

MELLOW MOOD

Italian reggae band **Mellow Mood** formed in Pordenone (North-East Italy) in 2005. Led by twins Jacopo and Lorenzo Garzia, the band soon started their partnership with producer Paolo Baldini, who was later to become their sound architect and dubmaster. The official debut arrived in 2009 when, without a label, distributor or press office, Mellow Mood released **Move!**, an album of roots sounds, intended to be a first “move” on the Italian reggae scene, but gaining international recognition nonetheless.

Thanks to their heartfelt live shows, Rototom Sunsplash named Mellow Mood the best Italian reggae band, and ranked them third at European level in the same year. The two singles *Only You* and *Dance Inna Babylon* now have more than fifty million views on YouTube. Mellow Mood went back into the studio with Baldini to record *Well Well Well* and were signed by Italy’s most important independent label, La Tempesta, in 2012. A European tour followed and led to the band playing in 12 countries, and performing at key festivals like Rototom Sunsplash and Sziget Festival.

Stripping back to a core band line-up in 2013 (without a horns section), Mellow Mood coupled their rediscovery of roots music with a deeper knowledge of the most recent Jamaican sounds, releasing **Twinz** in 2014. The album was enriched by a number European collaborations (Portugal’s Richie Campbell, Spain’s Sr. Wilson and Italy’s Forelock and KG Man).

Less than 10 months later, *Twinz* revealed its twin: **2 The World** bore witness to the band’s evolution and featured several Jamaican artists like Tanya Stephens, Jah9, Hempres Sativa, The Gideon & Selah. In late 2015 Mellow Mood also celebrated the birth of their own sub-label La Tempesta Dub (to release the band’s future works) with a touring mini-festival hosting international guests. After having assisted Baldini in the making of *DubFiles at Song Embassy*, *Papine*, *Kingston 6*, Mellow Mood kept busy touring Europe and America intensively in 2016 and 2017. They performed at many of the most important reggae festivals across both continents like Sierra Nevada World Music Festival (USA), Jamming Festival (Colombia), Siempre Vivo Reggae Festival (Chile), Reggae Sun Ska (France) and Rototom Sunsplash (Spain).

After a short hiatus, the band announced the release of new record **Large**, in April 2018. On November 30th 2018 they followed it with **Large Dub**, a collection of dub versions from the preceding work, with Paolo Baldini at the mixer controls as dubmaster.

During 2020, Mellow Mood took part in a riddim compilation produced by Collie Buddz and Johnny Cosmic, with their single *Unstoppable*. The compilation was released via United States based label Ineffable Records. The collaboration with the label continues today with follow up *Mr. Global* ft. Kabaka Pyramid, *Laser Sight*, *Blessings On Me* and *I & I Chant* ft. Emeterians.

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