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Instrumental, gospel/jazz interpretations of traditional contemporary hymns. 11 MP3 Songs EASY LISTENING: Background Music, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: Composing, performing, singing, producing and arranging music, has been a huge part of my life since the age of 7. Studying the "Classics" as well as POPULAR, JAZZ, RHYTHM BLUES and GOSPEL styles has given me an appreciation for all the above. Through the 1960s, I was the organist/pianist choir director at local churches in the TRI-STATE AREA OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY CONNECTICUT. I also performed with local bands and branched out into the secular field of music most notably with a popular Disco group called "ECSTASY, PASSION PAIN" in the 70s. We toured the world behind top 10 billboard hits such as "I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU UP," "GOOD THINGS DON'T LAST FOREVER" and "ASK ME." We performed on stages in NEW YORK CITY at the APOLLO, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, FELT FORUM. We also did T.V. dance shows such as "SOUL TRAIN," "GENE WOODS" and "MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW," both out of PHILADELPHIA. After touring SOUTH AFRICA with "THE DRIFTERS" we also did cumulative shows with "EARTH, WIND FIRE," "KOOL THE GANG," "SPINNERS," "JAMES BROWN," "IKE TINA TURNER," "O'JAYS," "BLUE MAGIC," "STYLISTICS," "JONESES" and many other popular groups of that era. In 1978 I was appointed VICE-PRESIDENT OF DEBBIE RECORDS located 132 1/2 VREELAND AVE. IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY. Samuel Robinson was the PRESIDENT OF THIS SMALL INDEPENDENT LABEL..We recorded Lee McDonald on an ALBUM entitled "SWEET MAGIC" which was not released until 1981 on the same label. I was then appointed PRESIDENT/CEO of TRACE BACK PUBLISHING in 1981. This company was then owned by Samuel Robinson. TRACE BACK was the publishing arm of our label DEBBIE RECORDS. I had already established my own publishing company in 1980 RON FOSTER PUBLISHING and also my own Recording/Production company known as RONFO MUSIC ART. My

work is involved with helping local bands and singers record and assisting them with arranging and producing on their own projects. The Art part of my company is artwork for children, BOOKS, INVENTIONS, GAMES that deal with inspirational and humanitarian themes. The thing most taught and learned by me through my musical journey is that, "Success in any career is not just learning information and skills of a given profession but one has to be able to support others and try to understand the people that one is working with. My mother taught me to always respect others and to make sure that I make an honest attempt at seeing things through the eyes of others even though I may have a different opinion or did not agree. She told me to keep God as the Head of my life and always place Him at the Root of all my business and personal dealings. I've put together a few CDs that express some of that Love and inspiration that I've been talking about. The theme of most of the songs is "PEACE and UNITY." I've tried to use all the Gifts that God has placed in my hands by doing this kind of project. My hope is that you will be blessed by listening and enjoying it as much as I did by doing it. RONALD A. FOSTER P.O. BOX 322 PARK STATION PATERSON, NJ 07543-0322(973)278-5439 E-MAIL ronfo1@junoFAX # (973)569-3533

PROFESSION: MUSICIAN/TEACHER BACKGROUND/EXPERIENCE: 1963 - "on the job," " on the road " training with various secular and gospel musical groups. Director Organist for several church choirs in the New Jersey/New York areas. 1965 - Music Specialist with Newark Daycare 100 program 2 years. 1967 - Teacher/performer with various musical groups in METROPOLIAN AREA 1972 - 1975 Toured with musical group 'ECSTASY, PASSION PAIN" as Keyboardist/Singer. Performed and traveled extensively throughout the U.S.A. and abroad (South Africa, London) with this group behind several top 10 BILLBOARD ACKNOWLEDGED hit records such as 'GOOD THINGS DON'T LAST FOREVER," "I WOULDN'T GIVE YOU UP" "ASK ME" and many others. Appeared on television radio shows (Mike Douglas, Don Cornelius SOUL TRAIN, and the George Woods Dance show out of Philadelphia). Also did accumulative concerts on the stage with EARTH, WIND FIRE, KOOL THE GANG, TINA TURNER, DRIFTERS, O-JAYS, STYLISTICS, BLUE MAGIC, HAROLD MELVIN THE BLUENOTES, LABELLE and many other top 10 groups in the 1970s. I was also signed as writer/producer/recording artist/arranger with ROULETTE RECORDS (home label of artists such as COUNT BASIE, BETTY CARTER and the older doo-wop groups such as Frankie Lymon the TEEN-AGERS). PRODUCED ARRANGED/COMPOSED SONGS FOR ALBUM ENTITLED "SWEET MAGIC" BY SOUL ARTIST: LEE MCDONALD in 1977. LP released on label DEBBIE RECORDS OUT OF PATERSON, NEW JERSEY. 1985 - Music Specialist

Northside Daycare Paterson, NJ Minister of Music Northside Community Chapel Paterson, NJ Minister of Church Education, Youth Director, Choir Director Organist at Northside Chapel during this time also.

1991 - Taught K-8TH GRADES in Parochial Public Schools 6 years (music) N.J. STATE CERTIFIED.

