Fatboy Slim

Fatboy Slim, the English musician and DJ who helped popularise big beat in the 1990s, blends samples from eclectic genres with pop structures and processed rhythms □□□□

Biography

Norman Quentin Cook, known professionally as Fatboy Slim, is an English musician and DJ who helped popularise the big beat genre in the 1990s. [1] His music makes extensive use of samples from eclectic genres, combined with pop structures, processed rhythms and “sloganistic” vocals. [2] MusicBrainz lists his area as the United Kingdom and his birthplace as Bromley. [3]

Cook was born on 31 July 1963 in Bromley, Kent, England, and grew up in Surrey. [4] He began to DJ when he moved to Brighton to study for a degree. [5] After playing bass guitar with the Housemartins, he had his first success as a solo artist with a remix of Erik B And Rakim's “I Know You Got Soul”, which reached number 13 in the charts in the late 80s. [6] He also formed Beats International, which achieved a UK number 1 in February 1990 with “Dub Be Good To Me”. [7]

Freak Power, formed with Ashley Slater, reached number 2 in the UK charts in March 1995 after their “Tune In, Turn On, Drop Out” single was featured in a Levis jeans commercial. [8] Cook adopted the pseudonym Fatboy Slim in 1995. [9] The Fatboy Slim album and Cook's second solo album, *Better Living Through Chemistry*, which was released through Skint Records, contained the Top 40 UK hit “Everybody Needs a 303”. [10] “Praise You”, also from the album that followed, was Cook's first UK solo number one, and its music video, starring Spike Jonze, won numerous awards. [11]

In 2000 Fatboy Slim released his third studio album, *Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars*, which featured two collaborations with Macy Gray. [12] The album was released on Astralwerks / Skint Records. [13] “Weapon of Choice” was also made into an award-winning video starring Christopher Walken. [14] In 2003 he produced Crazy Beat and Gene by Gene from the Blur album *Think Tank*. [15]

In 2004 *Palookaville* was Cook's first studio album for four years. [16] His greatest hits album, *Why Try Harder*, was released on 19 June 2006. [17] His official SoundCloud page lists 343090 followers and 625 tracks. [18]

Notable Releases

- '2000' - Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars - [Astralwerks / Skint Records]
- '2000' - Sunset (Bird of Prey) - [Skint Records / Astralwerks]
- '2000' - Demons
- '2000' - Essential Selection, Vol. One - [London Records 90]
- '2000' - The Fatboy Slim/Norman Cook Collection - [Hip-O Records]
- '2000' - The Signature Series, Volume 1: Fatboy Slim's Greatest Remixes - [Brooklyn Music Limited]
- '1999' - 1999.04.16: Armand van Helden vs Fatboy Slim, Live At Trentham Gardens
- '1999' - Essential Mix: 1999-04-16 Trentham Gardens, Stoke

Gigs & Festivals Played

News & Media Links

Notes

Links to external sites or press kits

- Discogs - Fatboy Slim
- Deezer - Fatboy Slim
- Resident Advisor - Fatboy Slim
- Apple Music - Fatboy Slim
- TIDAL - Fatboy Slim
- YouTube - Fatboy Slim
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https://www.discogs.com/artist/3101
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https://soundcloud.com/fatboyslim

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