

FELTON PILATE

Career Synopsis: Record Producer, Songwriter & Recording Artist with (USA) Diamond Platinum Sales Status and numerous Gold, Platinum, Multi-Platinum, and Mega-Platinum selling albums; participated in and contributed to numerous Grammy winning and nominated recording projects; Recording Engineer, Mixer, and Mastering Engineer; 35+ years touring history as an internationally recognized R&B artist principal; Recording Studio owner and manager having trained numerous other eventual Grammy winning record producers; Chronological Discography and Awards history below.

Professional Record Producer & Songwriter History

1973 to Present Record producer and songwriter for his own group albums and singles recording projects from when his group, Con Funk Shun, migrated from Vallejo, CA, to Memphis. Pilate gained greatest world-wide acclaim for production/writing with rap phenom "M.C. Hammer". The Hammer-Pilate joint effort staggers the imagination with sales from '89 to '92 alone of **30 million**, including "*Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em*", the **#2 all-time selling R&B LP**. Other landmarks in Pilate's Capitol Records days include his film and TV soundtrack work such as his Oscar-nominated "*Addams Groove*" (Addams Family Movie theme) and Hammerman (Hammerman cartoon show). Pilate also has production/writing credits with the California State Lottery radio and TV campaign slogan "*I Feel Like The Lucky One*". His influence reverbs on countless samples like the D-Shot/Jive Records single, "*Huckleberry*", featured on the GOLD Columbia Pictures soundtrack, "*Booty Call*" and the DOUBLE PLATINUM "*Gang Related*" soundtrack cut "*A Change Is Gonna Come*", by J. Flexx. The eponymous PLATINUM debut LP, *Dru Hill*, contained Pilate's re-vibed Con Funk Shun classic, "*Love's Train*", produced by Keith Sweat. Most recently, 2010, writer Pilate contributed "*I Wanna Play For You*" to The Stanley Clarke Band Grammy Winning "Best Contemporary Jazz Album."

Recording Studio History

1985 to Present Pilate launched Felstar Studios in hometown Vallejo, CA, as Con Funk Shun (round one) was winding down. Grammy winning record producers who cut their teeth at his elbow include James Earley and the mega-hitmakers Foster-McElroy. Managing his own studio has given Pilate both the freedom and opportunity as well as the responsibility to run a first class hit-maker-machine facility. As he has migrated over the years from CA, to IL, to IN, to TX, and now recently to GA, he has always set up shop and kept it rolling. Having also worked in major recording studios, editing suites, and sound stages on many projects, Pilate is widely experienced in multi-format productions as well as running the show in facilities with staffing large and small.

Professional Recording Artist History

1973 to Present: Originally, Pilate exploded into the national spotlight with *ConFunkShun* with a formidable run of ten huge records including one Platinum and four consecutive Gold albums. Their 20 hit singles included 8 Top Ten R&B Hits and one #1 R&B smash. These Pilate-Cooper vocal hits remain on radio play lists nationwide and really sparkle on TV events like "Sinbad's HBO Soul Music Special", "Motown Live" and "Vibe". Meanwhile Pilate released a fantastic solo LP entitled, "Nothing But Love Spoken Here". Pilate really lets loose with this 14-song set of slow to mid-tempo love anthems. It includes "*Keepin' You To Your Promise*" - originally penned by Pilate for *The Stylistics* who recorded it as a Pilate/Preston Glass co-production. *A Taste Of Honey's* Janice Marie Johnson duets with him on "*Only For You*" about that elusive quality: devotion. Providing all the production, songwriting, most of the vocals and instrumental tracks, Pilate exquisitely demonstrates his many talents in the recording booth and at the mixing console, too. In 2012 TV-One Network will broadcast the "Con Funk Shun" Episode on their highly acclaimed Series "Unsung Heroes."

Professional Touring Artist History

1968 to Present: Pilate joined a group with some high school rivals and buddies, started touring, recorded some hits, and the fans have never let them go home for too long since. Taking a break in the late 80's to start his studio, Pilate broke out with Hammer; and then doubled as Musical Director for Hammer's record breaking 250-date world tour which included the Earth, Wind and Fire horn section, and over 40 musicians, singers, dancers, & rappers. After several years off and on with that production, Con Funk Shun reunited. Since 1994 Con Funk Shun has kept a steady stream of weekend concerts year round.

