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Boston Hip-Hop Alliance and unique to Velvet Stylus - in addition to performing in their own right - the band avails itself to other artists as session players and as a backing band for live shows and recordings. Their ability to learn songs very quickly makes this possible. the band has backed many MCs and singers including Metaphorick, Session, Sol Anderson, Noldy, Javon Fields (Troublesumz Click), Danielle Scott, Letia Larok, Illin' P., Triple Threat, One Love, and Afro DZ ak , to name only a few. In 2005, they backed DL as he opened for national artists Royce da 5'9", Joe Budden (DefJam), Dre Robinson (Universal), and Devin the Dude (Rap-a-Lot Records) at Middle East Down Stairs shows. The feedback was incredible and hostDJ On and On likened Darcie to Queen of Hip-Hop Soul Mary J. Blige! In 2006, Velvet Stylus was honored with nominations for Best Live Band nomination by the Mass Industry Hip-Hop Awards. They served as the house band in 2007 for the MIC Awards to rave reviews. The group's sensibility and common goal toward the preservation of true Soul and Hip-Hop comes across in their playing and composition style. They are a no-frills act; what you see is what you get. Velvet Stylus is a featured artist on the Project: Think Different compilation and performed often as the house band for Hip-Hop Anonymous at Harpers Ferry, as well as various Soulkore events. The band is working on new materialfor their first album which they will start recording this summer. They backed Frank Buddas on June 8th, 2007 at Milly's Tavern in New Hampshire. The band received high accolades after playing behind Hip-Hop icon Medusa and Neo-Soul sensation Choklate for a Critical Breakdown fundraiser at Middle East Downstairs on June 13, 2007. In September, 2007, they were one of only six acts chosen to take the mainstage at the Allston Village Street Fair, which was one of the capstone events for Rock City's 200th birthday. Velvet Stylus is 2008 winner and a 2006 and 2008 nominee for Best R&B group for the New England Urban Music Awards. All of the members of Velvet Stylus are graduates from Berklee College of Music.

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