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INTERVIEW: MAX VANGELI IS STILL 'CRAZED' AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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House honcho Max Vangeli (<https://soundcloud.com/maxvangeli>) has managed to take the electronic music world by storm, beginning with support from Pete Tong (<http://www.djz.com/tag/pete-tong>) for his single "Crazed" back in 2008. After being a producer and DJ for the past seven years, the Las Vegas-based artist, who recently relocated from San Francisco, has transcended to become an iconic name across the globe.

Vangeli, who was born in Moldova, moved to the United States at 12 years old and went on to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara. When he and his friends would organize house parties, they realized that they needed a DJ to pump up the party, and thus, Vangeli's career began.

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Max Vangeli

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"Crazed" was the first single that shifted the spotlight onto him, and the single was consequently signed to Rising Music (<http://risingmusic.co.uk>), Chris Lake's (<http://www.djz.com/tag/chris-lake>) record label. What came next for Vangeli was remarkable recognition for his talents and collaborations, with singles reaching top spots in the Beatport and Billboard charts, as well as worldwide producer, radio, and club support.

In 2010 the producer broke out of the European market where he found much success, and crossed over to America for his first international tour. "America went into a crazy boom and things just got wild," says Vangeli of the tour. "It was really interesting to see how well it developed into something so massive. Kids in the U.S. are just nuts!"



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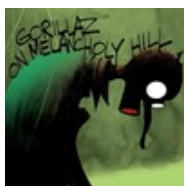
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The success of Vangeli's tour opened new doors for him and earned him a spot in DJ Mag's "Top 5 DJs to Watch in 2011". Since then, Vangeli has progressed in his career, and laments on his incredible journey. "It's been a long road of hard work and lots of traveling, but it was all worth it," says Vangeli. "I'm still far from done and I have a long road ahead of me."

Perhaps most inspiring for Vangeli was the fact that he was given the opportunity to work with one of his biggest influences, Steve Angello (<http://www.djz.com/tag/steve-angelo>): "He has inspired me for years and now I get to work with him under the same roof!"

The producer definitely has a prolific resume so far, also noted by his work with international superstar Tiësto (<http://www.djz.com/dj/tiesto>), and frequent collaborations with Antoine Josefsson, the brother of Angello who produces under the moniker AN21 (<https://www.facebook.com/an21live>). Together the duo have managed to release several smash hits, make an appearance on the revered BBC Radio 1's Essential Mix, and debut a collaborative album in 2012 entitled *People of the Night* via Angello's label Size Records (<http://www.sizerecords.com>).



Max Vangeli

(<http://soundcloud.com/maxvangeli>)

Gorillaz - On Melancholy Hill (AN21 & Max Vangeli Remix)
(<http://soundcloud.com/maxvangeli/gorillaz-on-melancholy-hill-an21-max-vangeli-remix>)

The album featured several guest appearances by producers like Congorock (<http://www.djz.com/tag/congorock>), Michael Woods (<http://www.djz.com/tag/michael-woods>), and Moguai

(<http://www.djz.com/tag/moguai>). "We just wanted to make an album and thought it would be really cool to make one, but once we dove deep into it, I think reality sort of hit and we realized how much of a challenge it is to make a solid album," explains Vangeli. "Working with guys like Steve [Angello], Tiësto, and Congorock was amazing, and it was definitely an experience for sure. A big learning experience and something that I will carry over with me for my album number two, whenever that will be."

While fans eagerly anticipate a second album from Vangeli, he's hard at work with production planning and his weekly show *Code Radio* (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/max-vangeli-presents-code/id339929690?mt=2>). "Grim" with Danny Ray is his latest release via Size Records, and its sound is something special. "I wanted to make something super original and unique," says Vangeli. "What we did is we blended a bunch of different styles together and made something of a mashup, I guess. I love it and I'm very happy with the outcome."



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With 2014 already off to a great start, Vangeli lets us know that there's much more to come this year. "My next single is called 'Last Night Changed It All' and it's a 100% pure Max Vangeli record," he says. "It's my little baby, and I am ready to show it to the world."

With dreams of collaborating with famed English electronic group The Prodigy (<http://www.djz.com/tag/the-prodigy>) ("I've always loved how little they gave a shit about a specific formula for making records. It's always been something original and crazy sounding."), it's apparent that Vangeli has a big vision for his career. The future certainly looks bright for Vangeli and he's excited to share every step of the way with his fans: "Keep it real and be safe! Much love."

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