## Throwback: Tom Browne-Thighs High (Grip Your Hips And Move)

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Tom Browne grew-up in Queens, New York and began his professional music career as a sideman on a date with Weldon Irvine in 1975. He signed his first recording contract with GRP in 1978 and his instrumental Browne Sugar debuted in 1979. It would be his second and third albums, Love Approach and Magic that established him as a jazz/funk artist of the '80's. "Funkin' For Jamaica" and "Thighs High (Grip Your Hips And Move)" are both co-written by Tonni Smith who is also the featured vocalist on each song. Yours Truly was his last recording for GRP before he did two projects for Arista. Siedah Garrett was the lead vocalist on <u>"Secret Fantasy"</u> from the Tommy Gun album. He also pursued his other career as a commercial pilot and became an evangelical Christian. Mo' Jamaica Funk came out in 1994 and marked his return to music. Browne still tours and 2010's S' Up is his most recent release.