

# William White - Biography

William White was born on the 15th of June 1972 on a small farm in the hills overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, on the Island of Barbados. Mom loved Beethoven ... Dad loved quiet ... William loved to sing. It was the time when a ride through the country roads would be filled with music; Bob Marley and the Wailers booming at the rum shop on the corner, Marvin Gaye out of the window of the house a little further on, Sam Cooke, then Curtis Mayfield. The old folks were listening to Nat King Cole, Harry Belafonte, Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, and a Church Congregation could get louder than anybody's HiFi. Music was everywhere and although he didn't quite understand what it meant yet, William was hooked ...

Now the name William White is well known on the biggest stages in Switzerland. His own mix of reggae, funk, soul and folk has won him many fans and a solid radio status nationwide. The eight piece band „*William White and The Emergency*“ have played stages in Switzerland as well as Germany, Austria, France, Holland and Italy.

His songs carry a message of love for music, and a yearning for peace.

## The Albums

### UNDONE

William White's debut solo album, **UNDONE** was written, performed and produced by William White. **UNDONE** was released independently, from at home, in February 2005. The album had been recorded over the previous two years with William playing most of the instruments himself...(between work, getting married and becoming a father ...)

**UNDONE** was signed the same year to German Independent Label Chet Records and was released in Germany in August 2005. The Undone tour spanned two years. During the year 2006, **William White & The Emergency** had the opportunity to do the support for **Moneybrother** through Germany, Austria and Switzerland! They toured Switzerland intensively for the whole year, playing the biggest Festivals (*Open-Air St.Gallen, Gurten Festival Bern, Greenfield Interlaken, Paléo Nyon, Caribana Nyon...*), Some highlights of the autumn 2006 were : WilliamWhite's solo appearances as supporting act for **Ben Harper** in Geneva and Basel, **Xavier Rudd** in Zurich, **Gabriel Rios** in Paris and Amsterdam, **Archive** in Winterthur, **John Butler Trio** in Zurich and **Shivaree** in Zurich!

#### Info:

„**The Rock**“ (track 3) was finalist in the internationally acclaimed "**John Lennon Songwriting Contest**" early 2004.

" **Peace**" (track 2) was finalist at the "**USA Song of the year/VH1 contest**" May 2004.

### EVOLUTION

On the 15th of February 2008, **EVOLUTION** was released independently in Switzerland. This second album, again written, produced and performed by William himself. The album **Evolution** entered the **Top10 Album Charts at no7** in Switzerland and stayed eight weeks in the Top50!

The two weeks release Tour saw **William White and The Emergency** playing sold out shows in clubs with capacities of 700 to 1000 spectators.

**Evolution** will be released in 3 new countries during the year (2010), France, Benelux and Germany.... a compact Tour is planned for september 2010.

#### Info:

« **Can't stop Loving you** » made it in divers Swiss Programms (Radio/TV) and Compilations

« **Die Grösste Schweizer Hits** » 2008 / (The Biggest Swiss Hits, 2008)

«**Swee Love**» was taken for the Film « **Champions** » in the cinemas January 2010 and in divers Reggae Compilations.