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German house duo, Plastik Funk, have brought a unique, energetic, and funky vibe to the House scene. After their 2012 hit 'Who' feat. Tujamo, they are now back on the scene with their newest release 'Tight' with Strobe & Lazn feat. Sapele. Just starting out on a small Worldwide tour, Plastik Funk will hit up some hot spots in Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Poland, as well as Chicago and Miami for their US portion. We got the privilege to ask them a few questions and get some information on the German duo as well as future releases!

Sonic Agenda: Can you tell us about that day you guys first met at club in Cologne? Was this the birth of Plastik Funk and how did the name come about?

Plastik Funk: Well, we played together on a party at the legendary Warehouse in Cologne, where Mikio was a resident DJ and Rafael had been booked as a guest. The house floor, where we were supposed to play was pretty slow that night, so we decided to crash the time by playing back to back. This worked our really well... and here we are. About the name... we just thought it sounded nice. hahaha



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Sonic Agenda: What is it about Frankie Knuckles and David Morales that made you make the switch from hip hop to house music?

Plastik Funk: When we heard those guys play in clubs in our hometowns, we were infected by the sound called HOUSE. Ever since we love the groove, the beats and the melodies that create this special kind of atmosphere in a club.

Sonic Agenda: What is your favorite part about producing new music? Tell us a little bit about production process and where do you start when experimenting with sound.

Plastik Funk: The best part is, when you mixdown the premaster and send it to some dope mastering studio 😊 Actually, we love all parts of the production. We mainly start with an idea or a track we heard and think is cool as a reference. First comes the kick drum, than the bassline and the rest follows. We always try to create something new and try not to stick too much to settings that might have been successful before.

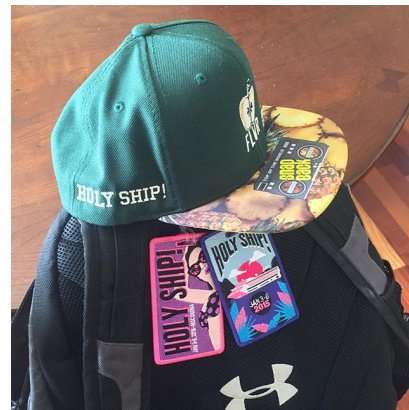
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Sonic Agenda: You have a very fun, unique, funk-like vibe for house music and it really comes out to play in your newest release "Tight". Where does your inspiration to combine those elements come from? How did the collaboration with Strobe, Lazn, & Sapele come about?

Plastik Funk: We travel so much around the world, and we get to hear many DJs from different countries. This is a very big inspiration already. But of course we also have favorite old school tracks that push us in certain directions. With this collab, it was similar. Strobe and Lazn come up with an idea for a melody. We took it, worked on it and so we were going back and forth sending this project file from Dusseldorf to Munich (where the guys live). After the backing was finished, we sent it to our man, Sapele from Sweden to write a vocal line on top. We really love his work as he is outstanding and different from most other singers and songwriters.



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Sonic Agenda: Where was your most memorable played show and why?

Plastik Funk: There is too many to just pick one. But certainly Tomorrowland, Ultra Miami, Ultra Europe or the legendary Berlin Loveparades were always great festivals to play. Clubwise... all those gigs with a bunch of people that just go bananas on our sound are unforgettable.

Sonic Agenda: What were your thoughts when your first major hit "Who", began to garner success and was being played by heavy hitters such as Avicii at shows and major festivals? How was it working with Tujamo on this record?

Plastik Funk: It was incredible, it just took off out of nowhere. We were checking playlists regularly and friends from all over the world were sending us messages saying: "Hey Avicii / Guetta / Steve Angello / Skrillex just played your track on XYZ festival". The crazy thing about "who" is, that we made it in just two days in the studio of Tujamo. There were a lot of pizza and burger breaks in between... so it was a quick thing! But we learned that most of the time, those tracks that go off your hand easily and quickly are the best ones.

Plastik Funk
Tujamo & Plastik Funk - Who! (Original Mix)

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Sonic Agenda: What is your personal favorite track you've produced and why?

Plastik Funk: Hmm. Difficult. But we still love "Get Down On It" cause we were doing this with our heroes: Grandmaster Melle Mel from Kool and the Gang.


Sonic Agenda: Can the fans expect an EP or album from you guys in the near future? Are there any upcoming releases?

Plastik Funk: We got asked about this often lately but we haven't made any plans for an album yet. But maybe we should consider it. Our next releases will be coming end of March, May and July on Armada Deep. Not quite an EP but some real house tunes, so watch out for these.

Sonic Agenda: If you could pick the perfect environment and place to play in, where would it be?

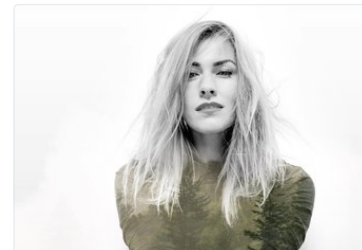
Plastik Funk: On a beach in Thailand with a crowd who just loves music and wants to dance!

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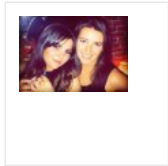
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