Record Producer / Song Writer / Recording Artist Profile

FELTON DISCOGRAPHY CREDITS

Albums - Movie & TV Soundtracks - Awards - Commercials

ALBUM CREDITS

ARTIST	TITLE	YEAR RELEASED	SPECIAL NOTES
Con Funk Shun	Con Funk Shun	1976	Debut LP
Con Funk Shun	Secrets	1977	GOLD
Con Funk Shun	Love Shine	1978	GOLD
Con Funk Shun	Candy	1979	GOLD
Con Funk Shun	Touch	1980	GOLD
Con Funk Shun	Spirit Of Love	1981	PLATINUM
Con Funk Shun	"7"	1982	#29 R&B Single
Con Funk Shun	To The Max	1983	#15 R&B Single
Con Funk Shun	Fever	1984	#5 R&B Single
Con Funk Shun	Electric Lady	1985	#4&12 R&B Singles
Carla Brown	Let Your Light Shine	1986	Gospel
Jon Gibson	On the Run	1987	Gospel
Hammer	Let's Get It Started	1988	3 x PLATINUM #1 R&B
B Angie B	B Angie B	1990	Debut LP
Special Generation	Take It To The Floor	1990	#17 R&B
Hammer	Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em	1990	17 X PLATINUM #1R&B/#1 Pop
One Cause One Effect	One Cause One Effect	1990	Debut LP
Oaktown 3 5 7	Oaktown 3 5 7	1991	Debut LP
Hammer	Too Legit To Quit	1991	5 X PLATINUM #2 Pop/#3 R&B
Doug E Fresh	Doug E Fresh	1991	Debut release
Lloyd Gregory	Wonderful	1992	Debut release
Special Generation	Lift Your Head and Smile	1992	#13 R&B
Con Funk Shun	The Best Of Con Funk Shun	1993	Mercury/Chronicles
En Vogue	93-94 LiveTour Tracks	1993	music tracks only
Con Funk Shun	Secrets	1995	Mercury re-release
Con Funk Shun	"Live For Ya A**"	1996	Intersound
Con Funk Shun	Best Of Con Funk Shun, Vol. II	1996	Mercury/Chronicles
The Stylistics	Love Is Back In Style	1996	Bellmark
Jesse James	It Just Don't Feel The Same	1997	Gunsmoke
W.C.	Shadiest One	1998	Payday
Con Funk Shun	Spirit Of Love	1998	Mercury re-release
Con Funk Shun	The Ballads Collection	1998	Mercury/Chronicles
Con Funk Shun	Millennium Greatest Hits	2000	Universal
Fredda Payne	Come See About Me	2001	Fantasy
4Shades	4Shades	2001	Real Deal
Lenny Williams	10 Ways Of Loving You	2001	Fantasy/Volt
Sac Sin	Point Blank Range	2003	Diamond Life
Lloyd Gregory	Free Fallin'	2003	Integy
Felton Pilate	Nothing But Love Spoken Here	2006	Ecap Music
Lloyd Gregory	Gentle Warrior	2010	Roxboro Entertainment
Stanley Clarke	The Stanley Clarke Band	2010	Roxboro Entertainment
Con Funk Shun	More Than Love	2014	Shanache Records

