

Symphonie





Smile!!!!

We Are Happy

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IS A CD SONG BY

Jessy and Paolo.

Jessy is my cousin
that gave me the
inspiration to become
a musician. The

music CD came out in
2008 with songs
written by Jessy.

Paolo plays the
instruments while
Jessy sings all vocals.

Jessy is very talented
and I'm happy she's
my inspiration.

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Editor's Letter

Since the ending of elementary school, my friends and family were noticing changes in me. They observed a passion for rhythm, energy, and happiness.

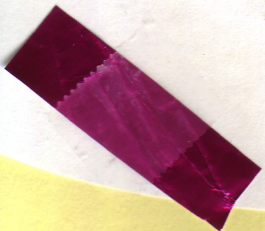
"Can you sit still now?" Is the most common question anyone has ever asked me. Well that inhibition has a reason behind it. No matter what the tone of that person, I found that I could never get upset about that repeated question.

That exhilaration is one of the main qualities that make me who I am. Time after time, I've been called annoying and told that I need to stop my hyperactive ways. But then I thought of how if I stopped being "anxious" then I couldn't be me.

Stumbling across that epiphany made me notice that those people only said those things to hurt me and try to bring me down. The reason I have so much happiness inside of me is because I like to believe. I would like to believe that everyone could walk around with a smile on their face welcoming others in instead of pushing them out. I believe that quality is in everyone where one person's joy makes it seem like everything is going to be okay.

So why should it matter what others say about your personality when you know who you are and how you came to be? Accept the smiles and laughter of those who dream and believe and others of negativity. The world will still go round.

Jordan
Hairston



INSPIRED BY A
TRUE STORY

MUSIC

It doesn't matter what the noise, everything in my world is the sound of music. Whether I'm in my room with the door locked with my Beyonce CD on repeat or trying to get on key with Alicia, I love music all around.

The earliest memory I have with musical inspiration is when my cousin Jessica Kyle performed a song on the piano for our family. The feeling that coursed through me was unnerving and unfamiliar because I never had so much of it before. It was the feeling of inspiration.

Six years later, I've been committing myself to learning how to play the sweet melodies of the piano. The sound of the piano influences me to work harder to paint the picture of my future.

The shape of me was crafted by the different by the different genres of music. The soft soulful side of me comes from R&B. At the end of a Alicia Keys song, you could catch me rejoicing or crying. My other favorite genres are Hip-Hop, Soul, Jazz, Classical, and the most soulful of all, Motown.

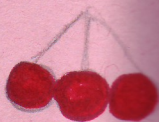
These types shape me because I relate to them and can express myself. Hip-Hop brings out energy and dancing unlike classical and jazz which makes me relaxed and focused. They make me want to dance the waltz instead of the dougie.

It probably hasn't shined throughout yet but I am a very soulful person. Motown and soul offer me other emotions. In the song I feel the singer's pain, love, and happiness through their voice.

My Soul Soundtrack

features songs from the following artist

- Alicia Keys
- Beyonce
- Chris Brown
- Jennifer Hudson
- Joss Stone
- Mariah Carey
- Deborah Cox
- Stevie Wonder
- Temptations
- Beethoven
- Claude Debussy

