



"L" Debois

How did you get your start?

I've been doing music since I was little boy. I grew up with music in the house, Bob Marley, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson, that's what I grew up listening to. I started off imitating other singers. I've known for a long time that I wanted to do music. I learned to play the guitar, piano, harmonica, I play a little drums. I just love making music. I was doing music in Atlanta for a while. Then I moved to LA, and I was recording with a friend of mine and I got signed to Def Jam. The label was going through some stuff at the time. I asked to be released from my contract, they said ok. So I've been doing music independently. Now I have an album out on iTunes, it's called Acoustic Voyage.

influences?

Donny, Stevie. Michael was a big influence when I was younger. He was an influence on everybody. I listened to Jimmy Hendrix and Curtis Mayfield. Most of my influence comes from older music. Even now I still listen to a lot of old music. I want to know where everything came from, to understand it. I listen to some new stuff just to stay up to date. I listen to India Arie, John Legend, or some Anthony Hamilton.

Who are some of your



What makes your music different?

I try to bring a moral consciousness to the music, that's one of the main things. I tell the young people to respect the elders, tell women to protect their chastity, to be the best you can. We're missing a since of morality. The music that does have that element isn't being promoted. Most of the music we here on Black radio is sex, drugs and partying. It's the sad truth. I'm not knocking what anyone else is doing but we need to encourage something different and give an alternative solution.



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What do you want people to know about "L" Debois?

I'm here. I'm going to continue to bring good music that hopefully will inspire you to make change. It's more to me than just the music, it's the message. It's not about the money. I want to change the hearts of people. I want to benefit society. I also want people to know they can get the album Acoustic Voyage on iTunes, Amazon or CDbaby. It's a live album. People on YouTube liked what they saw and requested it. So now it's here. They can reach me at www.myspace.com/Ldebois or booking inquiries it's nivriconcepts@gmail.com.

CHESTER GREGORY

**How did you get your start?**

Well I'm from Gary, Indiana, home of Michael Jackson; naturally Michael was sort of an idol. I used to watch him and I used to watch the Thriller video. I used to stop and rewind and learn all the steps and the words. I used to watch entertainers, like Michael, and Prince and Sammy Davis Jr., the real entertainers. By the time I got older, in junior high school, and high school I took a serious interest in the arts and I realized it was my calling. I sing and I act. I enjoy entertaining people. I go through stages though with debating which one I enjoy more. With acting you're telling someone else's story. With music, I'm telling my stories, stories I want to share.

Who are some of your influences?

Well I already mentioned some, Michael, Prince, and Sammy. But some of the people that are out right now are Ledisi, and Rahsaan Patterson. I like people who can really sing. I like real vocalist, like Rachele Ferrell.

What makes your music different?

I try to have strong vocals, and music. I want people to leave with something. I really want it to be interactive. I just revamped my show because I didn't want it to feel contrived or pretentious. I actually stop the music and talk to the crowd. When I finished, they gave me a standing ovation and some people had tears in their eyes. I studied music. This is what I do. I wrote most of the songs. I talk about love, the entire journey of love, and all its stages. Whether it's new love, or dealing with the complicated issue of love, this album is for you. It all ties together. It's music of inspiration.

What do you want people to know about Chester Gregory? I want people to know that I have an album out "In Search Of High Love." I also want folk to know I'm a chill, crazy dude, a simple guy. I'm a country boy from Gary, Indiana. I want to share my music, my stories. They can check me out at www.chestergregory.com.



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