



For over 16 years strong, the "WHAT UP FUNK BAND" has amazed audiences on a national and local level with it's driving high energy performances and dance addictive repertoire.

The music of this 7-piece ensemble is achieved through a thoughtful balance of instrumentation and vocal melody. Soulful and always funky, "WHAT UP" derives it's force from diverse cultural backgrounds as well as musical expertise. The unique sight and sound experience of this tight talented unit has graced the stages with

R & B legends like: Average White Band, Tower of Power, Little Anthony and the Imperials, Blues innovator James Cotton, Pop icons Taylor Dayne and Richard Marx to name a few.

The "WHAT UP FUNK BAND" has an

extensive reputation whose resume includes main stage appearances @ national music festivals throughout the northeast, major casinos and nightclubs in the tristate area ("SANDS" Atlantic City NJ, "MOHEGAN SUN" CT, "LE BAR BAT" NYC) and various state colleges and universities. In addition, "WHAT UP" has been there for the many community events and benefits for charities like 9/11 relief, M.D.A. and cure for cancer research. Whatever your affair, the

"WHAT UP FUNK BAND" has got the plan for you. In 1998, the band released it's first original cd "AS FUNKY AS U WANNA B" as a passion project that quickly turned into a hit with it's core fan base. Due to the overwhelming success of the first recording, "WHAT UP" released their follow up cd "SOULFUNKFUL" in 2006 where sales and exposure launched them to national venues, radio play in the U.S. and France, and the 2006 recording of their 3rd cd "LIVE FUNK".

The popularity of the original music has been well received and grown into a unique defining characteristic of the band. Audiences appreciate the vast song selection and how easily the

original music is woven into the fabric of the sets. Musically speaking, the 7 separate talents of this band of brothers unite on 1 stage at 1 moment in time to deliver the highest level of performance and professionalism.

With an emphasis in the traditional values of playing live music, the band provides a fresh modern sound whose approach, interpretation and direction can creatively adapt to any situation.

People of all ages feel the power of the "WHAT UP FUNK" vibe. Let this be your invitation to join the growing phenomena of the "WHAT UP FUNK BAND"

experience.

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