

Throwback: Young-Holt Unlimited-Soulful Strut



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Bassist Eldee Young and drummer Isaac “Redd” Holt met when both were members of a band called The Westside Cleffs. The Chicago natives met Ramsey Lewis who was also a member of the band and soon after formed The Ramsey Lewis Trio. When the trio hit its commercial peak in 1965 with [“The In Crowd”](#) they disbanded and the two musicians formed The Holt Young Trio and signed a recording deal with Brunswick Records. The band had their first success with the single [“Wack Wack”](#) from their 1966 debut album. By the fourth album they had changed their name to Young-Holt Unlimited and established themselves with “Soulful Strut.” They continued to make albums until 1973 even

covering ["Light My Fire"](#) by The Doors and Curtis Mayfield's *Superfly* but "Soulful Strut" remained their calling card to fame. Eldee Young passed in 2007 and Isaac Holt continues to work as a musician.