

# James Brown



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\* Born in 1933 in Barnwell South Carolina as James Joseph Brown Jr.

\* Had a number of nicknames that included...

- The Godfather of Soul
- The Hardest Working Man in Show Business
- Mr. Dynamite
- Soul Brother Number One
- The Godfather of Funk
- Minister of The New New
- Super Heavy Funk
- Mr. Please Please Please

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\* James Brown & others credit Little Richard's horn players from the late 50's as the innovators of the funk sound

\* When Little Richard had his plane scare in 1957 he stopped performing. James Brown hired his horn section to play for him

\* *Mother Popcorn* (1969)

\* Had 17 number one hits on the singles Billboard R&B charts



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\* 1971 *Soul Power*

\* James Brown built a reputation as a tireless live performer with his group The Famous Flames

\* 1973 *Think*

\* Rolling Stones Magazine ranked James Brown #7 of all time greatest rock artists



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\* A trademark of James Brown was his "cape routine"

\* At the end of his set, James Brown drops to his knees from exhaustion and a cape is draped over him. As he walks off he shrugs off the cape and staggers back for an encore

\* *The Payback* (1974)

\* Also holds the record for the most charted singles which did not reach number-one



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\* *Superbad* (1975)

\* James Brown established himself as one of the most influential musicians towards the development of funk music.

\* Was inducted into the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame

\* He was still performing until he was over 70 years old

\* Passed away in 2006 from congestive heart failure and pneumonia



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