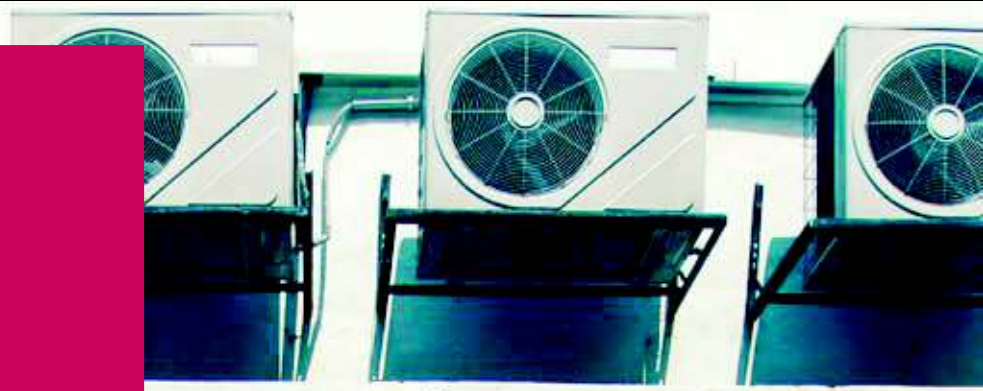


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5 young men banded together in 2001, with the hope of making their unified voices heard in the often fickle-minded Malaysian music industry. This is an industry where appreciation for local urban talents come far and between, an industry governed mostly, if not all, by trends and seldom by merit of talent. Competition is tough, and often made tougher by growing competition in an industry best described as a popularity contest.

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The port city of Klang, Selangor, saw the birth of one of Malaysia's most exciting multi-cultural acts, KLG Sqwad. Putting the issue of colour and creed aside, the collective experiences of these 5 talented men bonded them musically, breaking any social barriers and bringing them together. They are the definitive voice, a voice demanding to be heard, a musical epitome of the 'muhibbah' concept.

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With a multi-ethnic background, KLG Sqwad, consisting of rappers Ariff Azhar (Yang Ariff), Ng Chor Ming (Ming The Chin), Kokulabalan (Balance), DJ/Turntablist DJ Mel and Anugerah Industri Music (AIM)-winner producer D'Navigator has collectively survived various crossroads and obstacles, amalgamating into a definitive creative force to be reckoned with.

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Backed by years of live performance experiences, their skills on-stage speak for themselves, earning them crucial collaborations with various established acts around the region. Their determination to succeed is unparalleled, and this determination is only equalled by their desire to make it all the way to the top.

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KLG SQWAD BIOGRAPHY



- "Lovin' The Sound", recorded in 2002 was featured in DJ Fuzz'z *Mixology* mixtape, alongside tracks from all over Asia and Europe.
- Their forays into the music scene didn't stop there. KLG was a participant for Astro Hitz.TV's *Blast Off Season One*. But were eliminated in the second round. They might have lost, but they learnt a greater deal more.
- "...I've heard about KLG Sqwad...Koncept83 reminded me of Kurtis Blow." Jake Abdullah, judge for *Blast Off Season One*.
- Featured alongside Phlowtron in Too Phat's "Showtime".
- "...The young guns of the industry" Joe Flizzow.
- Special appearance on TV3 program *FLO*, in conjunction with Malaysia's 49th Independence Celebration.
- Contributed to AIM 2006's Best Local English Album winner *Rebirth to Reality* album by Too Phat.
- Currently in the studios recording their debut album under the production supervision of producer D'Navigator.

Hence the journey continues and from this they embark on the coming of new sounds, an overdue promise coming from Klang Town, it's time to let the speakers amplify.

This is our Labour of Love.

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● SELECTED LIVE PERFORMANCES

● 2002

KLG Massive Take-Over, Element, KL.
Soundz Attack Vol 1, Kuantan
Malaysian Fusion X Launch, Bangsar Shopping Complex, KL.
Musical Charity Night, Klang
Teh Tarik Crew Album Launch, The Rock World, Penang

● 2003

UnXpected Live, Bar Ibiza, KL.
Multimedia University Artistiq Fusion, Cyberjaya.
Soundscape 1 – 3, Voyeur, KL.
Rapfest '03 Preview, Voyeur, Bangsar.
Rapfest '03, Atmosphere, KL.
Vandal Album Launch, Voyeur, Bangsar
Red Alert Launch by Red.FM, Atmosphere, KL.
Malaysian Vestax DJ Championship, Bliss, KL.
Love Community, Batu Pahat and Johor Bharu
Ministry of Hip Hop, KL

● 2004

ChinaMax Presents Urban Nites, Hartamas, KL.
DJ Fuzz Mixology Mixtape Launch, KL & Singapore.
Taylor's College ADP Cultural Nite, Subang.
BE Hip Hop Clothing Line Launch, Nouvo, KL.
Mixology Launch in Tower Record, KL Plaza, KL.
KL Hip-Hop With A Heart Charity Concert, Stadium Titiwangsa, KL.