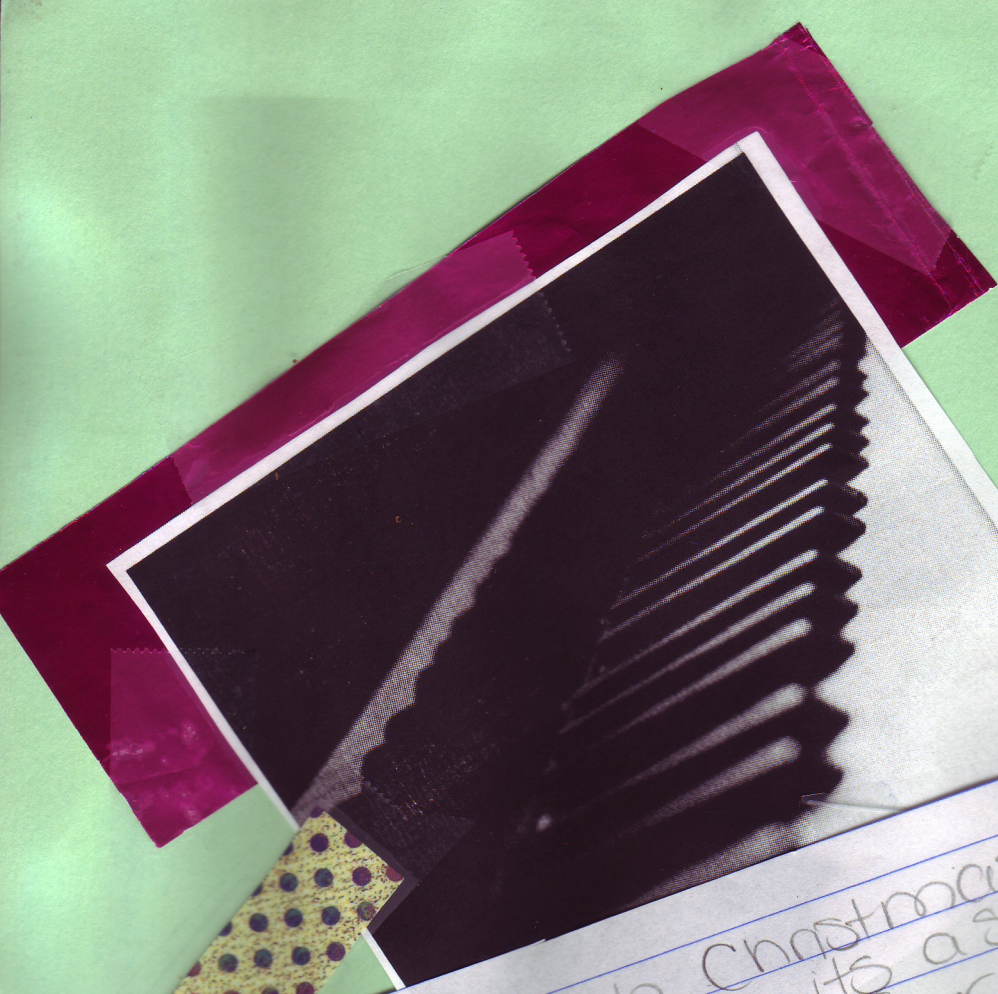


Christmas Craze

All the readers of this magazine can agree that their family is big, loud, dramatic, funny. And they are but are they as loud and entertaining? For the last three years, I've been spending Christmas at my Aunt Reesie's house. Here she throws a big Christmas party where all of our cousins, aunts, uncles, friends and recipes gather before the new years enters.

When we all are here, I could say that its more than seventy relatives in her living room, basement, dining room and of course the kitchen. But before we eat, we listen to music dance to Christmas classics, play games, take pictures with our grandparents and great-grand parents and tell stories. Once the sisters(my aunt's & mother) announce dinner-time then thats when we can all mingle together and I mean that literally. We take our seats and dig in. Laughs, gasps, and smiles are a way to complement us for our hard work.

But about half an hour after the feast, it's time to open presents and also time for cousin Chuckie to arrive. Chuckie is important to the family because he grew up with my mother and her siblings. He works for the secret service and was even one of George Bush's head body guards. He arrives to the party with presents for everyone. The presents are presented to us one by one and we take more pictures with Pop-Pop. We all enjoy the rest of the hour listening to stories from our parent's childhood memories but the best part is when I get to kiss my aunt goodnight. I get to say Merry Christmas to my Aunt Reesie and watch her face light up with delight as she knows that she pulled off another great Christmas party.



Even though Christmas is a very happy time, its a struggle after the scinde time. four days my Uncle Norman died.

He's essential to our family because of the sisters, he was the lasty brother. He lived with me and my family and is always took care of him when he was sick.

In the end, I told him, "I love you and I see you when you get home" then I kissed him and gave him a candy cane.

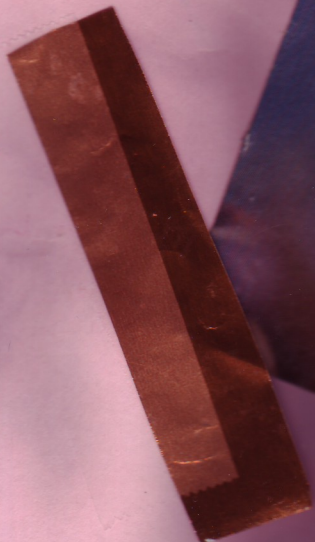
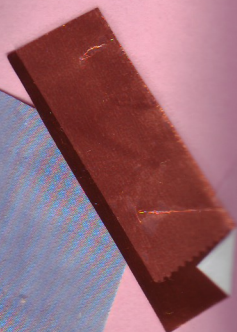
Twilight

When I was in seventh grade, I was introduced to the Twilight saga. We read the first book as a grade. We finished the book in time to watch the movie in theatres.

Two years ago, Twilight wasn't as important to me as it is now. Reading the books have went from a requirement to my second favorite hobby. I've read all of the books and watched all of the most recent movies.

Before Twilight, I didn't like to read on my own. But I realized that the problem was that I couldn't find any books that I enjoyed without closing it first. I read all the books over and over again and bought the movies from the theatres to home.

My reading has picked up dramatically and so has my vocabulary. I found that I read these books multiple times because I finally found a book I could sink my teeth into.



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