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Cheryl Vincent

The presence, The poise
The purpose, The passion.

Cheryl is an artist with a big time future and without a doubt a huge upside. She has that smooth, sophisticated and effortless delivery. Her clarity, diction and texture are superb. Pleasing to the ear with a wonderful sense of style and rhythm. As you listen, you can

feel her. The way she marries flow with flavor is admirable and compelling. Her debut CD, "I CAN" (Got Game), featuring the hit single, "Just For Me" is a must have. Get it now on Impact 9 Records.

In the conclusion here are some thoughts of Cheryl by Ernest Cooper of Mass Media Records. He says with emphasis. "Cheryl Vincent; what is she made of? She is one of a kind. She does it with passion and soul. When she sings of love, her music becomes the soundtracks to many lives. She feels what she is singing about. Her voice stays focused. Her music sets some new standards that others may choose to follow. Impact 9 Records must be proud to have an artist like Cheryl, with such a rich, smooth and tasty delivery. Now shift your perspective on the quality of entertainment Cheryl Vincent can provide and go get her CD".



For purchase of Cheryl's CD
Please contact:



Don't forget February 14



Happy Valentine's Day! Make that special someone feel happy and appreciated. Whether he or she is your sweetheart or your friend, a special card or gift can make their day. That's been true for hundreds of

years and is a time-tested way to show that you care. Be sure not to break tradition. To one and all, we say "**Happy Valentine's Day!**" (If you don't get chocolate, buy some for yourself and get happy.)

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College tuition assistance

Millions of dollars available from private sector scholarships go unclaimed every year. Mainly, it's because parents and students don't know how to apply.

For information, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size #10 envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 650067, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-0067.

Innovative thinking

American businesses, large and small, increasingly value new ideas.

In a competitive world economy, the old rules of operating are not good enough. To compete and thrive, new methods and products are a must.

Got an idea? Don't push it to the back of your mind. Think about it, develop it, and tell us about it.



National African-American History Month

African-American History Month dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson organized the first annual Negro History Week as part of his campaign to show the Negro as a participant in history.

That first week has turned into a month long appreciation of African-American history. As a result we are all privileged to learn of talented men and women who might have otherwise faded away into time.

One such person is American painter Joshua Johnson (who also called himself Johnston). Johnson is considered by many to be the first significant African-American painter. He worked as a portrait artist mainly in Baltimore.

More than 80 oil paintings of sea captains, shopkeepers, and merchants have been attributed to him but only 13 are confirmed. He painted many prominent families of Baltimore.

Johnson was born around 1763 and is said to have been active as a painter from 1796-1824. At one time a slave, he was freed and earned his living as a free man of color.

His paintings can be enjoyed at such locations as the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and the Maryland Historical Society.

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Florists' secrets for keeping cut flowers fresh



Florists say cut flowers will use water faster and wilt faster if they are placed in bright

sunlight or in drafty locations. The cooler they are kept, the longer they will last, which is why florists keep flowers in a refrigerator. Misting cut flowers also helps to prolong their life.

Flowers often wilt because air bubbles trapped in the stem won't let them absorb water. Trimming stems under water will keep this from happening.

Stems can also get plugged with bacteria. Changing the water each day helps. Before

ever placing flowers in a vase, remove the lower leaves to prevent bacteria growth.

If the flowers have been out of water for a time, cut off the bottom inch of the stem for a cleaner cut. Cut at an angle so the stem won't stand flat in the vase.

Sometimes you can revive wilted flowers. Wrap them in newspaper so the stems are straight. Put the stem and paper in a vase of water until the stem can stand up.



Groundhog Day, May Day, Lammas, Halloween

Legends of the four cross-quarter days

You may not have noticed that Groundhog Day on February 2 has something in common with May Day and Halloween.

Don't ask the groundhog. As the only mammal honored with a day of his own, he's too proud to discuss it.

Astronomers at the Franklin Institute Science Museum say Groundhog Day, also known as Candlemas, is a cross-quarter day. It is exactly in the middle between winter and spring.

