

THE PERSUASIONS TO RELEASE SEPTEMBER COLLECTION OF U2 CLASSICS

Chesky Records is pleased to announce the September 27, 2005 release of THE PERSUASIONS SING U2. The deans of street corner singing, Jimmy Hayes, Jayotis Washington, B.J. Jones and Joe Russell, give some of U2's best known tunes a rich 'spiritual' interpretation that fits perfectly with the original intention of these great rock 'n roll songs.

In the tradition of their popular 'tribute' releases to The Beatles, The Grateful Dead and Frank Zappa, the Persuasions applied their a cappella magic to the songs of U2. "We found that the songs were just tailor-made for us", says Jimmy Hayes. "Maybe it's something about the Irish, the struggles they've gone through - Protestant against Catholic. Black Americans have gone through similar things. The songs just have that feeling."

THE PERSUASIONS SING U2 is a collection of 11 tracks including "Even Better Than The Real Thing", "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For", "When Love Comes to Town", "One", and "Mysterious Ways".

"Sometimes You Just Can't Make It On Your Own" was one song to which the Persuasions kept returning. They recently tried it out live at an audience at a jazz club in Boston recently and were thrilled with the reaction.

"We wanted to close the album with 'Peace On Earth'", says Hayes, "We just didn't have the room to include it. That would have been a good closer for us. But we'll be closing all of our live shows with that song."

Hayes doesn't know if Bono and the boys have heard the album as yet. "They're great writers," he says, "and their material really fit our group."

The Persuasions will be on tour in Fall 2005.

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