

The Snooky Young Foundation

OF THE ARTS Co.



“Honoring the Past. Empowering the Future.”

A nonprofit preserving jazz heritage and mentoring the next generation of artists through education, storytelling, and soulful connection.



Our Mission

The Snooky Young Foundation of the Arts is dedicated to fostering creativity, innovation, and cultural enrichment by providing accessible opportunities for young artists to explore and develop their talents.

Inspired by the extraordinary legacy of jazz legend Snooky Young — whose excellence, artistry, and influence inspired musicians around the world — we are committed to continuing a standard of greatness that uplifts and transcends generations.

Our mission is to empower the next generation through comprehensive arts education, mentorship, and community engagement, inspiring young artists to express themselves authentically and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of society.

We are devoted to inclusivity and diversity, ensuring that every aspiring artist, regardless of background, has the resources, encouragement, and professional guidance needed to thrive and make a meaningful impact in the world.



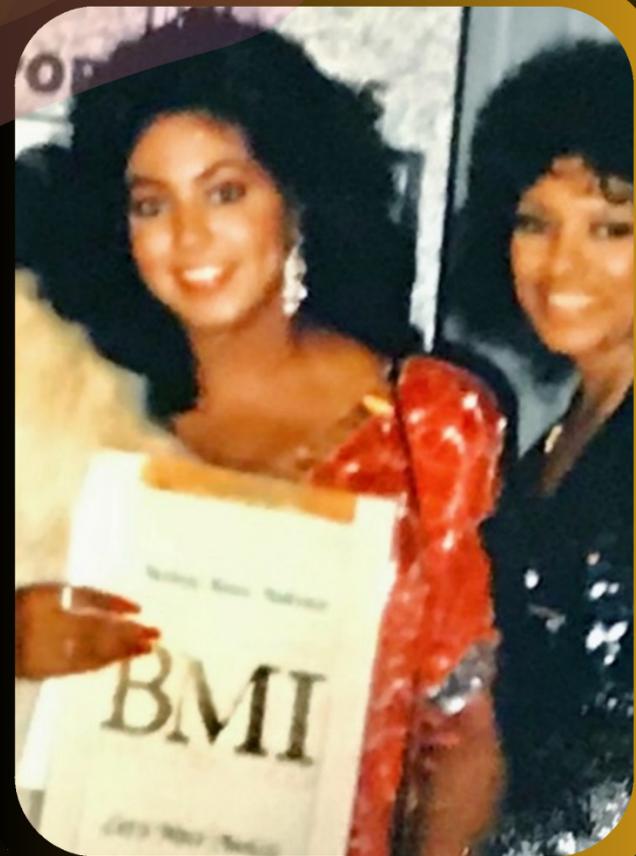
The Founder-Melanie Andrews

Multi-Platinum Songwriter/Vocalist/Vocal Coach

Melanie is the granddaughter of world-renowned NEA winner/ Jazz legend, Snooky Young, who helped raise her and taught her the beauty of speaking through music. Snooky was extremely proud of his granddaughter, Melanie's unique musical talent and accomplishments and told her to keep the Legacy going! Melanie is an award-winning, multi-platinum songwriter, singer, vocal coach, producer, and publisher that has co-written/sang background vocals on songs that have hit #1 on the Billboard charts. Melanie has a very distinguished career that has spanned decades and a track record of enormous success writing, singing and arranging for numerous Music Hall of Fame inductees such as Janet Jackson, Earth Wind & Fire and many more. Melanie directs the music division at Audiovision PS Recording Studio in Tustin, California and is very dedicated to the next generation and brightening the lives of today's new singers, songwriters, and musicians by helping them achieve their goals in music. Melanie works to educate and empower new artists cultivating their talent teaching the "REAL DO's & DONT'S of the MUSIC INDUSTRY ", which is also the title of her first forthcoming book being released in 2025. Melanie has also been a special guest speaker at UCLA, and been on music industry panels for The Musicians Institute, BMI and other prestigious schools and many music functions. Melanie has recently completed her first SOLO ARTIST SMOOTH JAZZ ALBUM, "SOULMATE LIVE" with some of the BIGGEST Contemporary Jazz/R&B musicians in the industry including, 10 Time Grammy Winning Group "TAKE 6"... Out now on all platforms

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/soulmate-live/1643032182>

Melanie has owned and directed several State-of-the-art Artist Development/Recording Studios in the Los Angeles and Orange County, California areas respectively. Another one of Melanie's accomplishments started at 6 months of age (1968) when she became the first-ever African-American GERBER Baby in National Ad Campaigns :)



**Melanie With her mother
Judy Andrews (Snooky Young's daughter)**



**Melanie Andrews with co-writer Philip Bailey
(Lead Singer of Earth Wind & Fire)**



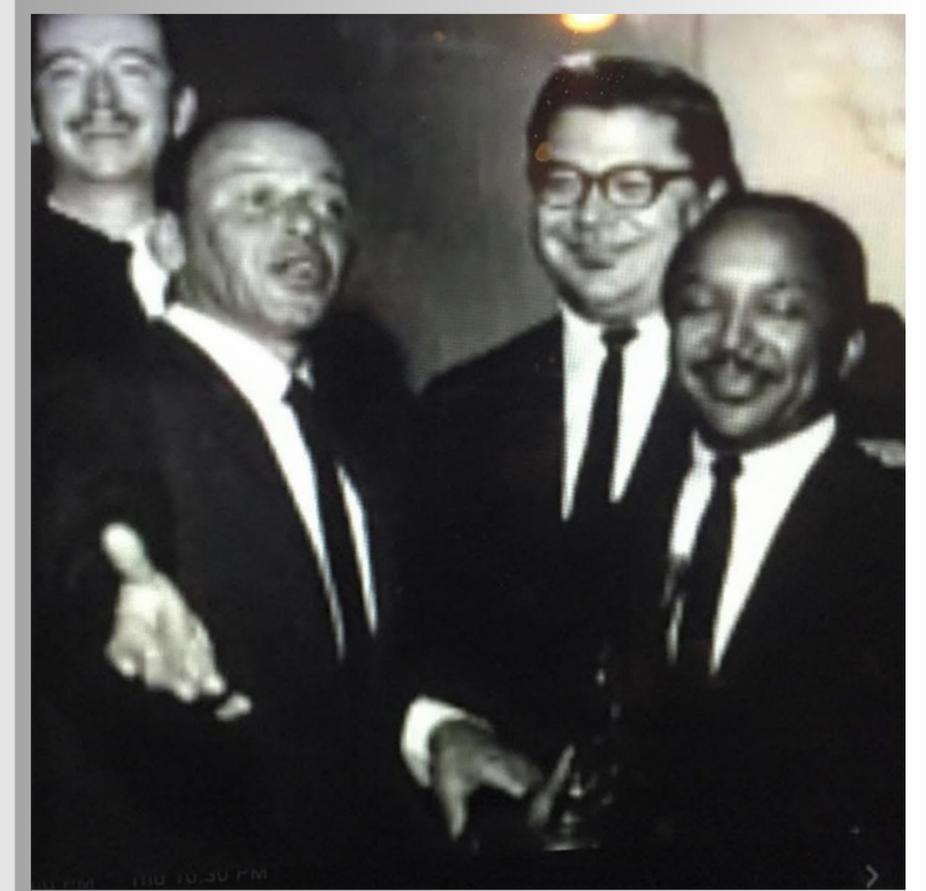
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TOGETHER, WE ENSURE THIS LEGACY IS NEVER LOST— ONLY AMPLIFIED.



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