

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jun Mhoon

PERSON

Mhoon, Jun, 1954-

Alternative Names: Jun Mhoon;

Life Dates: June 10, 1954-

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Residence: Chicago, IL

Work: Chicago, IL

Occupations: Music Producer

Biographical Note

Music and television producer Jun Mhoon was born on June 10, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois, to Justina Williamson Poole and Wilbur Leon Mhoon, Sr. He received his B.A. degree in arts, entertainment, and media management in 1984 from Columbia College Chicago.

In 1968, Mhoon began touring as a drummer with the Staple Singers. Over the next ten years, Mhoon toured and performed with many artists, including Thad Jones, Jessy Dixon, the Bee Gees, the Doors, Paul Simon, and the Count Basie Orchestra. Mhoon was a staff drummer at Brunswick Records and Chess Records in the early 1970s, playing on tracks by The Chi-Lites, Gene Chandler, Jackie Wilson, Jackie Ross and many others.

In the 1970s, Mhoon took a job as a warehouse clerk at Warner Bros. Records, where he soon became director of Midwest Local Marketing. In 1978, Mhoon joined RCA Records as their Midwest regional director, a position he held until 1986, and enrolled at Columbia College in Chicago. While a student at Columbia College, Mhoon founded AEMMP Records, Columbia College's student-run record label. After receiving his bachelor's degree, Mhoon became vice president of A&M Records, in Los Angeles, California.

In 1987, Mhoon founded I AM Records (later I AM Music and I AM Music Online), which specialized in hip hop, jazz, gospel, and inspirational music, as well as spoken word albums. In 1999, he founded I AM Digital Media, where he has been a direct digital content supplier for iTunes, Amazon.com, Spotify, Pandora, Facebook, and

others. Mhoon also has served as Chief Digital Aggregator/Consultant for Johnson Publishing Company and JPC Digital and vice president of TV production at Burrell Communications.

As a TV producer, Mhoon co-created the The Stellar Awards with Milton Brunson and Don Jackson. He also co-produced Steppin' at Club 7 with Anna Morris and has produced several other TV shows. In 2014, Mhoon began contributing a weekly segment, "Your Digital Media Evangelist," on WVON radio's The Urban Business Network. Mhoon has been a resident lecturer at Chicago State University, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, Tribeca Flashpoint Academy, North Park University, and the Chicago Urban League. He also served as an adjunct professor at Chicago's Harold Washington College and for over ten years at Columbia College Chicago.

Jun Mhoon was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 19, 2004.

Related Entries

Warner Brothers [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1997 to 2004]

Warehouse Clerk

Warner Brothers [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1990 to 1995]

Director of Midwest Local Marketing

RCA Records [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1998 to 1999]

Midwest Regional Director

AEMMP Records [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Founder

A&M Records [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Vice President

Harold Washington College [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Adjunct Professor

Columbia College [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Adjunct Professor

Staple Sisters [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1981 to ?]

Drummer

I AM Records [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 1987 to ?]

Founder