

BIO SUMO CH/UK (English)

Sumo are the two brothers Alex and Fred Sumi from Geneva, Switzerland. They explored the universe since their youngest age and were first known as BMX freestyle pioneers in Europe (champions of France and Switzerland) and already then tried to reach the sky and escape into another galaxy. They started their music career in a very young age and founded more than 15 years ago a soul-funk-electro project

After a foray into more experimental musical fields Sumo have returned to their old strengths. Their new longplayer "Galactika" (release date: 22.1.2016) adheres to something timeless. The influences of the 90s can be found in this album as well as references to current trends in electronic music. Dub, broken beats and carefully interspersed guitar riffs bring more variety. At the same time "Galactika" exudes an organic warmth and grace rarely to find in an electronic album. "Give Praise" or "Things Are Changing" seemingly plucked straight out of UK Bristol during the 90s. These are spherical bass monsters rolling in slowmo with gigantic grooves, topped by the distinctive voice of Wayne Paul. In the nineties, the briton with jamaican roots had spread his reggae tunes through legendary UK label Big Dada. On "Galactika" he's back, up to date and mightier than ever. Wayne's stories are profound, his voice full of soul. In conjunction with the two brothers Alex and Fred Sumi from Geneva he created songs that reach high into the sky and in the same time plunge

into deep bass waves. The lyrics spread confidence and let us dream of a better future that holds the answers to the pressing questions of a society in an increasingly complex and disoriented world.

Sumo released five albums and eight maxi singles and gained praise and recognition, especially in the house and dance scene in France and UK. As a live band they have shared the stage with artists such as Faithless, Jamie Lidell or Gotan Project. Songs by Sumo are featured worldwide in radio stations (including BBC Gilles Peterson Worldwide and Nova) and were released on various compilations with Laurent Garnier and Moby.

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