

# FAMILY PLAYERS



The Family Players

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The title of The Family Players' debut album on MCA Records — *I Love Funk'n'Roll* — in some respects sums up much of what this very danceable and highly energetic album is all about. It is funk, but it is also some of that good ol' rock'n'roll which makes this such a unique album, a stylish LP that straddles the musical fence.

Based in New Orleans, The Family Players do what few other bands do: they excite. A spirited stage band, led by the ever-rousing lead vocalist Derrick Lewis, the group now brings that excitement to record with *I Love Funk'n'Roll*.

Besides Lewis, the other members of The Family Players are: Brian Lewis, percussion/background vocals; Kevin Hayes, keyboards/background vocals; Joey Porter, guitar; Mark Raphael, bass; and Willie McMiller, keyboards.

Formed seven years ago, the group has not only been influenced by the flavor of their home city of New Orleans, but by such great artists from there as Louis Armstrong and Fats Domino. Performing for more than 50,000 people, they've played with, amongst others: Rick James, Cameo, The Dazz Band and The Gap Band.

Their style is as diverse as their talent is deep. Derrick Lewis explains that their music often reflects different emotions such as in the case of "Let's Love" and "Let's Do It, Let's Freak."

"Let's Love," Lewis begins, "is actually about brotherly love, a human bond; it has nothing to do with sexual love, just a closeness between people. On-the-other-hand, 'Let's Freak' is more sexual and sexy. We obviously have something different to say in that song."

The Family Players have a lot to say, such as on "Mini-Skirts," a great track, which the group often opens their shows with, talking about girls and those sexy mini-skirts; then there's "We're Live in Video" which is not only modern in point-of-view, but also in its musical delivery. And naturally, there's "I Love Funk'n'Roll" which says it all.

But The Family Players, superbly produced by Isaac Bolden, have much to say. Take a listen and you'll love *Funk'n'Roll*, too.



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