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STYX

They seemed like an unlikely trio to get together and form a successful rock band – the keyboard player with the crystal, almost-operatic singing voice with a penchant for ballads, the raunchy guitarist consistently producing big sounds and challenging lyrical adventures, and the country boy with the sweet voice and a love of R&B as well as hard rock. But for many years, Dennis DeYoung, James “JY” Young and Tommy Shaw, along with the original rhythm brotherhood of drummer John and bassist Chuck Panozzo, have blended the differences in their musical tastes and their personalities into a kaleidoscope of sound that has made them one of the most legendary and loved bands of the past 3 decades.

As Styx, they have sold over 25 million records and have scored 8 top 10 singles. Every album this classic Styx line-up has recorded has achieved Gold or Platinum status, including their most recent, 1997’s “Return To Paradise” on CMC International Records– a live album recorded during their reunion tour in 1996 (during which they played for more than 600,000 loyal and devoted Styx fans across the country).

During the years when the group was not together, Shaw, Young and DeYoung each had gone on to have successful careers separate from Styx. All recorded as solo artists, DeYoung additionally succeeded as a Broadway actor and playwright, Young started his own record company collaborating with artists such as Jan Hammer, and Shaw scored as a member of the hugely successful rock group Damn Yankees.

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