

Who are...?

VDub Radio



Simon (far left) and Tony take their music seriously...

...but not too seriously!



Getting to the heart of the VW scene meant more camping out in Simon's early Bay and Tony's T5 (above)

The hook up with Love To Funk DJs Tony Smoove and Simon C is music to our ears. Here's how it all began

VDubRadio is the brainchild of Tony Barnett and Simon Connolly. Their friendship has endured a 24-year journey through a range of musical styles and settings.

By the time the lads met in 1997 they were both already successful DJ's in their own right, with a history of playing in clubs, bars and on radio. Tony and Simon had played abroad in countries such as Cyprus and Greece and crossed paths many times whilst playing on the same radio stations and being booked for the same venues. It was quite apparent that the pair had similar music taste and as a result they joined forces and launched a weekly radio show in 2005 under the name *Love to Funk*.

As their radio shows became increasingly popular across London, Essex and Kent the duo decided to create a promotions company that held events in clubs and bars across the home counties. *Love to Funk* grew as a brand and became very successful, especially within the House and Garage scene. The pair also had a strong passion for 90's old skool dance music which led them into holding a number of amazing events where they turned venues into raves and managed to capture the feeling that was once enjoyed back in the day.

In 2007 Tony and Simon decided to take things to the next level by investing money into their first recording studio. They started collaborating with a local soul singer called Nora Blue who quickly became the 3rd member of *Love to Funk*. The trio then went on to release a number of EP's and singles on many digital platforms including iTunes, Amazon Music and Spotify.

Around 2013 both lads took a short break from radio and concentrated on music production and other projects in their lives. During this time, they visited a number of festivals and concerts that inspired them both musically and in lifestyle. Bug Jam 27 was a turning point for the pair when Tony bought his first T5 Campervan, followed by Simon who purchased and restored an early Bay to enable them to do more camping within the VW scene.

Community spirit

After a few years visiting car shows and camping within the VW scene, the duo decided to embark on a brand new venture by combining their passion for music, radio experience and their new-found love for the VW community. It was a no-brainer to utilise their skills and ideas to create something that had never been done before in the Vdub community and on 5th January 2019 VDubRadio was born!

Nearly two years on, VDubRadio has gone from strength to strength, having a strong social media presence and listenership with over 30 talented DJ's entertaining the masses seven days a week.

Event organisers, VW related companies and clubs have also been very supportive of VDubRadio, having been part of some amazing events and charity work throughout the year including Camper Mart, The Great British Campout, Camper Site, VW Breakout and Run The Ring.

VDubRadio has managed to bring together the Volkswagen community like no other, by making the platform inclusive and accessible to everyone in the scene.

Tony and Simon would like to thank all the listeners, the DJ's and staff working hard behind the scenes to make VDubRadio what is today! Thank you to all the sponsors and event organizers that have already supported us and have shown real belief in what we are doing.

Our partnership with Air-Style magazine takes VDubRadio up another level by allowing us to exclusively showcase our amazing talent and provide music and news to this wonderful community.

We hope you enjoy our content!



Groove on

The Love To Funk guys at VDubRadio.com have their fingers on the pulse of the smoothest tunes, fave raves and prime cuts. This issue they give us their favourite tracks

1. **Kariya - Let Me Love You For Tonight**
One of our all-time favourites and one that we would drop as an end of the night tune!!!!
2. **Massive Attack - Unfinished Sympathy**
This track is just one of many well-produced tracks by Massive Attack that has influenced not only our djing career but our music production under *Love to Funk*
3. **Quartz - Let's Get Busy**
Massive tune that works well in most sets! A timeless classic with real energy!
4. **Candi Staton - You Got The Love**
Amazing tune that is never out of place at the start of a club classic or old skool set
5. **Shades Of Rhythm - The Sound Of Eden**
Old skool favorite with a very catchy vocal
6. **True Faith - Take Me Away**
One for the piano lovers! And one that makes the hairs grow on the back of my neck
7. **Bug Kain & The Plastic Jam - Made In Two Minutes**
This always goes down a storm! Lots of different mixes to choose from
8. **SL2 - Way In My Brain**
From the warehouse parties in the 90's to TV commercials in the present time, this one always brings a smile to my face
9. **Raze - Break For Love**
Keith Thompson's vocals just shine through, sitting perfectly on the backing beat sampled from Sydney Youngblood's *If Only I Could*
10. **Ce Ce Rogers - Someday**
A musical masterpiece for the dance music generation, not only is it a great sounding track, it sends powerful messages in its lyrics.

Catch Love To Funk on



Friday evenings, 7-9pm playing the best in House and Old skool Dance Music.

Tony Smoove The Saturday Soul Selection
Saturdays 12-2pm

Simon C The Saturday Showcase
Saturdays 4-6pm