Coco & Mo- Soul. House. Disco. Pop. Nu Jazz From chilled out lounge to the sounds of the get down... Coco & Mo- YouTube

Featuring devastating vocalist CocoSoul and led by musical director Mo Egeston, Soul Alliance is not a musty oldies band. The act demolishes the boundaries between funk, R&B — and, yes, soul — with impressive instrumental skill.

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Maurice "Mo" Egeston first approached CocoSoul on MySpace with the idea of creating a dance band which became Soul Alliance. Since 2009 a deep artistic connection has taken them many musical different directions. Finding them frequently



floating in and out of each others projects while continuing to perform as a duo and in many full band combinations.

As a duo **Coco & Mo** can perform acoustically, with the backing of a full band or as a duo with the addition of Mo's beat production skills. This flexibility allows them to play anywhere from chilled out lounges to high energy dance floors while maintaining their signature groove. Current collaborations and concert performances include CocoSoul & Friends, Mo Egeston & Friends, Mo E All-Stars and Coco's latest project Disco Nites.

St. Louis native **CocoSoul** (Rochelle Angelique Walker) is well known as a singer, actress, musician and educator. She began her studies on piano at the age of 6 and music has been a force in her life ever since. Coco lived in Atlanta for over 10 years working with numerous producers as a songwriter and vocalist for major production companies. Upon her return to Saint Louis, she moved forward with her career as an R&B/Soul singer and has opened for and graced the stage with many artists including: Dwele, Musiq, India Arie, Dianne Reeves & Al Jarreau, Biz Markie, Morris Day and the Time, Mint Condition and Anthony Hamilton, Jaheim & Raheem DeVaughn at the Verizon Ampitheater.

As an actress Coco has been seen in St. Louis productions of *Tell Me Something Good, Caroline or Change, Dreamgirls, The Full Monty*, and *Menopause the Musical* (longest running musical in St. Louis).

From the start of his band career in the mid 1990s pianist/producer **Maurice "Mo" Egeston** has made his mark in the St. Louis region as a leader of innovative and popular bands. He currently leads Mo E All-Stars, Coco & Mo, Mo E 3 and Mowinda and has been a member of <u>Brothers Lazaroff</u> since 2008.

As a leader Mo's band career began in Washington Avenue's club district. What followed was a string of successful club residencies, recordings, compilations, global single releases (UJN) and a couple of years of touring. From 1995-2008 Mo's bands have included Invincible Groov (Green Room house band), Vargas/Vargas Swing (residencies at Velvet, The Duck Room/Blueberry Hill, Hi-Pointe & Trainwreck Saloon), Urban Jazz Naturals (UJN) and Mo & Dawn.

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