

Melvin Edmondson, Singer & Vocal Coach

Melvin Edmondson was born in Springfield, Ohio. After his studies in Wilberforce he began his career as background singer for Harry Belafonte for whom he worked 10 years. He later worked on Broadway with Rock Hudson. Engagements with Quincy Jones, The Village People and Diana Ross followed.

In 1982 the Artist moved to Munich, Germany. Since 1994 he lives in Hamburg. He worked in productions like “the Buddy Holly Story”, “Ain’t Misbehavin’”, “Little Shop of Horror” or “Jesus Christ Superstar”. His spectrum of music directions reaches from Musicals over to Jazz to Gospel and Blues.

In the production “Melvin Edmondson’s Tribute to the Unforgettable Nat King Cole” he made guest appearances in concert halls in cities such as Hamburg, Stuttgart, Düsseldorf and Munich and reawakened the world success of the “man with the velvet voice” with original orchestral arrangements together with an orchestra of 43 musicians.

Moreover he tours with the Hamburg Jazzpianist Rainer Schnelle under the name of “Rainer Schnelle Trio feat. Melvin Edmondson”. Their project “Jazz meets Soul” is filled with impressive melodies and ballads which are heartfelt and beautifully interpreted and is met with big enthusiasm from their audiences. Two CD recordings have come from their collaboration.