

The Intruders-I'll Always Love My Mama



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The Intruders were a Philadelphia doo-wop group that recorded some singles for some local record companies before signing with Gamble and Huff's Gamble label in 1966. The original line-up of Eugene 'Bird' Daughtry, Phil Terry, Robert 'Big Sonny' Edwards and Samuel 'Little Sonny' Brown had immediate success with the song [“\(We’ll Be\) United.”](#) Their first album with Gamble and Huff, *The Intruders Are Together* is a rare find noted for [“Together,”](#) [“Devil With An Angel’s Smile”](#) and [“Baby I’m So Lonely.”](#) [“Cowboys To Girls”](#) from 1968 was their biggest commercial release because of the title track and [“\(Love Is Like A\) Baseball Game.”](#) The group recorded two more albums for the Gamble label before signing a deal with Gamble & Huff's newly created Philadelphia International label. “I’ll Always Love My Mama” is from 1973’s *Save The Children* as well as [“I Wanna Know Your Name.”](#) The Intruders are not as famous as other acts Gamble and Huff produced like Lou Rawls, Harold Melvin and The Blue Notes and Billy Paul but their sound was the blueprint for Philly International. It was Gamble and Huff's initial success with The Intruders that got them financial backing from Columbia to create the Philadelphia International imprint. Ironically the same year The Intruders signed with the new label they broke-up and members pursued other careers. *Energy Of Love* was their first and last album for Philly International until they reunited in the '80s for *Who Do You Love?* Eugene Daughtry died of cancer in 1994 and Sam Brown committed suicide in 1995.