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The FIRST LADY of MOTOWN

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First Lady of Motown Entertainment "The First Lady of Motown: The Story of Claudette Robinson"

SYNOPSIS

The movie script tells the story of <u>Claudette Robinson</u>, dubbed the First Lady of Motown by the label's founder, <u>Berry Gordy</u>, and the sole female member of <u>The Miracles</u>, the first group signed to <u>Motown</u>. Along with original members <u>Smokey Robinson</u>, <u>Ronnie</u> <u>White</u>, <u>Pete Moore</u>, <u>Bobby Rogers</u> and guitarist <u>Marv Tarplin</u>, The Miracles led the way for a generation of musicians and performers that emerged in Detroit during the 50s and 60s. Artists like Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, The Four tops, Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson, among many others, changed the world of music forever.

The Rolling Stones and The Beatles, were among the many acts influenced by The Miracles, and the Motown sound in general. Their music is classic and timeless and continues to be loved today by music fans, young and old. Most of the original members have passed, but Smokey Robinson, one of the most prestigious and prolific songwriters in modern history, continues to tour the world while Claudette focuses on giving back through many philanthropic endeavors. Although Claudette left the stage in the sixties to focus on her role as mother of the two children she had with Smokey Robinson, she continued to record with The Miracles until the early nineties. She remains a respected and influential figure in the world of entertainment, and for the first time, friends and collaborators join her to tell the story of her extraordinary life.

Claudette Robinson serves as executive producer along with her children, Tamla and Berry Robinson. Among the familiar faces that appear in the film are iconic Motown figures **Smokey Robinson, Kim Weston, Mary Wilson, Janie Bradford, and Mickey Stevenson**, joined by friends and family, including Claudette's children and grandchildren.

Cast

2 Claudette Robinson	 Self
Smokey Robinson	 Self
Malika Haqq	 Self (as Malika)
Khadijah Haqq	 Self
k im Weston	 Self

Cast overview, first billed only:

Mary Wilson	 Self
William Stevenson	 Self
Iris Gordy	 Self
Tamla Robinson	 Self
Berry Gordy	 Self
Ronald White	 Self (archive footage)
Martha Reeves	 Self
<u>Marvin Tarplin</u>	 Self (archive footage)
Warren Moore	 Self (archive footage)
Jayne Kennedy	 Self