

Reality Radio

Transcript

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This is Reality Radio.

These are grief filled days in the entire universe of music as we mourn the loss of the King. Michael Joseph Jackson exploded into our eardrums as the lead singer of the Jackson 5, at the age of 10 but we were told he was only 8 because that's how he looked. Innocent, short, cute as a button and with talents the likes of which were astonishing.

During those days, the Black owned radio station in Detroit was on the same very street as Motown. Barry Gordy once told me that after he completed a record he would sometimes run down West Grand Blvd to WCHB to get the record played. It's probably a safe bet that the very first radio station to ever air Michael Jackson and his brothers was WCHB which just also happens to be one of the very first radio stations ever owned by African Americans.

Black radio laid the foundation for Michael Jackson and his family, a fact they have acknowledged consistently. A couple of years ago while walking in the park my cell phone rang and it was Michael, calling to once again express his gratitude for black radio and to tell me about his interview that morning on one of our stations.

So as we bid our farewells, please be reminded that your signature is needed online at saveyourradio.org so that black radio will be around to give airplay to the next great musical genius, *just* like we did for Michael Jackson.

This is reality radio with Cathy Hughes. What's your reality?