

Mickey Hobbs

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Occupation: Professional entertainer throughout Houston and the Clear Lake area. Currently performing every Wednesday evening at Nonno Tony's on Pier 21 in Galveston. Hobbs sang with the Nitebeat band for 13 years. His manager is Lisa Brinkley.

Age: 62 **On the web:** www.mickeyhobbsmusic.com

HOUSTON AREA PERFORMER MICKEY HOBBS IS WEARING A JOS. A. BANK DOUBLE BREASTED NAVY BLAZER WITH A DANIEL CREMIUX SILK POCKET SQUARE, AN AMERICAN FLAG LAPEL PIN, A HUGO BOSS SHARP FIT SHIRT, WRANGLER CLASSIC CUT JEANS WITH A DANIEL CREMIUX BLUE SUEDE BELT, AND JOHNSON AND MURPHY BLACK AND MAHOGANY LOAFERS. PHOTO BY JENNIFER REYNOLDS

Early years: I grew up in Houston with six siblings and sang in the choir at the True Light Baptist Church. I sang the national anthem at various sporting events.

Singing style: I am inspired by Sam Cooke and Marvin Gaye.

Wardrobe contains: Budget pieces and investment pieces. I dress for the occasion, giving clientele the option of resort, formal, casual wear or coat and tie.

Best places to shop: Only one place can fit my physique when it comes to dress slacks: Men's Wearhouse. Dillard's for sports coats and shirts. Cavender's for jeans. K&G Fashion Superstore for linen drawstring slacks. They are cut for my African-American physique — bigger thighs and backside, and broad shoulders. Nordstrom and shopping online work for other things.

Closet brands: Tommy Bahama resort wear; Perry Ellis dress shirts; Wrangler classic boot cut jeans, dinner jackets from Jos. A. Bank; Hart Schaffner Marx suits; Hugo Boss and Ralph Lauren sports coats.



Sports jackets: A red cashmere by Jos. A. Bank, one in pink by Ralph Lauren, a few in velvet and several paisley.

Shirts wardrobe: T-shirts/golf shirts/sweaters/tennis shirts are seasonal and color coordinated.

Accessories: Lapel pins and lots of pocket squares. Also, my James Avery leather bracelet with silver cross.

Athletic wear: When not working, I'm playing tennis and basketball. I am an umpire for the USTA (United States Tennis Association) and travel all over the U.S. when available to do so. I'm also in a tennis league at Windemere in Nassau Bay. I prefer Fila shorts, Babolat tennis shoes and have a variety of tennis shirts in all colors.



Shoe wardrobe: Black dress shoes are by Stacy Adams; deck shoes in several colors by Kenneth Cole; cowboy boots by Tony Lama. Bed|Stü boots are great for comfort when performing in casual attire.

Career highlights: Singing the national anthem at the River Oaks Tennis Tournament with Barbara Bush in the audience. She gave me a kiss. Another proud moment was singing the national anthem on two occasions at the U.S. Open in the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. I knew Gladys Knight from playing tennis and we were at a restaurant one night where I sang "Stand by Me" for her. She invited me out to Las Vegas.

Least favorite color to wear: Black, but I do have a Rodeo King black cowboy hat.



When something doesn't work in your wardrobe: I donate it.

Favorite men's fragrance: Polo Black.

Favorite cocktail: Diet cranberry juice.

Best fashion tip for men: Find a good woman who knows about style.