

Ralph McDonald, What A Talent!

Epic recording artist and star percussionist Ralph MacDonald has collected an incredible array of percusinstruments around the world, often using them on hit recording sessions with stars like Roberta Flack, Paul Simon, Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel and Grover Washington Jr. (for whom Ralph co-wrote the chart-topping singles, "Just The Two of Us" and "Mister Magic" with partner Bill Salter, and for whom Ralph platinum produced the album, Winelight). Mac-"shekere" Ralph Donald holds in his arms in the photo is a Nigerian instrument - made from a calabash gourd covered with netted beades - but Mac-Donald didn't discover the percussion piece in Africa, he first saw one during his childhood in New York's Harlem.

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Phone 682-2573 122 East Main St. Durham, N.C. "There were these two guys in my neighborhood on 117th Street when I was growing up called Arnie and Albert," MacDonald recalls.

"I was about 12 years old and they were about 22. They used to hang out up on the roof and play drums, and we used to think they were strange because they played African-style. They used to paint on the skylights: 'Buy Black, Eat Black, Think Black, Sleep Black...' We all thought they were crazy, but as I grew up I discovered that they were ahead of their time. Well, they used to like to teach us about the African things that they had, which was where I first learned about the shekere."

Those experiences on the roofs of 117th Street came in handy years later when Mac-Donald was touring the world with Harry Belefonte, who always included songs in his show from the country he was playing. If the song didn't include the congas Ralph played for Belafonte, it was Ralph's job to find the instrument that fit the piece. So when Ralph played Nigeria with Belafonte, the songwriter/producer/percussionist bought a shekere to join in on Belafonte's African numbers.

The next album you can hear Ralph MacDonald's shekere on will be his solo LP Star Quality, due this summer on Epic Records. Pick it up and check out how well Ralph MacDonald learned his rooftop lessons from Arnie and Albert.

Tuesday Evening

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8 15 30 45	Magazine White Shadow	Real People	White Shadow	Appointment With Destiny	Starsky & Hutch	Dynasty	TBS Movie:	Dynasty
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