

Media Questions Of The Week

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Is the [new music](#) market shrinking?Â

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– Anita Baker (@IAMANITABAKER) [January 26, 2022](#)

Is Anita Baker officially un-retired now that she has a Las Vegas residency?Â

What made Howard Hewett publicly apologize to Jody Watley after 40 years?

Throwback: Shalamar-This Is For The Lover In You



Shalamar's reputation as exclusive makers of party music was challenged in 1980 with the release of "This Is For The Lover In You." The group was known for their feel-good songs like "Take That To The Bank," "Uptown Festival," "Right In The Socket" and "Second Time Around." As the brainchild of SOLAR Records founder and Soul Train booking agent Dick Griffey and Soul Train's creator Don Cornelius, Shalamar was originally intended to make dance music.Â Group member Howard Hewett and

songwriter Dana Meyers co-wrote “This Is For The Lover In You” which revealed Shalamar’s ability to deliver a ballad. *Three For Love* was their fourth album and was seen as the highest point in their creativity. “Make That Move” was the leading hit single from the album but “This Is For The Lover In You” became a “wedding song” and would be Shalamar’s entry into subsequent generations. Babyface made his own version in 1996 and got the classic lineup of Hewett, Jody Watley and Jeffrey Daniel on it with LL Cool J. They all performed the song together that year on the UK’s Top of The Pops. Shalamar recorded 10 albums collectively with various members before breaking up in 1990.Â Jody Watley left the group and went solo and became a Grammy-winning pop star before the decade was over. Howard Hewett disbanded from Shalamar to become a platinum-selling R&B singer. Jeffrey Daniel taught Michael Jackson how to moonwalk and worked as a choreographer with Vanessa Williams, Sheena Easton, Paul McCartney and more. He became a judge for Nigerian Idol in 2010. Hewett, Daniel and Griffey’s daughter Carolyn still tour as Shalamar.

Shalamar- Slow Dance

“Slow Dance” is the first single from Jody Watley’s Shalamar Reloaded line-up featuring Rosero McCoy and Nate Allen Smith. Watley says, “I really wanted ‘SlowDance’ to bridge the gap with classic and contemporary R&B before we totally take it to the dance floor,” says Watley. “It’s a nice change of pace and of course the soul duet is lost musical art form.”

The Pace Report: Shalamar Reloaded

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Brian Pace spoke with Jody Watley and her Shalamar Reloaded group last month to discuss their recent tour, future projects and the history of the classic Shalamar. Watley and new members Nate Allen Smith and Rosero McCoy were interviewed by Pace backstage at their soundcheck for the Lincoln Park Midsummer Night Swing Series at Damrosch Park in New York City. Their interview is complimented with footage from their show which is a combination of Shalamar's music and Jody Watley's solo catalog. The new group has the moves Shalamar was known for and Watley is just as fashionable and in tune as she was in the '80's and '90's.