

**GRAMMY
AWARD WINNER**
MOBO WINNER
PLATINUM & GOLD RECORDS
R&B SONG OF THE YEAR

LEAD VOCALIST
KOOL & THE GANG (formerly)
DAZZ BAND
ALSO PROLIFIC
JAZZ TRUMPETER



SKIP *M* MARTIN

Skip Martin is a Grammy Award winning artist, songwriter, producer and author, best known for his tenure as a lead singer and trumpeter for two legendary groups, **Kool & the Gang** and **The Dazz Band**.

His achievements include MOBO Outstanding Achievement Award, Platinum & Gold Record recipient, R&B Song of the Year, six consecutive Top 100 albums, two Top 100 singles, to name a few.

Mr. Martin has also received an Honorary Degree of Doctor in Music, several Certificates of Appreciation for his numerous tours to Iraq and Kuwait and is a Special Honorary Member of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. In addition, Skip is Goodwill Ambassador to both Kakegawa City and Okinawa in Japan. This is the very first time a resident of a foreign country has received this honor in Okinawa.

You probably cross paths with Skip on a regular basis and don't even know it! Aside from over 60 CD's recorded, other highlights include **Justin Timberlake's** sampling of The Dazz Band's "Let It Whip" in a remix version of his 2003 hit "Cry Me a River," this was also covered by **Boyz II Men** and **SR-71** on *The New Guy* soundtrack.

Film credits include "Jungle Boogie" in **Pulp Fiction** (1994); "Let It Whip" in **Next Friday** (2000), **Pitch Perfect** (2012), **Almost Christmas** (2016) and **The First Purge** (2019), to name a few. And Video Game credits featuring "Let It Whip" in **Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas**.

Skip's "**Love Notes**" CD features eclectic collaborations with 10-time Grammy Award winner **Arturo Sandoval**, 13-time Grammy Nominee Tom Schuman of Spyro Gyra, Stefan Maier, lead violinist with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, Rocco Prestia of Tower of Power & Balaguer Urbanistic!

His proudest achievement is his recently released gospel CD "**God Will Find You**." Titles include "I'd Rather Have Jesus," which features Stefan Maier, lead violinist with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. The soulful favorite, "People Get Ready" and the all-time gospel hit, "Mary, Don't You Weep"

Other current projects include: new CD's "**EDM Lounge**", "**Skip Martin's Organic Neo 2**", co-writer on the track "You're The One For Me" for **Tower of Power's** upcoming CD as well as recorded 2 songs on **Spyro Gyra's** new CD "Vinyl Tap'.

Skip's endeavors don't end with just music. He writes books, travels the world documented in his vlog #tripwithskip, loves to fish, hike and enjoys every aspect of nature.

His first children's book, '**Morgan The Clydesdale Pony**', inspired by Skip's own experience at the Kentucky Derby, is an epic story about the dreams of a young Clydesdale pony hoping to race in the Derby. The book promotes self-esteem, goal setting and never giving up on one's dream.

Skip's upcoming audio book '**Fables of a Paid Piper**' is a collection of short stories chronicling life changing moments and experiences including meeting his hero Muhammad Ali.