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THE LEGENDARY NORMAN CONNORS JOINS TEAM L A

Norman Connors is known for his musical collaborations, span music genres from jazz to R&B. Mr. Connors has discovered/promoted many legendary musicians/vocalists including, Michael Henderson, Norman Brown, Phyllis Hyman, Jean Carn, Peabo Bryson and many others. His latest discovery who he has tagged for stardom is L A Young.

The North Philadelphia native grew up in the Richard Allen Projects. His childhood neighborhood overflowed with creative talent that ranged from Lola Falana (whom he studied tap dancing with) to his early musical influences: drummer Lex Humphries and Spanky De Brest.

Mr. Connors is an American jazz drummer, composer, arranger, and producer who has led some influential jazz and R&B groups. He also achieved several big R&B hits of the day, especially with love ballads. He is possibly best known for the 1976 hit, *You Are My Starship* on which lead vocals were sung by Michael Henderson with the first big hit of Phyllis Hyman's career, *Betcha By Golly Wow*. Winner of and Nominated for several Grammy's, Mr. Connors was a jazz protege at age 13, Mr. Connors studied music at Temple University and Julliard.

Mr. Connors will produce and record three songs for L A Young this December 16, 17, and 18 at Sheffield Institute for the Recording Arts . Mr. Connors is bringing in Bobby Lyle keyboardist extraordinaire and arranger/producer to work on the project and the the renowned vocalist, Jean Carn to arrange and to perform backgrounds. A second project produced and arranged by Norman Connors, A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman, with L A Young performing all the vocals is also on the table for 2020

Mr. Connors has invited L A Young to appear along with Jean Carn to be a part of their show, *A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman*. Dates in 2020 to be announced.

CD IN DEVELOPMENT

L A is blessed with some of the best songwriters extant. Vinnie Barrett (Cowboys and Girls, Sideshow, Love Won't Let Me Wait) is writing original songs for L A's new CD. Vinnie is joined by Myron Edwin also contributing originals and Dr. G and the Surgeons from the UK who have crafted beautiful instrumentals for L A to lay down her full voice vocals. Several other songs that she has recorded with the great jazz band Pieces of a Dream will also be on the CD.

L A YOUNG TO TOUR THE UK

We are under consideration for George Benson to have L A Young and her band, The Unusual Suspects, open for him on his 2020 Farewell Tour. L A will be touring the UK with her band for 19 dates May-June, performing A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman. She is represented in the UK by Dr Glynn Reece, owner of Moth FM radio and by Angel Enterprise/Thundering Hoof Productions, a tier 1 Sony artist distributor. She will appear in the following tour cities: Manchester, Wigan Pier, Blackpool, Preston, Glasgow, Newcastle City Hall, Leeds, Doncaster, Nottingham, London, Brighton, Bristol, Birmingham, Chester performing 19-36 shows (TBD).

NEW BOOKINGS

L A and her band, The Unusual Suspects, are being booked in Chicago venues, The Promontory and The City Winery (dates to be determined). L A and The Unusual Suspects will be performing *A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman* at the City Winery in DC on December 26, 2019.