

Throwback: Kelly Price-Friend Of Mine



Kelly Price spent the early part of the '90s singing in support of other artists like Mariah Carey, Aretha Franklin and SWV among others. Before the decade was over she secured a solo contract with Island Records and her debut album, *Soul Of A Woman* was released in 1998. Price was instantly adored by R&B fans and respected by her peers. "Friend Of Mine" was a relatable story of a friend's betrayal and a dishonest husband. The song was a number one R&B hit and held the spot for five weeks giving Price her first of nine Grammy nominations. Ron Isley and R.Kelly are featured on the remix which has its drama acted out in a Hype Williams-directed video. This version of "Friend Of Mine" became a pop hit. The video was just as popular as the actual song with Isley reprising his role as Mr. Biggs who played the role of Price's godfather. Price has six solo albums with *Sing, Pray, Love Vol. 1*: being her most recently released in 2014. In 2018 Price joined the cast of BET's *American Soul*, a drama series about the TV show *Soul Train* founded by Don Cornelius. Price is getting ready for the release of her *Grace* EP on April 2, 2021. The new music is inspired by the passing of her grandfather in 2020 of COVID-19 and the 2015 death of her sister who is named Grace.Â Â

The Isley Brothers, The Jacksons, Johnny Gill & More Join 2020 Soul Train Cruise



Television viewers are receiving a history lesson right now with BET's *American Soul* series about Don Cornelius' Soul Train music and dance program that ran from 1971 to 2008. One day after the series premiered on BET, the lineup for the 2020 Soul Train Cruise is announced. A list of soul stars who have appeared on Soul Train through the decades will entertain the attendees. The Jacksons, The Isley Brothers, Johnny Gill, War, Peabo Bryson, Cameo, Regina Belle, host Tony Cornelius and the original Soul Train dancers will take part in the moves, fashion and music that has influenced pop culture for decades.

The Soul Train Cruise will have over 50 live performances and more than 25 celebrity interactive events. There will also be live interviews, dance classes with the original Soul Train dancers, cocktail receptions, a Gospel hour, costume parties, Q&A sessions, wine-tasting and more.

The cruise will take place on luxurious Holland America Line Nieuw Amsterdam ship and the cabin prices start at \$1,900 per person. Tickets and more details about the cruise can be found at SoulTrainCruise.com.



Tony Cornelius