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ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF TONY TONI TONE

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3TOB: TONY! TONI! TONE!
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Tony! Toni! Toné! was an American soul/R&B group from Oakland, California, popular during the late 1980s and early to mid-1990s. During the band's heyday, it was composed of D'Wayne Wiggins on lead vocals and guitar, his brother Raphael Saadiq on lead vocals and bass, and their cousin Timothy Christian Riley on drums and keyboards. "

The group, "**Tony! Toni! Toné! (3TOB)** is now made up of Amar Khalil, Antron 'Icecream' Haile, Elijah Baker, Carl Wheeler and John 'Jubu' Smith. 3TOB members are some of the original members of Tony Toni Tone and that's how (3TOB) came about as the Tony's are still a group (i.e some of the original members left and formed 3TOB.) Therefore, 3TOB are now ready to show the world who they are, with new music out and a hunger and desire to tour. They were ready and I wanted to find out where they were with that process:

"We've been trying to work on it. We've got some ideas for new songs and Elijah has been diligent in building media presence and getting some of our merchandise and gear out there. The guys have been trying to figure out how to move this thing forward. It's been a bit of a challenge because everyone's so busy, but it's still beautiful at the same time" said Amar Khalil, Lead Singer of the group.

I'd already interviewed Antron 'IceCream' Haile one of the original members and founder of Tony! Toni! Toné and Amar Khalil in a previous interview, so I wanted to get a sense of Elijah Baker and Carl Wheeler as well. Elijah got his break playing an important role as a founding member of the multi-platinum, world renowned successful R&B group Tony!, Toni!, Tone! It catapulted his career into many opportunities to produce and serve as a musical director for platinum selling groups such as Lucy Pearl.

Elijah choreographed all of Tony! Toni! Toné! hypnotic moves and dance steps and he's known for his show stopping stage performances. His bass playing, music production and stage performances are second to none.

I was drawn to Carl's easy-going and humble demeanour, the cool cat out of the group. "I'm a musician, a songwriter, along with the rest of the fellows. I'm just an ordinary and cool guy". I also found out Carl co-wrote Anniversary and 'Whatever you Want' with previous band member Raphael Saadiq.

A respect emanated from the group for each other. A loyalty, a togetherness, a feeling that they had come through challenging times from which an unspoken bond had been birthed and they would now stand by each other no matter what.

