

KEITH and TEX

Born in the Rocksteady era, Keith Rowe and Phillip Texas Dixon made their mark with a slew of hits and classics that have lasted more than half a century. From their haunting delivery of "Hypnotic Eyes" to the iconic guitar intro and solo by the late Lynn Taitt on "Stop That Train", you are treated to a unique style that's still alive and kicking after five decades. Since the late sixties, many of their songs have enjoyed great success and continue to be played and sung by a new generation of Rocksteady lovers. This duo has a style that still seems surprisingly engaging and refreshingly innocent.

Performing as Keith and Tex, this singing duo hit it big in Jamaica in 1966 with their rocksteady anthems, "Tonight" and "Stop That Train". *Rocksteady*, a style of Jamaican music popular for a brief period from 1966 to 1970, was the stylistic bridge between ska and reggae, drawing heavily from American R&B (rhythm and blues) and soul music.

Rowe and Dixon parted ways in 1970. Keith moved with his family to the United States and served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years. Tex and his family relocated to Canada and had a career with the Canadian government. They reconnected in 1997 to record an album appropriately titled, *Back Together Again*, that was only distributed in local record stores. Since 2013, they have been discovering new, young audiences, in the United States and around the world who are reverent of early Jamaican music.

Today, Keith and Tex are more appreciative of the opportunity to reconnect with a new audience and to tell their story. Their performances are punctuated with stories reminiscing of the exciting time it was for Jamaican music when they began as young teens during the mid to late sixties. They have been performing worldwide at some of the most influential music festivals in Asia, Europe and the United States. Summer 2017, they opened for Ziggy Marley at the world-famous Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, California and performed at the Octopode Festival in Switzerland. They completed tours of Europe in October 2017, Japan in December of 2017 and Europe again in early 2018. They've appeared at the London International Ska Festival in London, appeared in Brazil and The Hong Kong International Ska & Reggae Festival during 2019, and will visit the UK in late 2019 again.

In 2015, they released a new album, *Just Passing Through*, to critical acclaim and have released a brand new, completely rocksteady album in March 2017 titled, *Same Old Story*.

In July 2018, Keith and Tex returned with their first music release of the year, "My Best Girl" (a John Holt classic) and "Let's Sing" recorded while on tour in 2018, following their hugely popular album, *Same Old Story*. In 2019 they've released singles "Global Politics" and "Only A Smile" and are planning the release of a new album early next year. Also, in the works, they are planning a follow-up album to the critically acclaimed "Same Old Story" collaborating once again with Roberto Sanchez. Look out for Keith and Tex in a town near you on their upcoming 2020 world tour where they will be performing all their classic and soon to be classic songs for you.

Still rocking steady!

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