

D'SOUND

30 years since the debut album, in 2027:

Celebrating the anniversary with concerts and a new album

In 2027, it will be 30 years since D'Sound's debut album 'Spice of Life' was released, and the anniversary will be celebrated with concerts at festivals and venues throughout the year. The band's three permanent members, Simone Eriksrud, Kim Ofstad and Jonny Sjo, will perform together with guest musicians on stage. A new album is also planned, with a release date in August 2027.



D'Sound was formed in 1993 by songwriters and musicians Kim Ofstad (drums), Jonny Sjo (bass) and Simone Eriksrud (vocals), who began rehearsing in a basement in Akersgata in Oslo. The sound they created was something as un-Norwegian as a mix of acid jazz, soul, R&B, funk, pop and drum'n'bass, an original sound that was quickly embraced by critics and audiences alike. The debut single 'Real Name' was released in 1996 and became the most played single on Norwegian

radio that year. Early in 1997 came the debut album 'Spice of Life', from which no fewer than seven singles were released.

D'Sound gradually gained attention outside Norway's borders as well. The band toured with Roachford in Germany, played to a sold-out house at The Jazz Café in London and at clubs in Sweden and Denmark. During a promotional tour to Japan for the album launch, D'Sound became the first international band to perform live on MTV Japan.

The follow-up album 'Beauty Is a Blessing' was released in 1998, with an even stronger blend of drum'n'bass and modern soul. The album debuted at number one on the Norwegian album chart and earned D'Sound the Spellemann Award for 'Norwegian Pop Group of the Year' that same year. This album also yielded seven singles, among them a cover of Shakatak's 'Down on the Street', whose 12" remix reached number 11 on the official UK Dance Chart.

In 1999, D'Sound released the single 'Disco Ironic', produced by British producer Ashley Beedle (who in 2003 was behind the number one remix of Elton John's 'Are You Ready For Love'). The

single was written for the Norwegian-Italian hit film 'S.O.S.' by Thomas Robsham, who also directed the music video, filmed with D'Sound in Rome.

The third album 'Talkin' Talk' (2000) debuted at number three on the Norwegian album chart and brought the band renewed attention in Asia. The title track became known across North and Southeast Asia through heavy rotation on MTV Asia and a major television campaign for Nokia that same year, with a commercial directed by Harald Zwart ('Karate Kid', 'Pink Panther 2'). This marked the start of a long run of concerts in Asia, and over the years D'Sound has played more than 20 concerts in countries including Korea, the Philippines and Indonesia.

The fourth album 'Doublehearted' (2003) revealed new sides of D'Sound, both as songwriters and as musicians. It reached number three on the album chart, was awarded a gold record and received a Spellemann nomination that same year. Among the single successes was 'Do I Need A Reason', with a video directed by Ray Kay (Justin Bieber's 'Baby', Lady Gaga's 'Poker Face'). In 2004 and 2005, D'Sound toured Europe with both Incognito and The Brand New Heavies, a collaboration that resulted in Incognito vocalist Tony Momrelle appearing on the track 'Birthday'. It was one of the singles from the fifth album 'My Today' (2006), which was released in several countries and led to new concert tours in Asia, Germany and Norway. The album also included the duet 'Sigh' with German jazz singer and trumpeter Till Brönner.



In the years that followed came the albums 'Starts and Ends' (2010) and 'Signs' (2014), the latter featuring the track 'Jennifer' in collaboration with Norwegian artist Lido. Over time, the three members of D'Sound also became internationally recognised producers, songwriters and musicians for other artists: Kim and Jonny produced Madcon's European mega-hits 'Beggin'' and 'Glow' and have written for and played on releases by, among others, Akon, Jason Derulo and CeeLo Green, while Simone co-wrote Donkeyboy and Joe McElderry's big hit 'Ambitions' and Bjørn Johan Muri's 'Yes Man'.

What began with Kim, Jonny and Simone in 1993 lasted 20 years after the album debut before Simone stepped down. The last recording D'Sound released with Simone Eriksrud as vocalist was the single 'Only One' (2017). By then, the band had released seven albums. In 2018, Mirjam Omdal joined the band, having previously fronted Bay Louie and appeared as a contestant on The Voice. Jonny had met her the year before, during the filming of The Voice Norway, and the chemistry between her, Jonny and Kim was immediate. The first release with Mirjam as

songwriter and vocalist was the single 'It's Just Me' in June 2018, which marked the start of D'Sound's eighth album 'Unicorn' (2019). In 2019, D'Sound took part in the MGP final at Oslo Spektrum with 'Mr. Unicorn' from the album.

In 2022, D'Sound celebrated 25 years as recording artists, marked by the ninth album '25'. The opening track, the single 'Flashback', brought together a reunited original D'Sound with Simone Eriksrud, Kim and Jonny, the first time the three had recorded together since Simone left the band in 2018. On the track 'Back to You', they again worked with Mirjam Omdal, who has been part of D'Sound on numerous recordings and concerts since 2018. The album also features a



number of international collaborations: the single 'Save Some' with Grammy winner and R&B legend Macy Gray (known, among other things, for the classic 'I Try'), 'Necessary Love' with songwriter and artist Shontelle from Barbados, known for hits such as 'Impossible' and 'T-Shirt' and for writing for Rihanna; 'Good Nature' with American soul talent Pher and Grammy winner Cory

Henry (Snarky Puppy); 'Run for Cover' with Filipino songwriter and vocalist Armi Millare from UDD (Up Dharma Down), one of several collaborations over the years; 'My Own Country' with Norwegian singer Marie Noreger; and 'Right Now' with American artist Autumn Rowe, known for hits such as 'Salt' (Ava Max) and for her Grammy-winning work with Jon Batiste on his album 'WE ARE'.

