

Mark Farina

Modern day record minstrel, **Mark Farina**, has thrilled crowds globally, entertaining over 1 million fans per year. As one of the most ubiquitous DJs in Dance Music, Farina's known for both his unique style of mixing Jazz, Downtempo and House Music as well as being the creator of **Mushroom Jazz**: West Coast jazzy, organic productions combined with East Coast Hip-Hop, Urban beats.

Drawing from his vibrant youth, which included being a trumpet player in marching band, a drummer in a nu wave cover band and a guest DJ, Friday nights on **WNUR (Chicago)**, Mark found his passion for the luscious world of vinyl, turntables and nightclubs. At 16, Farina began his DJ career as a resident at Chicago's underage mecca, **Medusa's**. At the same time Mark joined forces with emerging DJs **Derrick Carter** and **Chris Nazuka** then moved into a loft space called **Rednail**. Rednail became infamous not only for raucous parties but also as the home to the trio's first productions under the moniker, **Symbols & Instruments**. Their release, "**MOOD**," sold 35,000 copies in the US & UK and is credited as "the first ambient house track."

Farina relocated to San Francisco in 1992. Fans embraced Mark's downtempo style and he started co-hosting a weekly Mushroom Jazz club night in '93. In 3 short years, Farina established a fanatical, cult-like following for his Mushroom Jazz sound and in 1996, **OM Records** released the first mixed comp CD, simply titled, **Mushroom Jazz**. Since then, Mark has released 7 volumes of Mushroom Jazz with 2013 marking the 20th anniversary of the series. Other notable releases include OM's **Seasons**, **San Francisco Sessions Vol. 1**, **Connect**, **House of Om**, **Live in Tokyo**, and **Fabric 40**.

When Mark's not touring the world, headlining festivals including **Harbourlife (Sydney)**, **Southport Weekender (UK)**, **DEMF (Detroit)**, **Coachella (CA)** and **T in the Park (Scotland)**, you're likely to find him in his studio working on new releases or podcasts for his label, **Great Lakes Audio**. On days off he'll be cruising his '68 Toronado with his son, Dylan (aka "little peanut"), and his Yorkie, Pumpkin.

Voted as one of the top DJ's in the world by **URB**, **MUZIK** and **BPM** magazines, Mark Farina's taste making skills continue to turn the heads of seasoned Dance Music veterans as well as newcomers to the scene.