

Brainwashed - Mika Vainio, 1963-2017

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We are extremely saddened by the news of the passing of Mika Vainio, as reported initially by [Rumba](#) and confirmed by friends. Vainio was best known for his work in Panasonic/Pan Sonic but had numerous solo albums, releases as Ø, and in collaborations, such as VVV with his Panasonic partner Ilpo Väisänen and Alan Vega.

He will be missed dearly.

Brainwashed had the special pleasure of capturing Pan Sonic live and interviewing Mika for *The Eye* back in 2006. It's a rare video interview of Mika in his own words describing his musical history prior to Panasonic along with his then current experience creating music ([Click here for the video](#) .)