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1 Me And My Life - Lola - Neanderthal Man 2 Rainbow - Feeling My Way - Lookin' Out My Back Door 3 Ball Of Confusion - Jimmy Be Bad - Future Blues 4 Black Night - Woman I'm Gonna Make You Mine 5 Black Pearl - Ra-Ta-Ta - Goodbye Sam, Hello Samantha 6 War - Niagara - Paranoid 7 Natural Sinner - The Witch - Michael 8 Soolaimon - Cracklin' Rosie - A Song Of Joy 9 Something - Close To You 10 Carry That Weight - Travellin' Man - Keep Knockin'

Formed by Englishman Les Humphries in Berlin in the early '70s, the Les Humphries Singers performed a mix of gospel, R&B, pop, and rock that was not dissimilar to the work that would make Boney M European superstars. The group's biggest hits were the singles "Mexico" and "Mama Loo," released in 1972 and 1973 respectively. The ensemble also represented Germany at the 1976 Eurovision Song Contest, but was to break up soon after. A reunion occurred in 1991, but only lasted a couple of years. 2006 would see many of the original members -- sans Les Humphries -- return as the Original Singers. Other members of the Les Humphries Singers also went on to success in their own right, with Liz Mitchell going on to front Boney M, and John Lawton finding a home as the frontman for Uriah Heep. Humphries himself passed away in December of 2007. ---Chris True, allmusic.com

The group consisted of a large number of singers of diverse ethnic origin, some of whom such as John Lawton also performed with other groups. Another member was Jürgen Drews, who later started a long-running solo career, starting with his 1976 hit in Germany, "Ein Bett im Kornfeld", a cover version of "Let Your Love Flow" by The Bellamy Brothers. Linda Thompson (born 21 September 1948 as Linda Übelherr), who had previously been a member of the Cornely Singers and Love Generation, was a member from 1973 to 1974, and later joined Silver

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Convention, and had a solo career as Linda G. Thompson, sang as a duo with Jerry Rix, and later joined The Hornettes. Henner Hoier (born 19 April 1945), who was a member from 1970 to 1971, had been a member of the Rivets from 1964 to 1968 and of the Rattles from 1968 to 1970. From 1972 onwards, he had a solo career, and from 1988 to 1993 he was a member of the Rattles and from 1994 of the Rivets. He has also composed and produced music, and appeared in the musical Only You.

Additional members included Liz Mitchell, later front woman with Boney M., and John Lawton, who also sang for the German progressive/hard rock band Lucifer's Friend and would go on to be the frontman for Uriah Heep. ---revolv.com

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