

# WHO'S WHO

## ON THE ATLANTA MUSIC SCENE

*A list of the leading players in local rap, R&B, rock, country, folk and jazz circles*

### JAZZ / BLUES / GOSPEL

#### Joe Jennings

► **Claim to fame:** Alto saxophonist. Jazz band director at Spelman College. Toured or recorded with Clifford Jordan, Duke Pearson, Freddy Cole, Muhal Richard Abrams, Johnny Taylor. Leads the Joe Jennings Life Force ensemble.

► **Age:** "In my early 50s, man!"

► **Why he's here:** The University of Illinois graduate came to Atlanta in 1970 to teach at Clark College. He's lived here, on and off, ever since.

► **Where to write:** P.O. Box 248, Spelman College, 350 Spelman Lane S.W. 30314.

#### Laymon Jackson

► **Claim to fame:** Swinging bassist is 30-year veteran of Atlanta jazz combos. Recorded on Blue Note records in the 1960s. Performs with the Jazz at the Penta Trio.

► **Age:** 61.

► **Why he's here:** He's an Atlanta native.

► **Where to write:** 1639 Briarcliff Road N.E. Apt. 8, Atlanta, Ga., 30306.

#### Luther 'Houserocker' Johnson

► **Claim to fame:** Atlanta's best-known living blues guitarist. Latest album is "Houserockin' Daddy," distributed by Ichiban.

► **Age:** Mid-50s.

► **Why he's here:** He's a native. Plays regularly at Blind Willie's when not on



FREDDY COLE

tour in Europe and around the South.

► **Where to write:** Ichiban Records, P.O. Box 724677, Atlanta, Ga., 31139.

#### Reginald Veal

► **Claim to fame:** Plays bass in the Wynnton Marsalis Septet and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

► **Age:** 29.

► **Why he's here:** The New Orleans native moved here last year with his wife, an Atlanta native.

► **Where to write:** Shore Fire Media, 193 Joralemon St., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11201.

#### Freddy Cole

► **Claim to fame:** Jazz singer, pianist. Youngest brother of Nat "King" Cole. Fa-



RUSSELL MALONE

vorite uncle of Grammy-winning vocalist Natalie Cole. His last album, on the Sunnyside label, proclaimed, "I'm Not My Brother, I'm Me."

► **Age:** 61.

► **Why he's here:** Born and raised in Chicago, Mr. Cole has been an Atlanta resident for 23 years. More often, however, he's likely to be found on a European tour or sitting in at Bradley's or Diva's in Manhattan.

► **Where to write:** In care of Dinky Records, P.O. Box 42665, Atlanta, Ga., 30311.

#### Mylon LeFevre

► **Claim to fame:** Longtime running mate of Alvin Lee ("10 Years After"), reformed drug addict, member of Smyrna's famed LeFevre Family of gospel singers,

now a leading Christian rocker. Owns a recording studio and production complex in Cobb County.

► **Age:** Fortysomething.

► **Why he's here:** He's a Cobb County native.

► **Where to write:** P.O. Box 1287, Marietta, Ga., 30061.

#### Dwight Andrews

► **Claim to fame:** Composed music for most of playwright August Wilson's dramas. Multi-instrumentalist whose performances have ranged from funk to gospel to jazz and beyond. Next album is a tribute to jazz great Eric Dolphy.

► **Age:** 41.

► **Why he's here:** Moved from New Haven, Conn., in 1988 to teach at Emory University.

► **Where to write:** Emory University Department of Music, 535 N. Kilgo Circle N.E. Atlanta, Ga., 30322.

#### Russell Malone

► **Claim to fame:** Guitarist for Harry Connick Jr., recently launched a solo career. His debut album on Columbia Records pleased critics and is riding high on the jazz charts.

► **Age:** 29.

► **Why he's here:** Moved from Albany in 1985 to seek his musical fortunes. He lives on Campbellton Road.

► **Where to write:** Wilkins Management, 260 Brookline St., Suite 200, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.