1998 - presently, Minister of Music/Worship Leader at Madison Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Paterson, NJ. Also conduct a GOSPEL/JAZZ ensemble that employs musicians from the local community (comprised of professional college musicians) All arrangements are orchestrated and written in some instances by Ron Foster. I have been recently given POWER OF ATTORNEY by SAMUEL ROBINSON to conduct all business of LABEL DEBBIE RECORDS/SILK CITY SOUND and TRACE BACK PUBLISHING all operating out of PATERSON, NEW JERSEY at P.O. BOX 322 PARK STATION, PATERSON, NJ 07543-0322. EDUCATION: 1959 -High School Diploma Paterson Central High 1960 - Certificate from Radiomen "A" School (Communications Electronics) licensed in radio morse code from the U.S. NAVY BAINBRIDGE MARYLAND. Served in the U.S. NAVY 4 years. Honorably discharged with E-5 ranking. 1985 - Kean College, 6 months course in Early Childhood Education earning 4 credits. 1986 - B.M. Degree (Music Education) Distance Ed. 1991- A.A.S. Degree Early Childhood Education Passaic County Community College Paterson NJ 1992 -M.M.T. (Music Therapy) Distance Ed. Currently working on P.h.D. (Music Education) 1999 - Completed course at REGENCY UNIVERSITY Virginia Beach certified with certificates for WORSHIP PRAISE. ACTIVITIES 1990 Member of Newman Club at Passaic County College (Christian Club) Operating my own business "RONFO MUSIC ART". Recording and producing my own recordings and also working with other local musical groups. Perform with GOSPEL/JAZZ ENSEMBLE (SOLO OR UP TO 15 PIECE ORCHESTRA). Member of the EOF committee at RAMAPO COLLEGE 1999 to present DJ with RADIO STATION WPSC 88.7FM WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY, show is called 'RONFO' GOSPEL/JAZZ MORNING SHOW 6AM-9AM TUESDAY MORNINGS.WPSC 88.7FM (973)720-2738 (that's EST) 2001 2002 - Appeared with Mel Holder (GOSPEL SAXOPHONIST FROM NEW YORK) in Okinawa Japan. CONDUCTED A PORTION OF THE MUSICIANS FROM THE BOSTON 30 PIECE SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA, TRANSCRIBED ARRANGED MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER JAM 2002 HELD JULY 25TH, 2002 AT WANG CENTER THEATER IN BOSTON MASS. FOR ISAAC HAYES, DELFONICS, TAVARES, MAIN INGREDIENT, McFADDEN WHITEHEAD. Other groups that appeared were RAY, GOODMAN BROWN, MANHATTANS, EDDIE HOLMAN, WINSTONS, BLACK IVORY, SOUL GENERATION, SKIP MAHONY

THE CASUALS. This show was put on by URBAN-LAND PRODUCTIONS HEADED UP BY MR. PAUL KYSER. ADDITIONAL SHOWS INCLUDED CHARTS FOR THE "EBONYS", "INTRUDERS", "ENCHANTMENT", "HEATWAVE", "TEMPREES" "BARBARA MASON". JERRY BUTLER WAS THE HOST EMCEE ON ONE OF THE LATEST SHOWS AT SYMPHONY HALL IN NEWARK AND AT THE BEACON THEATER IN NEW YORK. OTHER ACTS ON THE SHOW WERE "BLOODSTONE", "MANHATTANS", "CHI-LITES", "LENNIE WILLIAMS", RON RECEIVED THE "SWEET SOUL CONDUCTOR OF THE DECADE AWARD FROM URBAN-LAND PRODUCTIONS (JULY 25, 2002) AND WAS PRESENTED THE AWARD AT "BIG SHOW" IN BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS. ALSO, RON'S CHARTS FOR MCFADDEN WHITEHEAD'S "AIN'T NO STOPPING US NOW" WERE USED AT THE "MIRACLE ON 34TH ST. SHOW AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2002. MCFADDEN WHITEHEAD PERFORMED ALONG WITH THE LIKES OF LUTHER VANDROSS, STEPHANIE MILLS, LIZA MINELLI and many other great stars of the past and present. HONORS: Dean's list Passaic County College with GPA 4.0. Member of PHI THETA KAPPA honor fraternity. Listed in Marquis "WHO'S WHO IN RELIGION" 3RD Edition. Grand Prize winner instrumentalist category "GATEWAY TALENT SEARCH 1981. Certificates of achievement merit from AMERICAN SONGWRITER'S FESTIVAL& HOLLYWOOD SONG JUBILEE. Received award for best song score from METRO MUSIC MINISTRIES Paterson, NJ. Winner of "NEW MUSIC SEARCH" broadcast on 970DJ WWDJ Radio Station Hackensack, NJ. Instrumentalist winner with LEUKEMIA SOCIETY Competition. Published songwriter BMI affiliated with songs in the Hymnal "SONGS OF ZION CAREER OBJECTIVE To further studies in CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, GERIATRICS MUSIC THERAPY. Also want to develop Gospel/Jazz Orchestra to the highest professional ministry level so we can minister to various church, institutions and other functions with the highest degree of skill talent I can find. REFERENCES: Professor Elaine Harrington (Passaic County College English Math Dept.) Rev. Stan Vander Klay (former Pastor of Northside Community Chapel Paterson, NJ) Mary Ball (Instructor Early Childhood Passaic County College) Rev. Charles Ancrum (Pastor Genesis Community Baptist Church New York) Rev. John Algera (Pastor Madison Ave. CRC Paterson, NJ) Sincerely Ron Foster

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