

# ELLISON

## UNFORGETTABLE - UNDENIABLE

### BIO

Described as an “off the charts” and dynamic live performer, ELLISON is an artist out of Motown who is turning the world upside down through his blend of pop, R&B, rock, funk & soul. He’s a throwback artist who sings, plays and dances. His music makes you want to dance. His passionate performances are inspiring.

In his sound you’ll hear the fire of **James Brown** and the edge of Seattle grunge! You’ll hear influence from icons like **Prince** and **Jimi Hendrix**. But you’ll also hear the passion and inspiration of contemporary artists like **Jack White** and **Bruno Mars**.

ELLISON developed his love of performing at the age of 15 when he was asked to create a dance routine to back up a local rap artist who was going to perform at a talent show at Wayne State University. He and one of his friends put together a routine that electrified the audience. The rapper they backed up didn’t win but a fire was lit. He no longer wanted to just dance. He wanted to perform and sing as well. Shortly thereafter at the age of 16 he bought his 1<sup>st</sup> guitar. Inspired by iconic artists like **Santana**, **Prince** and **Hendrix**, ELLISON began to teach himself to play. He followed up with learning the bass, piano and drums.

After forming his first band with friends in the neighborhood, he began playing in local clubs all around the city like The Blind Pig, Paychecks, Club 5529 and the Old Miami. In these venues he cut his teeth. He also played in multiple churches throughout Detroit, where he refined his skills by learning to play gospel and soulful music. The mix of the two worlds helped develop his unique sound.



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## PHOTOS

Today ELLISON is an accomplished artist, guitarist and musician. He has sat in with talented and incredible artists like **Grammy Award** winning r&b singer **Kelly Price** & the world renowned group **Hillsong**. He has opened for the multi-platinum selling band **Switchfoot**, performed for thousands in Europe (Copenhagen, Denmark) and played in front of 25,000 people at Ford Field (Detroit, MI) as part of a combined band who took part in an event to benefit the city of Detroit. Most recently he was runner up in Hollywood Casino's Battle of the Bands 2.

His performances are a thing to see. You will be entertained!

ELLISON just release an exciting 5-song EP entitled **"I Love U"**. The independent release was written, arranged and produced by ELLISON. He played all of the instruments except for horns and sung on all of the songs.

Take a listen to some of the tracks:



[Get On Up / Dance On](#)



[I Love U](#)



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2018 will be a breakthrough year for ELLISON. After many dynamic performances all over Metro Detroit in 2017, including the Ann Arbor African American Festival ([more details here](#)), the GM Renaissance Center, and Hollywood Casino, ELLISON is poised to be **the next big thing** from Detroit!

Take a look for yourself:



[Hollywood Casino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Finish – Overall Competition](#)

[Hollywood Casino, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Finish – 1<sup>st</sup> Round](#)



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