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# BACHELORS OF SCIENCE – NEW HORIZONS



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Hailing straight out of San Francisco, the duo known as Bachelors Of Science are actually UK transplants who had never even heard of each other until the hand of the drum & bass gods brought them together in the States.

Bonding immediately over their mutual love of music, the classically trained Rene and the Southampton bad boy Chris, went straight to the decks with a series of high-profile gigs that took them from the infamous Love Affair parties where they played alongside the likes of The Allies, Kaos, Scratch Piklz and Donald Glaude, to Juju's well-known (and SF's longest running weekly), Phuturo.

Settling down in the studio seemed the next logical step and straight away their first track out the computer, the disco-tinged 'What's That Sound', found its way into the bags of Grooverider, High Contrast, Doc Scott, and L Double, who gave it a proper rinse-out and began asking for more.

Having since followed up with a number of groovy floor-killers, the boys have had their fair share of the spotlight, showing up in various VIP top ten lists, even garnering some airplay from Bailey two weeks in a row on his 1Xtra show.

"Melody and a main hook is key for us," explains Rene. "Having come from a more classically trained background, I'm always trying to bring more of a musical element to our tracks while Chris keeps things on point to make sure it still works on the floor."

Just as hot behind the decks as they are in the studio, the boys have not only been featured on DJ Flight's 'Breakin New Talent' show on 1Xtra but were also runners-up in last year's Movement competition. Recently landing a residency at San Francisco's massive Ruby Skye, there's no doubt that as the Bachelor releases begin rolling through in the coming year things are sure to heat to a solid boil.

With bits due on Santorin, Horizons, Touchin Down and Devine Interventions, the pair have also been busy collaborating with heads like State Of Mind, Alix Perez, Zyon Base and Brooklyn. Even more exciting is the duo's plans to develop a CD compilation series called 'Breakbeat Lounge' that will feature the output of some of the best undiscovered talent across the globe.

"We've always embraced the digital platform and digital distribution is so cheap that it's a great way to showcase people without a whole lot of financial risk," says Rene. "The idea is to create a kind of 'global underground' series that showcases styles that are popular in various cities as well as highlight some local producers and hopefully some crossover tracks that can bring in the iTunes crowd that wouldn't necessarily be looking for d&b in the first place."

Citing both Simon V and Brooklyn as instrumental forces in their success, the pair hope to serve a similar role, not only providing an outlet for new-school artists to reach the masses, but also hopefully giving them that much-needed boost of confidence and support to carry them to the top.

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