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2002年 最佳 R&B 演唱團體 《Love's In Need of Love Today》



1991 年 最佳爵士演唱團體 《He Is Christmas》



1997 年 最佳現代靈魂樂專輯 《Brothers》



1990 年 最佳現代靈魂樂專輯 《So Much 2 Say》



1992 年 最佳現代靈魂樂專輯 《Handel's Messiah – A Soulful Celebration》



1989 年 最佳福音演唱團體 《The Savior is Waiting》



1996 年 最佳現代福音專輯 《Tribute – The Songs of Andrae Crouch》



1988 年 最佳爵士演唱團體 《Spread Love》



1994 年 最佳現代靈魂樂專輯 《Join the Band》



1988 年 最佳靈魂樂演唱團體 《Take 6》







由 Claude McKnight、Mark Kibble、Joel Kibble、Dave Thomas、Alvin Chea、Khristian Dentley 六位歌手組成的重唱團體 Take 6,曾獲得十項葛萊美獎、十項美國福音音樂協會聖鴿獎、二項有色人種形象獎、一項靈魂列車音樂獎等,是音樂史上最成功、獲獎最多的阿卡貝拉演唱團體,且持續為全世界樂迷帶來超凡的人聲饗宴。他們的最新專輯《ICONIC》於 2018 年 4 月發行,為第十六張專輯,曾登上告示牌爵士榜第一名,同時與另一個阿卡貝拉天團 The Manhattan Transfer 合作演出的「The Summit」音樂會,曾登上美國公共電視網的特別節目。

專輯《ICONIC》收錄的歌曲,除了是這六位歌手在舞台上最喜歡演出的曲目外,也是在他們將近四十年的音樂生涯中,同時對他們自己以及對樂迷最有意義的歌曲,向許多在他們成名之路有影響力的藝術家或音樂致敬,包括以他們獨特的阿卡貝拉人聲演唱風格,重新詮釋賈斯汀的〈Can't Stop the Feeling〉、克羅斯經典名曲〈Sailing〉以及諾拉瓊斯的〈Don't Know Why〉等,另外還以爵士曲風演唱披頭四的〈Got To Get You Into My Life〉。這張專輯也以〈Roof Garden〉向他們的朋友艾許賈諾致敬,同時以〈Nothing But the Blood〉展現他們從福音音樂發展的根源。他們的第一首單曲〈Change The World〉,自從發行以來,已成為輕爵士風格最受歡迎的曲目。2016年的專輯《Believe》曾同時登上六個告示牌排行榜。





2018 年 4 月·Take 6 的廣大 粉絲在美國公共電視頻道的 《Soundstage》節目上·欣 賞到他們與 The Manhattan Transfer 合作的「The Summit」音樂會首次在電視 上呈現·這個特別的計畫在 2017 年巡演北美 47 個城市· 演唱曲目包括兩個樂團從未灌



錄過的音樂,並在芝加哥場進行現場錄音紀錄。

Take 6 的演唱風格多元,從爵士、流行、R&B、Doo-Wop、到藍調,都得到非常高的評價,也被譽為人聲的交響樂團,而 Take 6 仍持續在進化,每次推出新作品,或者新巡演,都能以無窮的創造力,突破既有的音樂疆界。

對於任何追求完美演唱的歌手而言,都無法忽視 Take 6 對於音樂的貢獻,他們也曾與樂壇最重要的許多歌手合作,並獲得他們的高度肯定,名單包括史提夫汪達、布萊恩威爾森、班伊金、雷村黑斧合唱團、艾爾賈諾、艾拉費茲潔拉、雷查爾斯、惠妮休士頓等。

過去幾年 Take 6 曾獲得的榮譽,在美國古巴關係正常化之後,成為第一個受邀演出的音樂團體;此外,他們也在 2014 年獲選進入福音音樂名人堂。

Take 6 的前身是一個名為「紳士之屋」的四重唱團體,由 Claude McKnight 在他就讀的阿拉巴馬州亨茨維爾市的歐克伍德學院創立;男高音 Mark Kibble 偶然間在廁所聽到這個重唱團體的練習,跟著他們的和聲演唱,當晚,他就加入這個團體一起登台演出。不久之後,第六位歌手 Mervyn Warren 加入,他們將團名改為「Alliance」。在 1987 年,他們與華納唱片旗下的 Reprise 唱片簽約,發現「Alliance」的名字已經被另一個團體所使用,因此改名為「Take 6」。Claude McKnight 解釋:「團名的發想是一個民主的過程,我們坐在一個





