Boys have found, the miles on the road may sometimes be long, but God continues to bless the hard work of His faithful servants, as He continually offers new excitement with each new endeavor.

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