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Their latest album "Big Smoke" gets right to the roots of what Five Alarm Funk is all about: epic, intense arrangements, heavy groove and a ton of fun. As drummer, vocalist, and band leader Tayo Branston puts it, "Big Smoke is the tightest, funkier and most energized album we've ever created, it's the culmination of 17 years of creating, recording and performing together. We call it Punk Funk – it's got the punch of heavy hitting dance music with the energy of a ruckus live concert."

The album features two collaborations, the first with the legendary Bootsy Collins delivering hook-laden, funkastic vocal over a heavy swung groove on We Play The Funk. Next, bari sax phenom Leo P of Too Many Zooz lays down his trademark squawks and melodic squeals for Wake the Funk Up, a supremely syncopated, chromatic laden jam.

Five Alarm Funk's epic live show is still what defines the band. The sweat-drenched concerts are infused with an intense spirit of fun that breaks down barriers between band and audience and moves both into a manic dance party. Wild costumes, props, and choreography compliment the seriously tight arrangements and genre-mashing grooves. That live show has taken Five Alarm Funk on dozens of North American coast to coast tours, performing at over 100 festivals in the last three years alone. The band has also begun to break ground abroad, with performances in Taiwan, Mexico, and a performance for international peacekeeping forces in Mali. Five Alarm Funk plans to keep the momentum going in 2020 with another busy summer of festivals and the band's first European tour.