



THE CONTOURS

In the summer of 1962, The Contours hit the jackpot when Motown's Berry Gordy penned the classic *Do You Love Me* for them. *Do You Love Me* became the group's biggest hit as well as Motown's fastest climbing hit of all time. Within two weeks of release, *Do You Love Me* became the #2 record in the nation as well as the group's first gold record. The ensuing years brought forth such Contours hits as *Shake Sherrie*, *Can You Do It*, *Can You Jerk Like Me*, *Just a Little Misunderstanding*, and *First I Look at the Purse*.

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The Contours have proudly worn the label "Motown's #1 party group" for more than 40 years. Today, under the leadership of original member Sylvester Potts, The Contours are center stage once again. Much of the resurgence in The Contours popularity has to do with the Academy Award winning film, *Dirty Dancing*. Their hit *Do You Love Me* was featured in the film and became so popular that it gave birth to an international tour entitled "The Dirty Dancing Tour" starring The Contours, Bill Medley, Merry Clayton and Eric Carmen. That tour lasted 10 months, played to over two million people in eight countries and sold over 10 million copies of *More Dirty Dancing* before it ceased production. During this time, Motown Records was quick to capitalize on The Contours popularity by reissuing their original version of *Do You Love Me* in single and album form. That move paid great dividends for everyone as *Do You Love Me* climbed to #11 on the national charts, making it one of the few recordings in history to hit the top 20 in two different decades.

A Contours show is jam-packed with dazzling choreography, impeccable harmonies and those timeless Motown grooves that everyone knows and loves. You can choose to dance, sing along, or just sit back (if you can) and watch the show as they perform all of their greatest hits together with many of the greatest hits of the 60's and 70's era, as well as a selection of classic songs from the *Dirty Dancing* Soundtrack.

Several CDs are currently available featuring Contour hits; *The Very Best of the Contours*, *The Contours - The Millennium Collection*, and the multi-million selling four-CD box set *Hitsville USA 1959-1972*.