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With Anthony Smith (aka DJ Militia)



Anthony Smith (born American), in Brooklyn, NY and was first introduced to music by way of his parents. Having a background that included both a Guyanese and Barbadian heritage has helped to keep his mind fresh and open to all genres of music. As a young man growing up in the 70's and 80's, his exposure to the explosion of rap music at that time, drew Anthony into the world of DJ'ing. Groups such as Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, the Cold Crush Crew and Afrika Bambaataa and the Soul Sonic Force, peaked his curiosity and formulated a passion for the 'battle' style of playing music.

It was at age 15 and as a sophomore at Brooklyn Technical High School when Anthony became "**DJ TNT**" and actually placed his hands on "The Wheels of Steel". From that moment on, music became a daily staple in his life. Upon graduating from high school and throughout his college life at Bernard M Baruch College, (CUNY), in Manhattan, Anthony shed the "TNT" cloak and became known as "**DJ Tony Ray**". He then went on to incorporate House Music, and R&B into his repertoire, thus allowing him to expand his knowledge of selecting and demonstrate his musical versatility. Upon leaving NY in 1990 for graduate school at Emerson College in Boston, Anthony experienced and added Reggae, Calypso, and Soca to his ever-increasing arsenal of music.

Anthony relocated to Florida in April 2004. However, due to unforeseen events, Anthony had to take a break from his musical passion to acclimate to his new tropical lifestyle. Unable to stay away for too long, the fire started burning again and he began to stage his great comeback. It was during this time that the moniker **DJ Militia** was formulated. Appearing as a guest DJ for one of the Orlando Carnival fetes, Anthony, as DJ Militia, was recruited for a radio program and in June 2006, he made his debut on Island Riddim Radio (1220 AM) in Orlando as the house DJ for host Sista Sharon. In addition to the genres that Anthony had already incorporated into his musical menagerie, he added Gospel, Reggaeton, Bachata, Meringue and Salsa to his portfolio.

In an effort to make an impact in the Central Florida Caribbean musical scene, Upper Level Sounds, LLC was formed in 2007, staying involved in various entertainment ventures. But in 2008, life had other plans for Anthony when he became ill forcing him to leave Island Riddim Radio to recover.

Again, not one to stay away from the music for too long, Anthony made a bold move in 2009 when he became one of the inaugural DJ's to join the VIBYZ Radio family, an internet –based radio station that promotes audience interaction through Ustream and a chat box. Since then, he has developed one of the liveliest and most listened-to shows at VIBYZ with an audience base that expands from Canada to Australia. 2012 closed out with Anthony being recruited and joining the NOYZ, iChunes and FIREMIX Radio families.

Upper Level Sounds, LLC experienced growth and as Anthony started providing EMCSS services, as well as incorporating up lighting and Gobo or Monogram designs, the company re-branded and Upper Level Production, LLC was established in June 2015.

If you would like to book DJ Militia at your upcoming events, please visit www.upperlevelproduction.com or email at upperlevelproduction@gmail.com.

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