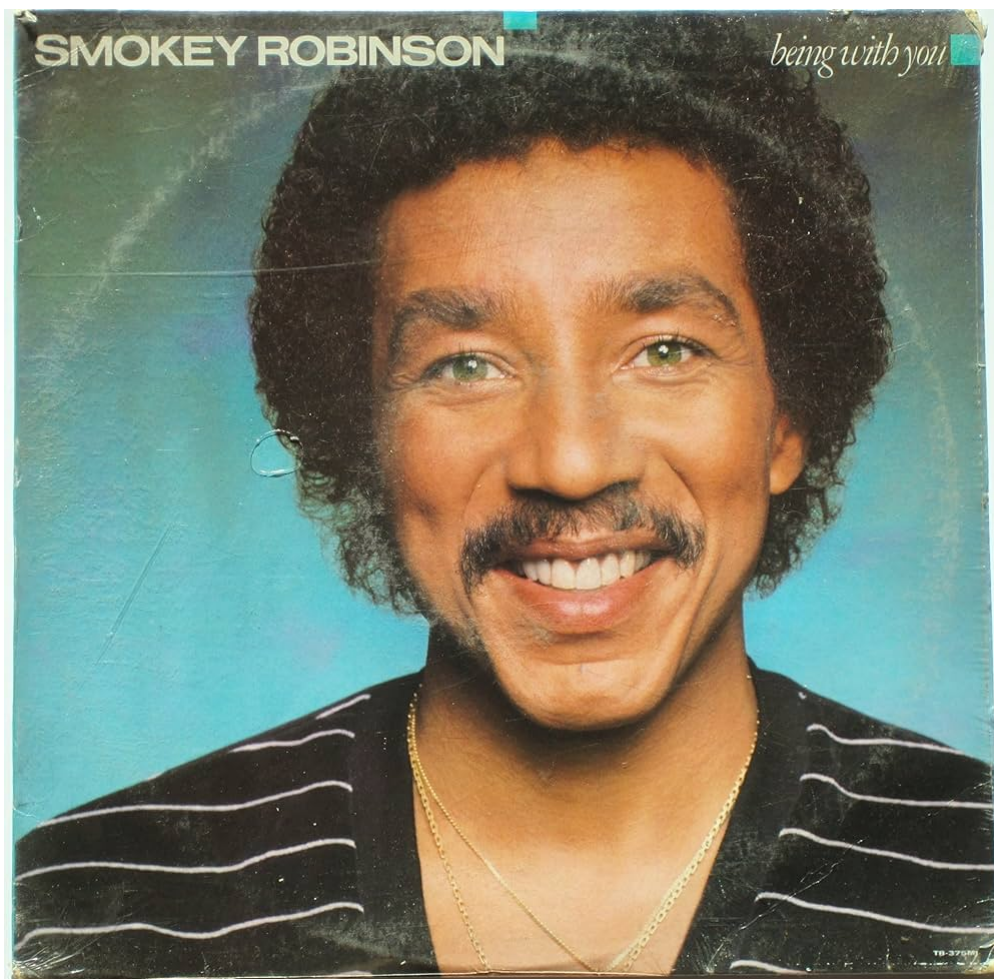


Throwback: Smokey Robinson- Being With You



Smokey Robinson's 1981 solo album *Being With You* came along after he conquered a period of writer's block. The Motown singer, writer, and Vice-President left The Miracles in 1972. His albums did not consistently produce hits because it was difficult for him to fulfill all three roles simultaneously. Marv Tarplin, the guitarist for The Miracles and a frequent collaborator with Robinson, shared a song he wrote earlier and Robinson turned the tune into "Being With You," the single. Sixteen years after he enchanted audiences with his unmistakable falsetto singing "Ooh Baby Baby" with The Miracles, his ability to finesse a love song was unchanged. "Being With You" was his highest-charting single hitting number one in the UK. The album reached Gold status and put

Robinson in the company of other Motown artists like Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye who were relevant in the '80s. In 2023, Robinson released the album *Gasms*. The title was purposely controversial but it meant “anything that makes you feel good.”

Rae Khalil Performs Is It Worth It Live In Video

<https://youtu.be/5wzkADAKelo?si=cN2f708vXEvjLT9z>

Rae Khalil performs the sultry “Is It Worth It” in a club setting with her band. Her soulful vocals, the musicians, her backup singers, and the choreography will make some call her the next wave of neo-soul. The R&B singer and hip-hop artist just signed to Anderson .Paak’s Apeshit Label which is a partnership with Def Jam. Paak also appears in the video on the drums. Khalil won her first Grammy with Paak for her songwriting work and vocals on his “Lockdown” which took the award for Best Melodic Rap Performance in 2021. She got her start as a contestant on Netflix’s music competition show *Rhythm + Flow* in 2019. “Is It Worth It” is Khalil’s debut single and the smoothness of it all brings up the question of when she will release her full-length album.

Frankie Beverly Going On Farewell Tour



Frankie Beverly is going on a final tour with his band Maze this year. The “I Wanna Thank You Farewell Tour” kicks off in Atlanta on March 22nd. Chaka Khan and El DeBarge will join Beverly and his band which has its first show at the State Arena. The group has toured for five decades and released eight studio albums and two live albums. Their songs “Joy And Pain,” “Running Away,” “Golden Time Of Day,” “Happy Feelin’s” and “We Are One” are classic hits that have become synonymous with any kind of celebration with R&B fans around the world. Beyoncé famously recorded “Before I Let Go” for her 2019 *Homecoming* film. Their final trek together is being produced by The Black Promoters Collective which includes six of the

nation's premier independent concert and event promotion companies.

Beverly just received the Urban One Living Legend Honor from TVOne along with Dionne Warwick, Mary J. Blige, gospel producer Donald Lawrence, and Chloe. When the tour ends he will make a stop in his hometown of Philadelphia for a street naming ceremony because that is where they started under the name Raw Soul. The band will continue to tour as Maze Honoring Frankie Beverly and Tony Lindsay will be the vocalist. [Tickets](#) are on sale now.

The Frankie Beverly & Maze I Wanna Thank You Farewell Tour Dates

3/22/2024 – State Farm Arena, Atlanta GA

4/6/2024 – Mobile County Fairgrounds, Mobile AL

4/13/2024 – Toyota Arena, Houston TX

4/27/2024 – United Center, Chicago IL

5/12/2024 – KIA Forum, Los Angeles CA

Terrace Martin & Alex Isley Have A Visual For 2 Step In The Living Room

Terrace Martin and Alex Isley released the video for “2 Step In The Living Room.” A couple becomes nostalgic about their relationship as they dance together in the house surrounded by memories. Martin and Isley later appear in the clip at the

piano and walking around the room. Their collaborative album, *I Left My Heart In Ladera* came out in 2023. They previously shared the video for their cover of Sade's ["Paradise"](#) and fans hope that "Honey" will be the next song to have a video.