

Daptone Records: The 21st Century Soul Revolution

Overview

Daptone Records is an independent record label based in Brooklyn, New York. The label was founded in 2001 by Gabriel Roth and has since released a diverse catalog of soul, funk, and R&B music. Daptone's artists have been praised for their authentic sound and vintage aesthetic, and the label has been credited with helping to revive interest in classic soul music.

In this article, we'll take a closer look at Daptone Records and its impact on the music industry. We'll explore the label's history, its artists, and its unique sound. We'll also discuss the label's role in the 21st century soul revival and its influence on contemporary music.



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History

Daptone Records was founded in 2001 by Gabriel Roth, a former member of the band The Dap-Kings. Roth started the label as a way to release his own music and the music of his friends. The label's first release was a single by The Dap-Kings, "I Can't Stand It" / "Be Alright." The single was a critical success and helped to establish Daptone as a label to watch.

In the years since its founding, Daptone has released a diverse catalog of music by a variety of artists, including Sharon Jones, Charles Bradley, Lee Fields, Menahan Street Band, and The Budos Band. The label's artists have been praised for their authentic sound and vintage aesthetic, and Daptone has been credited with helping to revive interest in classic soul music.

Artists

Daptone Records is home to a diverse roster of artists, including:

- **Sharon Jones:** A Grammy-nominated singer known for her powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence.
- **Charles Bradley:** A former James Brown impersonator who found success in his own right with his soulful vocals and heartfelt lyrics.
- **Lee Fields:** A veteran soul singer with a rich, smoky voice.
- **Menahan Street Band:** A Brooklyn-based instrumental group known for their funky grooves and jazz-infused sound.
- **The Budos Band:** A masked instrumental group known for their raw, Afrobeat-influenced sound.

Sound

Daptone Records is known for its authentic sound, which is rooted in classic soul, funk, and R&B. The label's artists often record using vintage equipment and techniques, which gives their music a warm, organic sound. Daptone's music is also characterized by its strong rhythms, catchy melodies, and passionate vocals.

The label's sound has been praised by critics and fans alike. In a review of Sharon Jones's album *Give the People What They Want*, *The New York Times* wrote, "Ms. Jones's voice is a force of nature, and the Daptone sound is the perfect complement to her raw power." *Rolling Stone* magazine said of Charles Bradley's album *No Time for Dreaming*, "Bradley's voice is a revelation, and the Daptone sound is the perfect backdrop for his soulful vocals."

Impact

Daptone Records has had a significant impact on the music industry. The label has helped to revive interest in classic soul music and has introduced a new generation of fans to the genre. Daptone's artists have also been praised for their authenticity and their commitment to quality music.

The label's impact can be seen in the success of its artists. Sharon Jones and Charles Bradley both received Grammy nominations, and their albums have been praised by critics and fans alike. Menahan Street Band and The Budos Band have toured extensively and have built a loyal following. Daptone's music has also been featured in films and television shows, further raising the label's profile.

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praised for their authentic sound and vintage aesthetic, and Daptone has been credited with helping to revive interest in classic soul music. The label's impact can be seen in the success of its artists, the critical acclaim that its albums have received, and the influence that its music has had on contemporary music.

Daptone Records is a shining example of how an independent label can make a big impact on the music world. The label's commitment to quality music and its dedication to its artists has made it a force to be reckoned with. Daptone Records is sure to continue to release great music for years to come.

Additional Resources

- [Daptone Records Official Website](#)
- [Daptone Records Wikipedia Page](#)
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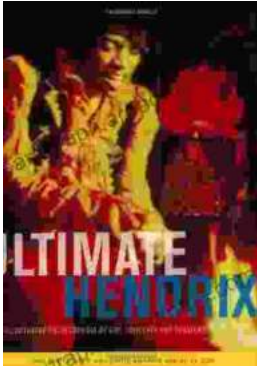
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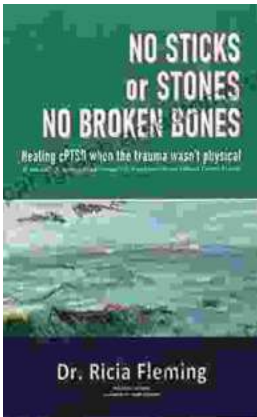
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