

PHILADELPHYINZ

Friends from Pittsburgh's thriving late 90's hip-hop scene, **Skinny Friedman** and **Apt One** honed their craft as DJs and producers while at college in St. Louis and Philadelphia, respectively. Skinny held the position of rap director at Washington University's KWUR, while Apt threw shows at Haverford College as head of the FUCS concert series.

Philadelphyinz began when Skinny moved to Brooklyn after college and the two started up a monthly party Upstairs at the Khyber in Philadelphia. With both DJ's comfortable spinning everything from Giorgio Moroder to Master P, to The Time to Rod Lee, the party grew on the strength of its versatility. The name is an homage to their west Pennsylvania roots: "yinz" is a contraction of "you ones" and is the Pittsburghese equivalent of the Southern "yall." As two dudes from Pittsburgh throwing down in Philadelphia, they combined the two concepts into Philadelphyinz.

The success of the first Philadelphyinz night spawned a second party in Philly at Medusa Lounge and a monthly in Brooklyn at The Lucky Cat, as well as guest spots and one-offs in both cities. Apt and Skinny have shared stages with the likes of Diplo, Tittsworth, Disco D, De La Soul, !!!, The Flaming Lips, Peanut Butter Wolf, Juan Maclean and Flosstradamus, to name a few. Most recently, Bay Area rap/funk label Quannum Projects reached out to Apt and Skinny to make a promo mix for their upcoming releases.

Philadelphyinz have also put in work as producers. Their "Pittsburgh Club Anthem," a club remix of the Pittsburgh Steelers' awesomely bad fight song, has become a staple at parties in their hometown and has seen spins on local top 40 stations. Philadelphyinz tracks have appeared on tapes by DJ Ayres and Starkey, and indie soulsters Hail Social tapped the duo for an official remix. They are currently working on a remix for Pittsburgh rapper Wiz Khalifa, now signed to Warner Brothers.