● 2007

Junk Night, Laundry Bar, The Curve, Damansara.
KLG Underground Gig, Crizz Club, KL.
Violence Against Woman Campaign, Taylor's College, Loft (Asian Heritage Row), KL.
 Co-opening with The Kartel, *Kanye West Touch The Sky Tour*, Stadium Negara, KL.
Holla, KL Jam Asia, Hartamas, KL.
The Prelude: Ghetto Heaven 3rd Anniversary, Zouk, KL.
KLG Amplified Jam, Bojangles, Hartamas, KL
Music Aids, KEC Klang.

● 2008

Sunburst, Took part in Joe Flizzow's set performing "Freedom"
Unity Concert, Hokkien Hall Klang

● MISCELLANEOUS

TV - Blast Off First Season, 2005
 TV - FLO, TV3 for Merdeka Special, 2006

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Number One on xfresh's malaysian independent top 10 (February 2005)

open mic

STAY ALERT FOR THE SQWAD

KLANG IS THE PLACE IN MALAYSIA FAMOUS FOR BAH KUT TEH, A SPECIAL PORK STEW. KLG SQWAD WANT KLANG TO BE FAMOUS FOR HIP HOP.

Mention Klang and a piping hot, succulent pork dish with herbal-soupy goodness comes to most Malaysian-Chinese minds (I'm hungry, okay?). Perhaps some of you even enjoy the occasional drive down for us, depending on where you're coming from) to Teluk Gong for scrumptious seafood; and the carefree, carefree vibes of the town-folk.

"We're just out there and everywhere; we're a bunch of nice people," echoes Ming of KLG Squad; when asked about what he thought was the best thing out of his "hood."

Rarely though, do you hear of upcoming urban artists from the capital of Selangor making waves on air with their brand of hip-hop; and this alone should deem KLG Squad an interesting outfit to watch out for this year. Slowly but very surely making their presence felt in the 'scene with their hit "Amply" climbing up the local radio charts, this cool collective comprises of five diverse individuals who were drawn together by their love for the beats a little more than five years ago.

Priding themselves to be one of the first multi-racial groups in the country making music that "transcends barriers regardless of colour or creed"; they would indeed make apt subjects in a V ijt Malaysia 2007 advertisement.

Members of KLG Squad include rappers Arif Azhar (K oncept83), Ng Chor Ming (Ming T he Chin) and Kokula Balan (Vice Versa); a DJ/turntablist, DJ Mei; and an award-winning producer, D'Navigator. With such differences in backgrounds and experiences, tastes in tunes are bound to vary; and one wonders if they ever get into beefs over song choices on the stereo when they travel in a group.

To date, the 'Squad has performed with many biggies in the industry like Resmonu, Too Phat, Fah Tank Crew, Ahi Fajar, DJ Vajdal (Canada), Terry Lee (Singapore), P opshuvit and Gerhana Sk a Cinta; having caught the ears of many with their creativity by taking part in pay-to-view channel ASTRO's Blast Off; talent competition a few years back. After

meeting personalities of all kinds, it's only natural that they've taken bits and pieces of everything they've seen and been through to improve themselves as a group. And with all the problems that come with making it big, they're proud to have persevered through time. "I suppose what doesn't only makes you stronger," says ever-so-resiliently.

Fans of the five won't hold their breaths for the group's album, expected to be in the middle of 2007.

"We know a lot of people are waiting and asking when it's out and what we've been up to... we hope Junk will help us clear once and for all. We'll be knocking all record labels when the product is almost done." You can catch the band this month at Junk Night.

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Number Two on fly fm's campur chart, March 2007

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MING THE CHIN

Real Name: Ng Chor Ming,
Nicholas

D.O.B: 10/12/1984

Place of birth: Pantai Hospital,
Klang

NRIC: 841210-10-5713

Music influences: The Roots,
Jay-Z, Wu-Tang Clan, 2 Pac,
Rakim, Common, Nas.

BALAN KASHMERE

Real Name: Kokula Balan a/l
Muniapan

D.O.B: 21/09/1983

Place of birth: Puravi Clinic,
Klang

NRIC: 830921-20-6081

Music influences: Jay-z, Nas,
Aesop Rock, A.R.Rahman, The
Roots, Tupac Shakur, Talib
Kweli and Common.

YANG ARIFF

Real Name: Arif f Azhar

D.O.B: 08/08/1983

Place of birth: Assunta Hospital,
Petaling Jaya

NRIC: 830808-14-5417

Music influences: Boogie
Down Productions, A Tribe
Called Quest, Gangstarr, Brand
Nubian, Pete Rock and CL
Smooth, Organized Konfuzion,
Eric B & Rakim, 2pac and Eazy
E and Kool G Rap.