The Group Fire Biography

Label: Jet Records North/East
Producer & Songwriter: Steve Cooper
Manager/Founder: Bishop T. Cooper

The Group Fire is a powerhouse gospel ensemble known for igniting audiences with their electrifying performances, heartfelt lyrics, and smooth harmonies. Teaming up with producer and songwriter **Steve Cooper**, the group immersed themselves in mastering new material and crafting a distinctive sound that blends faith-based storytelling with rich vocal arrangements.

Composed of two sets of brothers **Terelle, Juwan, Justin Cooper**, and **Tajohn and Al-Shamir Hill**. The Group Fire has become one of the most exciting acts in contemporary gospel music. The New Jersey-based quintet combines scripture-inspired messages with everyday-life themes, fusing genres from jazz to what they call **R&C ("Rhythm and Church")**. Their versatility and soul-stirring delivery have earned them fans of all ages and two **Stellar Awards**.

Inspired by the biblical symbolism of fire, lead vocalist **Terelle Cooper** explains, "We wanted a name that was special. We saw where God used fire throughout the Bible with Moses and the burning bush, the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace, Elijah's chariot of fire. We figured the same way He used fire in the Bible, we want Him to use us as well."

In **2018**, The Group Fire was nominated for a **Stellar Award for Quartet of the Year** for their project *Join the Praise Party*, which propelled them onto the national gospel stage. Collaborating again with Steve Cooper, they followed up with the 2019 single **"Again"** from their forthcoming project *Heal the Land*. The single reached the **Top 20 on Billboard**, staying in the **Top 30 for over 28 weeks**, and earned them **two additional Stellar Award nominations**. Duo/Chorus Group of the Year and Contemporary Duo/Chorus Group of the Year. The "Again" music video also aired on **BET Gospel**, further cementing their national visibility.

By **2020**, Billboard named The Group Fire one of the **Top 5 New Gospel Artists** of the year. Their hit **"More Than Friends"** topped the **BDS Gospel Airplay Chart** on **January 11, 2021**, after 20 weeks in the Top 30. Their 2022 single **"Fix It"**, a heartfelt anthem about trusting Jesus through life's struggles, became one of their biggest hits reaching **#1 on February 19, 2022**, and earning **two BMI Trailblazer Awards**. Their next single, **"Anything But Fail,"** reminded listeners that "God never fails," and likewise charted in Billboard's **Top 20**.

On **November 3, 2023**, The Group Fire released their first holiday EP, ***The Gift***, a six-track collection featuring soulful renditions of holiday favorites such as *"O, Come All Ye Faithful," "This Christmas,"* and *"Give Love on Christmas Day."* The EP showcased the group's signature

harmonies and emotive delivery. They performed songs from *The Gift* live on **SiriusXM Kirk Franklin's Praise** with **Meta Washington**, and on **The Stellar Awards Christmas Special**.

Since then, The Group Fire has continued to minister across the nation, performing at major events including the **Essence Festival** in New Orleans. Their latest single, **"About Last Night,"** released on **August 16, 2024**, quickly became a fan favorite. The same year, they celebrated two **Stellar Award wins** (August 15, 2024) and were honored with the **Key to the City of Newark, New Jersey**, presented by **Mayor Ras Baraka** on **October 2, 2024**.

Group Members and Roles:

Terelle Cooper – Lead Vocals
Juwan Cooper – Tenor & Bass Guitar
Justin Cooper – Tenor
Tajohn Hill – Alto
Al-Shamir Hill – Baritone

Rooted in faith and passion, The Group Fire continues to blaze a trail in gospel music carrying a message of hope, unity, and most important the name Jesus Christ everywhere they go.