

CARLTON J. SMITH

Singer, songwriter, producer, actor, Carlton J. Smith is often referred to as “Soul Brother Number New” for his hard-charging R&B act. His widely acclaimed R&B/Soul Revue shows are real crowd-pleasers.

Carlton is a very dynamic and engaging performer with a live show that exhibits both his stage presence and high energy from start to finish. He has been producing, hosting and performing in a series of R&B/Soul Revues since 2002 at the world renowned B.B. King Blues Club & Grill in New York City. Initially conceived as a one-show deal, his sold out performance inspired B.B. Kings Club to book him monthly for a series of tributes to the music of Al Green, James Brown, Curtis Mayfield, Sly & The Family Stone, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and a host of other superstars. He took the same show to The Blue Note in Las Vegas for a four-week run and then performed on the Groove Series shows at The Blue Note in New York City.

In 2005, Carlton completed a three-month stint at the House of Blues & Jazz in Shanghai, China. Delivering soul & blues straight from his heart, show after show, night after night. After receiving rave reviews in Shanghai, Carlton J. Smith was asked to bring his brand of *Real School Funk & Soul* to Zurich, Switzerland in 2006; then London, England; and returned to The House of Blues & Jazz in Shanghai. He was invited to perform at the movie premiere of “The Golden Compass” in Hong Kong in December of 2007...the performance was only for 15 minutes...however, he made it a show! June 2008 - the Grand Opening of the new House of Blues & Jazz, he performed at the club’s new location on The Bund in Shanghai China (June throughout September 2008). From November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009, he performed nightly at The Shanghai Marriott Hotel Hongqiao. During the upcoming months, Carlton performs at various venues (The Apollo Club in Helsinki, Finland; various venues in Hong Kong; at JZ Jazz Club; The Melting Pot; House of Blues & Jazz throughout Shanghai) and from August 2009-February 2010 performed at The Park Hyatt in Pudong. Carlton then performed at The Anantara Luxury Beach Resort in Bali, Indonesia (March 2010) and also for two charity events raising funds for local causes. The energy levels were high and his fun-loving charisma kept everyone well-entertained and shaking their tail feathers during his entire visit. (May-July 2010) he performed at Brown Sugar both in Shanghai and in Taipei City, Taiwan. His current contract takes him back to The Anantara Luxury Beach Resort in Bali, Indonesia for the month of August 2010. Carlton J. Smith is fast becoming known as the “*International Soul Brother #New*”.

A true showman, he performed at some of the world’s top venues. His talent is so widely acclaimed that he was chosen from a casting call of 500 to portray the “Godfather of Soul” James Brown on the silver screen in Barry Levinson’s film “*Liberty Heights*.” Carlton co-starred opposite Joe Mantegna, Bebe Neuwirth and Adrian Brody. When James Brown passed away this past year, Carlton was called to perform in his place along side Chaka Kahn on New Year’s Eve at B.B. King Blues Club NYC. Carlton expanded his horizons into theatre, playing a lead role in an upcoming Broadway musical entitled “*Largo*” written by the award winning David Henry Hwang (“*M. Butterfly*” and “*Aida*”). He plays opposite Cyndi Lauper, Fisher Stephens and Garth Hudson (The Band). Carlton also appears on the TV Soap Opera “*As The World Turns*.”

Carlton has a few CDs: “*Carlton J. Smith Live at B. B. Kings*”, “*Waiting*” and “*Diagram Of A Relationship*” (a concept CD centered around the dynamics between a man and a woman). “*Diagram*” focuses on an entire relationship from start to finish. This CD (available on www.cdbaby.com) contains the two songs “*I’d Better*” and “*Love*” which were released on Soulchoonz Records UK. For years, Carlton enjoyed and listened to Tom Waits records. It caused him to come up with an amazing piece of work entitled “*The SkinnyBone Tree*.” Carlton has just released his new recording “*The SkinnyBone Tree*” (available on www.cdbaby.com). These are all available on the website and at his shows, as well as updates and show information.

Carlton J. Smith always gives 110% of himself on stage and in his productions. His shows are a fabulous showcase of his ability as an artist and a producer.