

Female Connection

REGGAE RADIO DJ'S & DANCEHALL DJ'S

Sandra B. was born in London on a May day under the sign of the Taurus. Being a child of jamaican parents Sandra has always been close to Reggae music. Today she is resident in Birmingham working as a Support worker during the day.

In 1987 **Sandra B.** had her first public appearance as a Radio-DJ at a local Radio station in Birmingham called **Enterprise Radio**. It was her nice voice that got her there initially and with which she presented her personal mix of different reggae styles to her listeners.

At **Enterprise Radio** her popularity had it's start and she soon was given a regular show from 12 to 2am. As her popularity rose the show was put into prime time (10pm - 2am) every Saturday. From here more shows at different radio stations where to follow.

Other radio stations **Sandra B.** played at where **Lazer FM, Metro Radio, P.C.R.L. Radio** to mention just some. In 1994 **Sandra B.** was giving an interview at **Radio Wave Station**, Montego Bay, Jamaica where she presened a radio show along side Calvin Shore.

Paralell to her Radio career **Sandra B.** was also working at her presence as live dancehall DJ. In 1987 she became runner-up in a Female-Dancehall-DJ-Competition held at the Hummingbird Club in Birmingham. The following Year. Only one year later, in 1988, **Sandra B.** received the trophy for the 1st price in this category.

Lady Destiny was born in Biringham in the autumn month of October (libra. Her parents are from Jamaica. During the day **Lady D.** is working as a house tutor for deaf and blind adult people.

Lady Destiny's musical career started in 1988 when she was selecting for **Lady Justice** on **Lazer FM**. A year later **Lady Destiny** was given her own show at **Power FM** to present the Top 10 in soul music and which she presented for the next 3 years. She then moved on to **Unity FM** where she regularly presented soul and reggae music to her listeners.

During her time as Radio DJ **Lady Destiny** was also a member of a DJ Crew called **Mystique Oasis** who played mainly R&B, old school, Hip Hop and Soul to their audiences on Club Set's. Other Members where **Michael Brown** and **Steve G.** Some of the Hip-Hop events **Mystique Oasis** played at where a **HI-five** concert and other Hip-Hop shows i.e. a **Method Man** concert and a **Redman** show.

In 1991 the Sandra B. and Lady Destiny got together and formed the **Female Connection**. Since 1997 **Feamale Connection** had a regular 3 hour Saturday show at **Sting FM** from 12 noon to 3pm playing all styles of music - from reggae to soul - for their listeners.

Parallel to their careers as Radio DJ's **Female Connection** was gaining more and more experience playing as live Dancehall DJ's.

The first and biggest out-of-town event **Female Connection** played at as Dancehall DJ's took place in 1995 in **Bristol**. They certainly made their mark here, playing alongside other Female DJ's from Bristol and Birmingham. There followed live appearances at the **High Five** at Verleyes, Birmingham and many other locations where the **Female Connection** was showing their talent as dancehall DJ's.

In 1997 **Female Connection** won 1st prize for Best Double Act at a UK-Female-Dancehall-DJ-Competition at the Supreme Night Club in Birmingham. Also in 1997 they won 1st prize for Lady DJ Entertainer of the Year at a competition promoted by Niceness Promotions. In 1999 Female Connection won the Female DJ Award at a Competition held at the Supreme Night Club.

In 2002 **Female Connection** were awarded 1st prize for Outstanding Female DJ- 11 Years in the Business which was awarded by Moster-Munch Promotions and received in Hitching, Luton.

Female Connection have previously also been playing alongside well known artists like **Shaka Demus & Pliers** at their dance at the Hummingbird Club in 1999. In April 2001 **Female Connection** played alongside **Tony Matterhorn** at the Summerfield Community Center, Birmingham. **Channel 4** Television took great interest in this show and filmed the event to be broadcast on TV.

In 2001 **Female Connection** were invited to play at various locations in Germany. In Berlin they played alongside **Concrete Jungle** a well known German Sound System Crew. In Munich **Female Connection** played alongside **Bubadub Sound**, in Hamburg they had their own show at the Chocolate City Club.

Female Connection have been on the bill of various events alongside many well known Reggae artists throughout the past years. The most recent event (November 2002) being the **John Holt** dance at the Aston Villa Leisure Center. Others on the bill were **Mighty Spice, Marcia Griffith, Ken Booth**. They have been playing alongside **David Rodigan** and many other Sound System Crews and DJ's mainly in the UK. David Rodigan invited them to the Suburbia in London, from which they got two more bookings from other promoters. They also played at Baby Cham, Bling Dog, Sanchez and George Nooks concerts in Birmingham.

On the 19th of October 2002 **Female Connection** held their 11 year Anniversary Party in Birmingham with **Big John** from Radio Galaxy and **2004 Crew** as special guest. Also on the bill were **Country Man, Daco Ranks, Real Deal, TQ + Shacka, Tyron + Cocoa** and **Stone Heart Sound**.

Female Connection play a variety of styles which include Reggae, Dancehall, Revival, R&B as well as Hip-Hop and Soul music, whereby they are at their best when it comes to playing dancehall music. They just know how to get a crowd going and they call themselves the "**Ladies Defenders**" in the dancehall music scene.

David Rodigan said about them : "...in 20 years I have not seen or heard any other more professional Female DJ's ...". Tony Matterhorn commented that he was "... very impressed ..." and Fire Links said : "...wicked female DJ's ...".