



Biographical Outline

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the auditorium for an Evening of Family Worship and Praise with *The Collingsworth Family*.

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August, 1986 until now, the ministry God has given *Phil & Kim* has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family. Their boundaries of influence have expanded until they have sung and played all over the United States (*as well as internationally*) into their 23rd year of ministry. Their constant, persistent attention to cutting-edge arranging, musical excellence, and a proper balance of spiritual emphasis are the keys to success God has helped them tap.

Phil & Kim's actual base of ministry began during their college days. Phil is a 1986 graduate of God's Bible School & College, Cincinnati, OH. This is the famous, 100+ year old college that is well-known within Christian education ranks for having been the American college where Oswald Chambers ("*My Utmost For His Highest*") taught. Phil also completed professional trumpet studies at College Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati and earned a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree with a double major in trumpet performance and music education. Kim attended Union Bible College, Westfield, IN where she was very instrumental in arranging most of the music that was performed by the college's traveling music groups.

Since that time, many ministry opportunities have come across their pathway. They have always maintained a public performance ministry, which for the first fourteen years included doing music presentations for church camps and extended-length revival campaigns. They have also held the positions of Ministers of Music, Hobe Sound Bible Church, Hobe Sound, FL (*the largest church in Martin County, Florida*); Director, Music Division, Union Bible College, Westfield, IN; and Phil was Dean of Enrollment Management at his Alma Mater, God's Bible School & College, Cincinnati, OH.

In January, 2000, *Phil & Kim* transitioned to a new, all-concert ministry. They began recording professionally, using Wayne Haun, Roger Talley, and Jason Webb as their producers. This new emphasis began to expand their boundaries rapidly. Their home has seen the addition of four children across the years and the children are now very actively involved in the ministry. Their two oldest daughters are quite proficient on the violin and play at each of their concerts. Their entire family sings together in an ensemble as well as Brooklyn, their 18 yr old daughter, joining them in trio vocals for most of the program. Kim is well-known for her phenomenal mastery of the piano and the extraordinary talent God has given her is a part of each concert, as well as trumpet solos from Phil. Their discography now includes three instrumental projects, one of which was selected by the SGMA to be displayed as Porch Music at the SGMA Hall of Fame/Museum at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Their newest full-scale studio project, ***"WE STILL BELIEVE"***, released May, 2007 and includes their tenth national radio single, ***"I CAN TRUST JESUS"*** written by Gerald Crabb and promoted to radio by Crossroads Records. They also recently released a "first" in the Christian Music Industry, filming two full length music videos at the famed MUSIC HALL in Cincinnati, OH, the home of the world-class Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The two filmings were the first Christian concerts ever to be filmed at a major symphony venue

On January 1, 2004, they signed an exclusive booking agreement with THE DOMINION AGENCY of Fayetteville, NC, which now represents them in all personal appearances. In February, 2006, they were nominated for an OVATION Award, presented annually by SoGospelNews.com as ***"Breathrough Artist of the Year"*** as well as Kim Collingsworth being nominated as ***"Musician of the Year"***. They were the winner of both of these awards, with a presentation ceremony occurring in Nashville, TN on April 25, 2006. On November 11, 2006, they were nominated for the annual Harmony Awards, presented annually by the Southern Gospel Music Guild in the category of NEW ARTIST. In a ceremony in Dickson, TN, on January 9, 2007, they were presented as winners of the SGMG New Artist of the Year. Again, in 2008, they were nominated in the Top 5 for both MIXED GROUP of the YEAR and MUSICIAN of the YEAR for the SINGING NEWS FAN AWARDS presented annually at the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY.

On February 1, 2006, they signed a multi year, exclusive recording agreement with Crossroads Entertainment & Marketing of Asheville, NC, one of the largest and most successful record companies in the Gospel Music Industry. Collingsworth Family recorded products are marketed nationally to the CBA Market thru Crossroads Distribution Company.

Their ministry has been highlighted on the Artist Spotlight segment of the nation's largest gospel music syndicated radio program, ***The Gospel Greats with Paul Heil*** as well as on ***Daniel Britt & Friends*** on XM Radio's Enlighten 34. Their music is regularly featured on Xradio's Enlighten 34, GMT (*Gospel Music Television*), The DayStar Television Network, and has also been featured in one hour prime-time specials on the INSP Television Network. The Collingsworth Family recently, at the personal invitation of Bill & Gloria Gaither, appeared on the newest Homecoming Series taping filmed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN. They have also been added as regulars on many of the Gaither Homecoming Concerts, making appearances with Gaithers in some of their largest venues in the US and Canada. Their personal appearance schedule shows the broad appeal their family emphasis has, performing in all types of venues across the US and includes concert performances in the Cayman Islands.

The rapid expansion they have seen occur with the transition to an all-concert ministry is a direct result of the emphasis they have placed on the power of prayer. Each Tuesday evening, they hold a private prayer meeting in their home for the specific purpose of praying for the salvation of their children and the expansion of their ministry. Since the beginning of these weekly prayer meetings in 2000, the doors of opportunity for ministry have opened to them, crossing all evangelical denominational boundaries. *Phil & Kim's* entire purpose is to give the talent God has loaned them back to their Creator as a sacrifice of praise.



Discography

Your Ticket to Music Hall – National Release – August 2008
Kim Collingsworth "PERSONAL" – National Release – August 2008
We Still Believe – National Release - May 2007
Sunday Morning Ivories, Volume 2 – National Release – September 2006
God Is Faithful – National Release – September 2005
Christmas in Kosovo – National Release – September 2004
Strength for the Journey – National Release – November 2003
I'm Too Far – National Release – April 2002 (*Out of Print*)
Silver & Ivory (Instrumental) – National Release – April 2001
Sunday Morning Ivories – National Release – November 2000
Lifting Our Voices – National Release – April 2000 (*Out of Print*)

Video Releases

Your Ticket to Music Hall – National Release – August 2008
Kim Collingsworth "PERSONAL" – National Release – August 2008
A Night To Remember – National Release – September 2006
Christmas in Kosovo – National Release – September 2004
We Have Met To Worship – National Release – September 2004
One Special Evening – National Release – November 2002 (*Out of Print*)

Top 40 Hits

Tradin' A Cross for a Crown – June 2006 - #34
God Is In The Shadows – November 2006 - #35
Light from Heaven – May 2007 - #40
He Already Sees – March 2008 - #34
I Can Trust Jesus – August 2008 - #26

Honors

Awarded **BREAKTHROUGH ARTIST OF THE YEAR** OVATION AWARDS – 2006
Awarded **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** OVATION AWARDS – 2006
Awarded **NEW ARTIST** HARMONY AWARDS – 2007
Nominated **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** OVATION AWARDS – 2007
Nominated **SPECIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR (A Night to Remember)** OVATION AWARDS – 2007
Nominated **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** SINGING NEWS FAN AWARDS – 2007
Nominated **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** OVATION AWARDS – 2008
Nominated **MIXED GROUP OF THE YEAR** SINGING NEWS FANS AWARDS – 2008
Nominated **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** SINGING NEWS FANS AWARDS - 2008