

# VILLAGE PEOPLE

## 1977-2007

### Their 30<sup>TH</sup> Year!

*The one-of-a-kind Village People is synonymous with dance music. These six talented men combine energetic choreography with outrageous fun and lots of bumping and grinding, singing and dancing, provide great entertainment for all !*

Celebrating 30 years as the world's disco icons, Village People in 2006 performed a full schedule of fairs, festivals, universities and casinos throughout the United States as well as Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Manila, Belgium, Spain and Germany and Hong Kong. And 2006 included their 28<sup>th</sup> trip to Australia!

*“They helped define a Pop era, and they are back!”*

- Billboard

## **THE FIRST DECADE**

Producer/Composer Jacques Morali found Felipe dancing in his Indian costume in a crowd in NY's Greenwich Village. Felipe's special visual attraction brought the idea to mind to put together a group of Village icons from a variety of American social groups.

Soon after, Morali saw Victor Willis in Broadway's *The Wiz* and Victor brought along Alex Briley to play a G.I. With partner Henri Belolo, Morali held auditions for 3 more performers and Village People was formed.

In addition to Alexander Briley, David Hodo, Glenn Hughes, Jeff Olson, Felipe Rose and Ray Simpson, from 1977 through 1985, short term Village People included Miles Jaye, Randy Jones, Mark Lee, Ray Stephens and Victor Willis.

Madonna and Joan Rivers are among the artists who have appeared as opening acts for Village People in Las Vegas, Madison Square Garden, Japan's Budokan, Sydney's Horden Pavillion and Hollywood's Greek Theatre. VP's co-star with Michael Jackson in LA's Pavilion.

Village People star in their own 1980 major feature film *Can't Stop the Music* co-starring Steve Guttenberg, Bruce Jenner, Valerie Perrine, Paul Sand, June Havoc, Tammy Grimes and directed by Nancy Walker. It remains a popular cult film around the world.

*“Fabulous! Village People took the crowd by storm, singing live and performing brilliantly!”* - London Evening Standard

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Village People appear on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine (twice) and are featured in Guinness Book of Hits, Time, Playboy, Playgirl, GQ, US, People, Paris Match, World Book Encyclopedia, Dick Clark's 25 Years of Rock and Roll & hundreds more. Television appearances include, The Love Boat, Bob Hope Show, 20/20 (twice) American Bandstand, Solid Gold, Soul Train, Midnight Special and dozens more in 20 countries.

*"Village people have mainstream acceptance! The crowd lapped it up, singing along!"*  
- Disney World's New Year's Eve Show; Orlando Sentinel

## THE SECOND DECADE

After a short break from the rigors of touring in 1986, during which some of the members explored individual careers, Village People regrouped under the banner of Sixuvus Ltd. (six-of-us). Finally their own bosses, and with the help of a new management team, Village People has built an amazing success story of live performances worldwide, new young audiences, television and video appearances, and industry respect.

Of the originating and long-term members, Ray, David, Felipe, Jeff and Alex continued on adding Eric after the loss of Glenn. Village People wrote and now perform in their show a new classic entitled *Trash Disco*, a tribute to the many artists and dance hits which are now a memorable part of the disco era. They recorded in 1990 on CBS Records-Australia the top-ten hit *Living in the Wildlife* and in 1996 sang with the German Soccer Team on the BMG Records-Germany the number one hit *Far Away in America*.

*"Still as sexy as ever, Audiences warmed to their enthusiasm, strong versatile vocals and choreography!"* – The News, Australia

Their hits have been heard on dozens of recent major motion pictures including *Up Periscope*, *Wayne's World II*, *Adams Family Values* and *In and Out*. They have performed in recent years on the Jay Leno Show, the Rosie O'Donnell Show, Oprah and *Married with Children*. Broadway's biggest hit, *The Producers*, includes a send-up of Village People. They were also featured this year in advertisements for "Trivial Pursuit's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition (they are also featured as a question).

They were half-time entertainment for Australia's Rugby Grand Finals, seen by more people than the Super Bowl. Their music is played during the seventh inning stretch at dozens of baseball stadiums and they often entertain sports fans with live performances following basketball, soccer and hockey fans as well.

*"Exuberant – A Wildly Entertaining Performance!"* – New York Daily News

Biggest Hit Records: *YMCA*, *Macho Man*, *In The Navy*, *Can't Stop the Music*, *Go West*, *San Francisco/Hollywood*. *YMCA* is to date their best selling single, amassing sales of over 12 million units worldwide (3 million in the US). Their catalog of combined LP's and singles has topped 65 million in worldwide sales. (1987 Dance Music Report).

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### MANAGEMENT

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## VILLAGE PEOPLE BIOS

**ALEXANDER BRILEY** is the original “Military Rep/G.I.” of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He has been a member of the group since 1977.

In addition to his work with Village People, Mr. Briley was featured off-Broadway in 2 significant shows and has sung with jazz flautist Bobby Humphrey. He now resides in Westchester County, New York.

**DAVID HODO** is the original “Construction Worker” of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He has been a member of the group since 1977.

Prior to his work with Village People, Mr. Hodo was featured in more than 4 major Broadway and off-Broadway shows and has danced with the Sacramento Civic Ballet. He now resides in the Bronx, New York.

**RAYMOND SIMPSON** is the lead singer and “Cop” of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He first joined the group in 1980.

Prior to his work with Village People, Mr. Simpson released a solo recording album entitled “Tiger Love” and was featured backup singer for another world-famous singing group, Ashford and Simpson. He is the proud father, with wife Leslie, of his daughter Alayna. He now resides in Teaneck, New Jersey.

**FELIPE ROSE** is the original “Indian” and co-founder of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He has been a member of the group since 1977.

In addition to his work with Village People, Mr. Rose was featured in musical shows including *West Side Story* and in concert with Tito Puente. At the 2003 Native American Music Awards Mr. Rose received the Award for “Best Historical Record” for his song “Trail of Tears.” He is active in American Indian affairs. He now resides in Richmond, Virginia.

**JEFF OLSON** is the “Cowboy” of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He first joined the group in 1981.

In addition to his work with Village People, Mr. Olson was a co-star in the film “L. A. Crackdown” and was the lead singer and percussionist for the band “Step Child”. He also worked as a European fashion model. He now resides in Oxford, Connecticut.

**ERIC ANZALONE** is the “Biker” of the world famous recording and performing musical group VILLAGE PEOPLE. He first joined the group in 1995.

In addition to his work with Village People, Mr. Anzalone was one of the world-famous Mutant Ninja Turtles he also performed with other bands and on stage across the United States and Europe. He is the proud father, with his wife Jen, of daughter Samantha. He now resides in South River, New Jersey.

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