The weather prognosticator shares the day with Candlemas. An old English song says, "Candlemas be fair and bright,/"

Winter has another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Winter will not come again." Candlemas is a Christian celebration marking the presentation of Christ in the temple.

May Day, May 1, is the second cross-quarter day, occurring between spring and summer. Though no weather predictions are involved, it is marked by giving May baskets and parades.

August 1 is the third cross-quarter day, Lammas, but its celebration is not observed in the Americas. On Lammas, ancient Celts honored Lugh, the god of arts and sciences.

Lugh designated this day to honor his foster-mother, Tailtiu. She died clearing a great

forest so the land could be cultivated. With men of Ireland around her, she told them to hold funeral games in her honor. As long as they were held, she said, Ireland would not be without song. They are still held in some areas.

Halloween is the fourth cross-quarter day. Besides being a day to collect candy, it is a day to mark the earth's progress around the sun.

Enjoy your cross-quarter days with their mystical, magical qualities.



What's Going On in February?



LEARN ABOUT THE PAST



Men's fashion tips: Fit is everything

If you want to look great, here's how to start. The editors of Men's Fitness say:

*When shopping for suits, think more about fit than price. A \$400 suit that fits perfectly is better than a \$4,000 suit that doesn't.

*If you are under 5'10", get a suit or blazer that has a "short" cut. They're better proportioned for you.

*Buy with care. It's better to own a few very nice clothing items you love than a closet of cheap stuff.

*Wear a white undershirt under an outer shirt. If you aren't wearing a tie, it keeps you looking more put-together.

*Always wear a belt. It's the finishing touch you need.

*Never wear an armless muscle shirt outside the gym.

*Mind your colors. Don't wear black shoes with a brown belt or vice versa.

*Get rid of pants that taper at the bottom. They make you look top-heavy and overweight.

*Keep your pants pulled up.

*When it comes to windbreakers and winter outerwear, don't buy anything baggy. Err on the small side and get a close fit.



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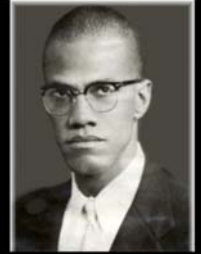
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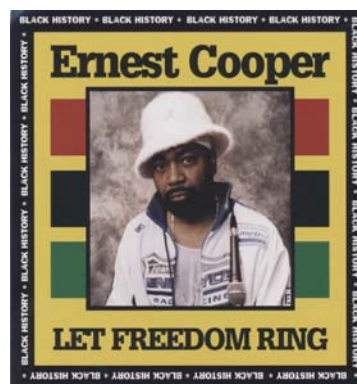
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Mass Media Records

Mass Media Records is an independent record label. We are based in the New York City district. We were established by the Classic Hip Hop artist Ernest "Super" Cooper. We are currently specializing in Black History Hip Hop, Good Health Hip Hop, Spiritual Hip Hop and R&B music. Our aim is to produce high quality records free of profanity and degrading material. We believe that a good seller does not have to always produce an angry, negative and degrading product but to produce a product useful to uplift our souls in a positive way. Now lets focus on that.

Our Mission Statement is to create some new classics in Hip Hop music. We love to write and record new music that captures the soul. We love to maximize our artists' potential and give off a Positive Message in our Hip Hop. We would love to release new masterpieces by searching to find more hidden talent of other artists in the same frame of mind as our Mission Statement. Mass Media Records is looking for hard-working artists in all genres of music. If you are looking to further your career in music or simply to get a start in one, Mass Media can help. Please contact us and send a press kit with a good sounding demo, picture and bio. If you think you already have what it takes to be a Mass Media artist please contact us.

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BLACK HISTORY HIP HOP

Black History Hip Hop is a very unique way to get people to memorize their own history. You know what the young people like. Funky beats and rhythmic words and they will memorize the whole song. Cooper's theory is 'If you don't know your history you don't know yourself.' He has been writing Black History Hip Hop Music for some years now and he's getting better with age.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired him to do research and write songs about our ancestors. He recorded these songs with well researched words and with good sounding music. He put their true life story in his rap songs.

Learn more about Ernest Cooper and Black History Hip Hop check out his web site.

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