The 25th anniversary in 2022 was also marked by Universal Music releasing a deluxe edition of 'Spice of Life', remastered by Espen Berg, today known as one half of SEEB and one of the original producers when the album was recorded in 1996. The album was released on vinyl for the first time that same year, and author Petter Aagaard published a book of his own about the record.

Since 2024, Simone, Kim and Jonny have written and released the new singles 'Get Used to It', 'Mess Without This', 'Crybaby', 'Golden' and 'Unfold Me'. Kim and Jonny have also found time to release the single 'Your Love Keeps Me', their second collaboration with Macy Gray as guest vocalist. Simone, Kim and Jonny are now planning concerts and D'Sound's tenth album, due for release in 2027.

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Discography

Singles

1996 REAL NAME – PolyGram
1996 ALL I WANNA DO – PolyGram
1997 SMOOTH ESCAPE – PolyGram
1997 SMOOTHER ESCAPE (new version) – PolyGram
1997 SLOW DANCING, FRENCH KISSING – PolyGram
1997 GOOD MAN, GOOD GIRL – PolyGram
1998 LOVE IS ON MY – PolyGram
1998 AIN'T GIVING UP – PolyGram
1998 DOWN ON THE STREET – PolyGram
1998 ENJOY – PolyGram
1999 TATTOOED ON MY MIND – PolyGram
1999 BEAUTY IS A BLESSING – PolyGram
1999 DISCO IRONIC (single release only, from the feature film 'S.O.S') – Universal
2001 SING MY NAME – Virgin
2001 TALKIN' TALK – Virgin
2001 PLAY ME THE SONG – Virgin
2003 DO I NEED A REASON – daWorks
2003 BREATHE IN, BREATHE OUT – daWorks
2003 I JUST CAN'T WAIT – daWorks
2003 GIVE MYSELF AWAY – daWorks
2003 COME BACK MY FRIEND – daWorks
2003 ROMJULSDRØM with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra – daWorks
2004 IF YOU GET SCARED – daWorks
2004 MY GREATEST FLAW – daWorks
2005 UNIVERSALLY – daWorks
2005 GREEN EYES – daWorks
2006 FEEL AGAIN – daWorks
2006 BIRTHDAY feat. Tony Momrelle – daWorks
2006 ACOUSTIC LIVE SESSION (EP) – daWorks
2009 GOOD TOGETHER – Mountain Music
2009 HOW COULD I FORGET – Mountain Music
2010 WE LIVE WE LOVE – Mountain Music
2013 LOSE CONTROL – Sony Music
2014 LOVE LIKE RAIN – Sony Music
2015 DANCE WITH ME – Sony Music
2017 IF YOU DON'T KNOW – D'SOUND Records
2017 ONLY ONE – D'SOUND Records
2018 IT'S JUST ME feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2018 IT'S JUST ME (MAGNIFY LIVE REMIX) feat. Mirjam Omdal & Arnetta Johnson – daWorks
2018 JOIN ME IN MY HEAD feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2018 LYKKELIG feat. Armi Millare – daWorks
2018 LYKKELIG (ACOUSTIC) feat. Armi Millare – daWorks
2019 MR. UNICORN feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2019 THIS ISLAND IS MINE feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2019 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN feat. Armi Millare – daWorks
2019 AFTERSHOCK feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2020 GOOD INTENTIONS feat. Mirjam Omdal – daWorks
2021 SAVE SOME feat. Macy Gray – daWorks
2021 SAVE SOME (ZIDA REMIX) feat. Macy Gray – daWorks

2021 SAVE SOME (Live Version) feat. Macy Gray – daWorks
2021 NECESSARY LOVE feat. Shontelle – daWorks
2021 GOOD NATURE feat. Pher & Cory Henry – daWorks
2021 RUN FOR COVER feat. Armi Millare – daWorks
2021 FLASHBACK – daWorks
2023 I BELIEVE IN YOU – daWorks
2024 GET USED TO IT – daWorks
2024 MESS WITHOUT THIS – daWorks
2024 YOUR LOVE KEEPS ME, feat. Macy Gray – daWorks
2025 CRYBABY – daWorks
2025 TATTOOED ON MY MIND – LIVE AT ROCKEFELLER MUSIC HALL, 2001 – daWorks
2025 GOLDEN – daWorks
2026 UNFOLD ME – daWorks

Albums

1997 SPICE OF LIFE – PolyGram
1998 BEAUTY IS A BLESSING – PolyGram
2001 TALKIN' TALK – Virgin
2003 DOUBLEHEARTED – daWorks
2004 SMOOTH ESCAPES – THE VERY BEST OF D'SOUND – daWorks
2005 MY TODAY – daWorks
2010 STARTS AND ENDS – Mountain Music
2014 SIGNS – Sony Music
2019 UNICORN – daWorks
2022 25 – daWorks
2025 SWEET MUSIC – LIVE AT ROCKEFELLER MUSIC HALL, 2001 – daWorks

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2003 SWEET MUSIC – LIVE AT ROCKEFELLER MUSIC HALL – daWorks