



Hollywood Swinging brings the nonstop hits of Kool & the Gang from the early 1970's thru the mid 1980's. Here's a little about the group **Kool & the Gang**.....

Kool & the Gang first hit the US *Billboard* R&B chart with the release of their debut eponymous album.<sup>[7]</sup> Several top 10 hits, with 1973's *Wild and Peaceful* breaking into the mainstream with "Funky Stuff", "Jungle Boogie" and "Hollywood Swinging". "Jungle Boogie" and "Hollywood Swinging" both sold over one million copies, and each was awarded a gold disc by the RIAA.<sup>[8]</sup> Many reviews see Kool & the Gang's 1974 album *Light of Worlds* and 1975 album *Spirit of the Boogie* as the greatest achievements of the band, with the 1975 single "Summer Madness" gaining much attention.

The late 1970s saw a lull in Kool & the Gang's output except for the album *Open Sesame*, which yielded the title track "Open Sesame", achieving some success as part of the **Saturday Night Fever** soundtrack and winning a Grammy Award. Then the group made a huge comeback, starting with 1979's *Ladies' Night*.<sup>[9]</sup> Their number one hit in 1980s "Celebration" was from *Celebrate!*, co-produced by Eumir Deodato. More international hits followed in the early 1980s, including "Big Fun", "Get Down on It", and "Joanna". Their 1984 album *Emergency* yielded four top-20 pop hits, including "Fresh" and "Cherish". Kool & the Gangs crossover and national appeal was highlighted in 2014 when they were chosen to open for **Van Halens US tour**. Then later that year embarked on a European tour of their own.

When you hear the music of Kool & the Gang performed by Hollywood Swinging you have to get outta your seat and move your feet **guaranteed!!!**