SINGLES CREDITS

SONG	ARTIST	RELEASED	SPECIAL NOTES
Sho' Feels Good To Me	Con Funk Shun	1976	#66 R&B
Ffun	Con Funk Shun	1977	#1 R&B
Shake & Dance With Me	Con Funk Shun	1978	#5 R&B / #60 Pop
So Easy	Con Funk Shun	1978	#28 R&B
Chase Me	Con Funk Shun	1979	#4 R&B
(Let Me Put Love) On Your Mind	Con Funk Shun	1979	#24 R&B
By Your Side	Con Funk Shun	1980	#27 R&B
Got to Be Enough	Con Funk Shun	1980	#8 R&B
Too Tight	Con Funk Shun	1980	#8 R&B / #40 Pop
Straight From The Heart	Con Funk Shun	1981	#79 R&B
Ms. Got-The-Body	Con Funk Shun	1982	#15 R&B
Baby I'm Hooked	Con Funk Shun	1983	#5 R&B / # 76 Pop
Dream On	George Duke	1984	Title Track
Electric Lady	Con Funk Shun	1985	#4 R&B
From Now On	Klique	1986	
Think You Know	Klique	1986	
It's Winning Time	Klique	1986	Title Track
Pump It Up	Hammer	1989	#5 Rap/#46 R&B #42 Dance
They Put Me in The Mix	Hammer	1989	#5 Rap/# 40 R&B #40 Dance
Turn This Mutha Out	Hammer	1989	#3 Rap/#12 R&B #20 Dance
U Can't Touch This	Hammer	1990	#1R&B/#8Pop/#2Rap & Dance
Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em	Hammer	1990	Multi-PILATINUM Video
Have You Seen Her	Hammer	1990	#4 Pop/#4 R&B/#9 Rap-GOLD
Dancin' Machine	Hammer	1990	#24 Rap
Help The Children	Hammer	1990	#12 R&B /#14 Rap
Hammertime	Hammer	1990	Multi-PLATINUM Video
Spark Of Love	Special Generation	1990	#26 R&B
Pray	Hammer	1990	#4Pop/#4R&R/#3Dance/#7GOLD
Here Comes The Hammer	Hammer	1991	Multi-PLATINUM
Much Love	B Angie B	1991	
Love Me Just for Me	Special Generation	1991	#8 R&B
2 Legit 2 Quit	Hammer	1991	#3 R&B/#5 Pop/#4 Rap/PLATINUM
This Is The Way We Roll	Hammer	1991	#20 R&B/ #86 Pop
Addams Groove	Hammer	1991	#7 Pop/#10 Dance GOLD
Do Not Pass Me By	Hammer	1992	#15 R&B/#62 Pop
Special Generation	Lift Your Head and Smile	1992	#13 R&B
Roll Wit Da Flava	Young Black Teenagers	1993	MCA remix
On Your Mind	Straight Company	1993	Benson Records
Dip Into My Ride	Lighter Shade Of Brown	1994	Polygram Records
Flavor You Can Taste	Kid Sensation	1994	American/Warner
Whomp-There It Went	Tag Team/Mickey Mouse	1994	Bellmark-The Slammer Re-mix
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Driftin'	Lenny Williams	1995	Marathon/Bellmark
Anything Goes On The Dance Floor	Hammer	1995	Giant Records
I Hope Things Change	Hammer	1995	Giant Records
A Brighter Day	Hammer	1995	Giant Records
2 All Y'all	Miilk Bone	1995	Set-It-Off/Capitol
Keeping You To Your Promise	The Stylistics	1996	Marathon/Bellmark
Throw It Up, Throw It Up	Con Funk Shun	1996	Intersound
Love's Train	Dru Hill	1996	Island Records - PLATINUM
Huckleberry	D-Shot	1997	Jive Records LP GOLD
Your Night	Con Funk Shun	2014	Shanachie Records #21 UAC
I Miss You	Con Funk Shun	2012	Shanachie Records #24 UAC

Movie and TV Credits

SONG	SHOW	ARTIST	SPECIAL NOTES
Miss Got The Body	Hard Bodies	ConFunkShun	1987 Soundtrack
Feel My Power	Rocky V	Hammer	1989 Soundtrack
Go For It	Rocky V	Joey B. Ellis	1989 Soundtrack
Hammerman	Hammerman Cartoon	Hammer	1991 TV Theme
Addams Groove	Addams Family Movie	Hammer	1991 Movie Theme
This Is What We Do	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Hammer	1992 Soundtrack
The Lucky One	The Big Spin/Cal Lottery TV	Felton Pilate	1995 TV Theme
Huckleberry	Booti Call – Soundtrack	D-Shot	1997 Jive Records GOLD
A Change Is Gonna Come	Gang Related – Soundtrack	J. Flexx	1997 2 X PLATINUM

Special Awards and Award Nominations for Felton Pilate Projects

Grammy Awards and Award Nominations

TITLE	CATEGORY	ARTIST	SPECIAL NOTES
U Can't Touch This	Best R&B Song	Hammer	1991 Winner
Please Hammer... LP	Best Album/Producer	Hammer	1991 Nomination
U Can't Touch This	Record Of the Year	Hammer	1991 Winner
U Can't Touch This	Rap Solo Performance	Hammer	1991 Winner
Please Hammer...Vid	Best Long Form Video	Hammer	1991 Winner
Addams Groove	Rap Solo Performance	Hammer	1992 Nomination
Hammerin' Home	Best Long Form Video	Hammer	1992 Nomination
The Stanley Clarke Band	Best Contemporary Jazz Album	Stanley Clarke	2010 Winner

American Music Awards

TITLE	CATEGORY	ARTIST	SPECIAL NOTES
Please Hammer...LP	Favorite Rap Album	Hammer	1991 Winner
Please Hammer...LP	Favorite Rap Artist	Hammer	1991 Winner
Please Hammer...LP	Favorite Soul/R&B Album	Hammer	1991 Winner
U Can't Touch This	Favorite Soul/R&B Single	Hammer	1991 Winner
Please Hammer...LP	Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist	Hammer	1991 Winner

Oscar Awards

TITLE	CATEGORY	MOVIE	SPECIAL NOTES
Addams Groove	Best Original Song	Addams Family Movie	1991 Nomination

Additional Awards and Award Nominations

Soul Train Awards
 Juno Awards
 M-TV Awards
 Billboard Awards
 3-M Visionary Awards
 Brother To Brother Awards
 Ampex Golden Reel Awards