房間裡,各自丟出想法,『Take 6』在好幾百個名字中脫穎而出,獲得最多票數支持(大笑);名字的靈感來自於經典的爵士樂曲《Take 5》,因為我們有六個人,因此改為『Take 6』。」1988年,他們的同名首張專輯贏得爵士與流行樂界高度好評,除了贏得兩項葛萊美獎,也在告示牌的爵士榜與現代教會音樂榜獲得前十名的成績,自此,「Take 6」成為家喻戶曉的音樂團體。

是什麼因素讓「Take 6」可以在樂壇屹立數十年之久?答案非常簡單,是信仰、友誼、尊重與對音樂的熱愛。他們在唱片市場已創下許多白金唱片紀錄,談到事業成功的秘訣,Joey Kibble 表示:「某種程度上,我們就是一家人,我們非常關心對方,因此把我們聚在一起。我們也有面臨困難的時候,但是因為對彼此的愛與尊重,我們總能一起度過。此外,『Take 6』允許團員們參與外部其它的計畫,除了拓展『Take 6』的品牌外,也增加了這個團體的凝聚力。」例如,Mark Kibble 經常舉辦勵志講座,Alvin Chea 曾參與許多電視節目、廣告或電影的幕後配唱,兩位團員有獨唱的工作,Mark Kibble 經常為大牌歌手編曲,而 Claude McKnight 正在進行紀錄片的製作。Joey Kibble補充:「這些活動都為『Take 6』增加了資歷與深度,帶入外部工作的經驗與技術,滋養這個團體。」







With 10 Grammy Awards, 10 Dove Awards, 2 NAACP Image Awards, a Train Award, and more, Take 6 (Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chea and Khristian Dentley) continues to bring extraordinary vocals to their worldwide audiences. April 2018 marks the release of their sixteenth album, aptly titled *ICONIC* (SRG/Universal) and the debut of a PBS special, *The Summit*, alongside The Manhattan Transfer.



The new recording, ICONIC, is composed of the songs the sextet loves to perform both on stage and for the pure joy of lending their voices to songs that have taken on a greater meaning to them and to their audiences over their career of nearly four decades. These eclectic tunes pay tribute to both the music and the artists that made them famous, from

a fun and vocally significant cover of Justin Timberlake's *Can't Stop the Feeling*, a unique and harmonic interpretation of Christopher Cross' *Sailing*, Khristian's melodic and memorable vocal on Norah Jones' *Don't Know Why* to a jazz cover that the Beatles would surely be pleased with of *Got To Get You Into My Life*. They pay homage to their friend Al Jarreau, with their rendition of *Roof Garden*, and are true to their gospel roots with the hymn Nothing But the Blood. *Change The World* (Eric Clapton), the first single, was the mostadded tune in Smooth Jazz upon its release. Take 6's last release, in 2016, *Believe* (SRG/Universal) landed on six Billboard charts simultaneously.





Their wide array of fans can enjoy their performances on *The Summit* as part of the Soundstage concert series. The special

debuts nationally on the public television network in April 2018. The impressive collaboration with The Manhattan Transfer was recorded at their show in Chicago during their 46-city 2017 tour "THE SUMMIT: The Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6." Gleefully for audiences, the repertoire includes songs neither band has ever recorded.



Take 6 has admirably and adeptly crossed most musical genres, from straight-ahead Jazz to Pop to adult R&B, doo wop to blues. Like a fine-tuned vocal orchestra (Alvin, bass; Khristian, baritone; Claude, Mark and Joel, tenors), the group continues to push the boundaries of creativity and musical genius with every new release, and with their ever-evolving live performances.

Any singer who aspires for vocal excellence cannot overlook the contributions these men have made to music. Take 6 has performed with and won praise from such luminaries as Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ben E. King, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Al Jarreau, Ella Fitzgerald, Ray Charles, and Whitney Houston, to name a very few.

Some of the honors Take 6 has enjoyed over the past few years include being chosen as the first musical group to perform in Cuba at the normalization of relations between our two countries, and





their induction into The Gospel Music Hall of Fame.



