

**FACT SHEET**

## Funk and disco artists

### Kool & The Gang

Formed in 1969, Kool & The Gang began with a very funky sound but gradually moved towards disco. The band was a major influence on Michael Jackson and Prince. Their hits include 'Celebrate' and 'Funky Stuff'.

### Sly & The Family Stone

Formed in the late 1960s in California, Sly & The Family Stone was an integrated band with an eclectic sound which encompassed soul, funk, doo-wop and psychedelia. Their hits include 'Dance to the Music', 'Everyday People', 'Thank You' and 'Sex Machine'. Sly's band pioneered funk slap bass.

### Funkadelic

The ultimate funk band, along with sister band Parliament, with outrageous costumes and stage shows, Funkadelic was led by George Clinton (Dr Funkenstein). They formed in 1964 as a soul band but quickly added a harder-edged guitar sound in imitation of Hendrix. Their hits include 'One Nation Under A Groove', 'Flash Light', 'Give Up The Funk (Tear the Roof off the Sucker)', 'Aqua-Boogie' and 'Atomic Dog'.

### Donna Summer

Born Ladonna Gains, Donna Summer had a huge hit with 'Love To Love You, Baby' in 1975 and 'I Feel Love' and 'Down Deep Inside' in 1977. Her career was short and sharp.