



Funk

- * The term "funk" comes from the Kikongo word "lu-fuki"
- * definition of "lu-fuki" was literally "bad odor"
- * Originally applied to music with a slow, mellow groove
- * In early jam sessions musician would encourage one another to "get down" or "put some funk on it!"
- * Many funk groups played disco & soul music also

- * Funk music was a mixture of soul, jazz & R&B music
- * Funk demphasized melody & harmony and brought strong rhythmic groove of electric bass & drums to the foreground
- * Usually consisted of complex rhythms by electric guitar, bass, Hammond organ and drums all playing interlocking rhythms

* Funk guitarists usually played with a percussive style, often with a "[wah-wah](#)" pedal

* Drum set usually played [complex rhythmic patterns](#) sometimes with Afro-Cuban influences



* Bass players sometimes incorporated a "[slapping & popping](#)" technique usually associated with funk music

* Rick James & Prince are a few of the major stars that took over the funk style in the 1980's