Take 6 has come a long way from their days at Huntsville, Alabama's Oakwood College where Claude McKnight formed the group as The Gentleman's Estates Quartet in 1980. When tenor Mark Kibble heard the group rehearsing in the dorm, he joined in the harmonies and performed on stage that night. When Mervyn Warren joined shortly afterward, they took the

name Alliance. Yet, when they signed to Reprise Records/Warner Bros. in 1987, they found that there was another group with the same name, so they became Take 6. Says McKnight: "Take 6 was all about a democratic process of sitting in a room together and throwing a couple of hundred names at each other and Take 6 was the one that got the most yay votes [laughing.] It pretty much was a play on the Take 5 jazz standard and the fact that there are six of us in the group, so it became Take 6." Their self-titled debut CD won over jazz and pop critics, scored two 1988 Grammy Awards, landed in the Top Ten Billboard Contemporary Jazz and Contemporary Christian Charts — and they've never slowed down.





What makes the music and the group last this long? The answers are direct and simple: faith, friendship, respect, and love of music. The multi-platinum selling sextet says of their longevity, "We are family in the sense that we care deeply about other, which helps keep us together. We have times when it gets tough, but we pull together because of the love and respect we have for one another.

The group's willingness to let members do other projects also adds to the brand and the cohesiveness of the group," says Joey Kibble. Kibble is a motivational speaker and Alvin Chea does voiceover work session-singing on



dozens of TV shows, feature films and commercials with his uniquely recognizable bass vocals. Two of the members have solo projects in the works, others produce outside acts, Mark Kibble arranges for A list artists and McKnight is working on a documentary. "It adds even more credibility and depth to the group as a whole, enriched by each of our outside skills and experiences," Kibble adds.





## Claude McKnight / 第一男高音

出生於 **1962** 年紐約布魯克林,成長於紐約州水牛城。最早的音樂啟發來自於 任職於教會指揮的祖父,小時候每週五晚上都與母親前往詩班練唱,在此練習 了演唱與和聲的技巧。

他在高中時學習長號與薩克斯風·大學進入父母的母校 - 阿拉巴馬州的歐克伍德學院·並在一年級的時候創立了一個以理髮廳四重唱風格為主的團體·後來增加入兩位團員·改名為「Take 6」。

### Mark Kibble / 第一男高音

1964年出生於紐約市布朗克斯區,成長於紐約州亨普斯特德、康乃狄克州布里奇波特、波士頓、紐約州水牛城等地。

1980 年,他就讀於阿拉巴馬州的歐克伍德學院,偶然間聽到 Claude McKnight 的重唱組合練習,隨即加入這個團體,就是那個著名的「廁所事件」!





#### Joel Kibble / 第二男高音

是「Take 6」另一名歌手 Mark Kibble 的弟弟·1971 年出生於紐約州水牛城,後來舉家遷往田納西州的音樂聖地納許維爾。大學進入阿拉巴馬州的歐克伍德學院。

1991 年,取代退團的 Mervyn Warren,加入了「Take 6」。

David Thomas / 第二男高音

出生於 1966 年; 1985 年,「Take 6」的前身「Alliance」有幾位團員出缺,因此加入了這個團體,演唱第二男高音的聲部。

Alvin Chea / 男低音

**1967** 年出生於舊金山,以雙主修英語與傳播學位,畢業於阿拉巴馬州的歐克伍德學院。

1985年,在歐克伍德學院求學期間加入「Take 6」的前身「Alliance」,此後一直是「Take 6」的成員;除了「Take 6」的工作外,他也在許多電視、廣播、電影、甚至電玩的音樂中獻聲,包括福斯電視台的熱門影集《歡樂合唱團》、美國知名零食 Goldfish 的廣告曲,也曾擔任麥可傑克森的和聲。

### Khristian Dentley / 男中音

出生於哥倫比亞, 高中的時候搬家至亞特蘭大。2011年加入「Take 6」。

除了「Take 6」的演出外,他在 2013 年發行個人首張專輯《Khristian 3.0》,隔年發行第二張專輯《Fragments: Episode 1》,也曾與靈魂歌手印蒂雅艾瑞、爵士樂手喬桑帕合作聖誕專輯《Christmas with Friends》。他也是作曲家與音樂製作人,2011 年製作福音歌手瑪莎穆尼奇的專輯《Make It Loud》,為他贏得兩項福音音樂協會聖鴿獎提名。







