

Mp3 Art Reynolds - A Vintage Perspective



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"A Vintage Perspective" can best be described as somewhere between "Urban Electronica" and "Almost Gospel"--warm old school R&B feelings with a new hip (not hop) attitude. 11 MP3 Songs URBAN/R&B: R&B Pop Crossover, EASY LISTENING: Mature Details: Born and raised in Long Beach, California, Art Reynolds attended Franklin Jr. High School, Long Beach Poly High and Cal State Long Beach. For 13 years, he played the piano and directed the choir for local Long Beach churches, including Grant Chapel A.M.E., St. Vestal, C.M.E., St. John Baptist and New Hope Baptist. Art took the 5 best singers from his choir at the St. Vestal C.M.E. church and created the gospel singing group, the Art Reynolds Singers. As the first gospel group to record for Capitol Records, they soon became pioneers in the development of gospel rock. Many considered their music too secular for the time. Their first album Tellin It Like It Is, went on to become one of the biggest selling albums for a new gospel group. It received local and national acclaim. Jesus Is Just Alright was the first song recorded by other groups from the Tellin It Like It Is album. The song was recorded and made famous by the Byrds, the Doobie Brothers and DC Talk. Four other albums followed: Long Dusty Road, The Soul-Gospel Sounds of the Art Reynolds Singers and Its a Wonderful World. Art later recorded an independent live gospel concert album titled, A Work of Art. One of the original members of the Art Reynolds Singers was Thelma Houston, who went on to become a Grammy Award-winning singer with her recording of Dont Leave Me This Way, an anthem of the disco era. Art later changed the name of the group to the Art Forms Limited and produced 2 singles for RCA records, Im a Bad Man and Time to Call It A Day. Wolfman Jack described Arts vocal on Im a Bad Man, as the birth of a new Isaac Hayes. In the early 90s, Art teamed with Bunny Hull to write the title song, Ready For A Miracle for the motion picture Leap of Faith starring Steve Martin. Bunny had already received great accolades for writing Ive Got a New Attitude for Patti LaBelle. By the way, Patti LaBelle

and Edwin Hawkins recorded Ready For a Miracle on the Leap of Faith soundtrack album, which Time magazine called masterful. Also, DC Talks version of Jesus Is Just Alright remained No. 1 on the Gospel Charts for over 21 weeks. The National Football League Players Association commissioned Art and Joey Guerra to write original music for a video about the association which is currently shown to all new NFL players. Over the ensuing years, Art focused his writing skills on three types of music: gospel, dance and ballads. Now he is currently producing and writing material for other artists. In June 2003 "Ready for a Miracle" was featured in the Jim Carrey film "Bruce Almighty" and was part of the advertising trailer for the film. In 2004, Jesus Is Just Alright was featured in the trailer for the film Saved. In 2007, "Jesus Is Just Alright" was used in the new Simpson's first feature-length animated film and "Ready For A Miracle" was recorded by LeAnn Rimes and used in the trailer and the film for "Evan Almighty" starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. "Leap Of Faith" is currently in development as a Broadway musical with great promise. Take one listen and you will know the music of Art Reynolds is not only innovative and uplifting, but downright feel good music. Art has joined forces with Drew Pluta to produce a collection of songs for his new CD, "A Vintage Perspective" available for July 2007 release on iTunes and cdbaby.com.

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