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Awards

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WHEN STEVE Gerrard says 2000 is the best year of his life, it's not hard to see why. With a jaw-slackening midsummer spin-slot supporting Oasis at Wembley Stadium and a slew of unforgettable gigs behind him, Gerrard is the archetypal Bedroom Bedlam winner, a breezy, affable fellow who side-stepped

the cheese and stuck to his guns. Brum-based Steve has chosen tracks from this year's nomination list and mixed them into the best free block-party soundtrack of the year.

Steve first won Bedroom Bedlam back in 1998 when he sent two tapes to former Muzik editor Ben Turner. One was a slick progressive mix, the other a cool chill out selection. He won with the latter. "I used Bedroom Bedlam as a strap of approval and started pushing myself," grins Steve. "I soon got gigs at God's Kitchen, Creamfields and Sundissential. And, of course, making contacts in America has been really good for me. But I still send out over 50 tapes a month!'

The Awards CD is a suitably varied selection, melding the best of this year's new music. "It starts off laid back and ends up completely full-on," says Steve. "It's a great little journey!" Enjoy.

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1) SUENO LATINO 'SUENO LATINO' (Bushwacka! Breakbeat Mix)

(Distinctive)

2) LAYO & BUSHWACKA!

(BEST ALBUM NOMINEES AND WINNERS OF BEST BREAKTHROUGH DJs) 'EAR CANDY' (End Recordings)

Two good reasons why The End's boys broke through this year. Bushwacka!'s atmospheric take on Sueno Latino's Balearic classic took it to new heights while 'Ear Candy' is just that. Head music never sounded so floor-friendly .



3) MJ COLE (WINNER OF BEST PRODUCER) SINCERE' (Re-Cued Mix) (Talkin' Loud)

Matthew Cole made his name this year with a slew of pristine two-step productions. Mixes for Wookie, TLC and the Locked On imprint showcased his blissed out beats before his Mercury nomination in summer. After a blitz of mad activity in Miami, 'Crazy Love' smashed into the Top 10 in April. But it was the reissued 'Sincere' which will go down as a classic of the genre. Fresh new mixes appeared from Jazzanova and Miguel Migs, but the original still shines brightest.

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4) LAURENT GARNIER (BEST VIDEO / BEST SINGLE / BEST LIVE ACT NOMINEE) 'THE MAN WITH THE RED FACE' (Svek Mix) (F Communications)

The outspoken French auteur outstripped the competition with three nominations this year – even though he reckons he's never heard of obscure fellownominees such as Eminem. No matter. 'The Man With The Red Face' was ubiquitous in Ibiza this summer, that snaking sax line the soundtrack to some unashamed arm-raising for 12 solid weeks. His live show was utterly blistering as well.



6) TIMO MAAS (BEST NEW ARTIST NOMINEE) 'DER SCHEIBER' (Perfecto)

Prolific isn't the word. Make no mistake, 2000 was the year Maas came to the masses without suffering any decline in quality. The self-styled king of 'wet and hard' made his mark with a shockingly prolific output that included rump-shaking reworks of Green Velvet and Azzido Da Bass as well as hits including the bassline drone of 'Ubik' and this, his first single for Perfecto. The rubber-faced German DJ / producer is putting together a proper live show as we speak.



8) MOBY (WINNER OF MTV BEST VIDEO) 'NATURAL BLUES' (Peace Division Dub) (Mute)

If sales and adulation are anything to go by, Moby – currently still touring the States with Brit breaksters Hybrid – had a triumphant post-millennium party. 'Play' continues to crank up frightening figures (triple platinum and counting in the UK), while a new mix of 'Honey' with Kelis ensures that his profile remains as high as ever. 'Natural Blues' went under the steely knife of Peace Division, whose thumping drums have struck gold at every turn.



10) SISTER BLISS (MULTIPLY - BEST MAJOR LABEL NOMINEE) 'SISTER SISTER' (Multiply)

Still unashamedly flash, Sister Bliss took a break from Faithless and returned to her solo roots with 'Sister Sister', an Oakenfold-endorsed anthem that swept the boards through Turnmills and beyond. While Rollo hides inside the studio booth, Miss Bliss is more than happy to share the limelight. The lady herself says it's "simple, sophisticated yet deeply groovy."



5) TANGA CHICKS (SUBLIMINAL - WINNER OF BEST INDEPENDENT LABEL) 'BRASIL OVER ZURICH' (Mongo Bongo Mix) (Subliminal)

Latin fever hit hard this year – and we don't just mean Balearic 'flu. Over in New Jersey, Erick Morillo's Subliminal imprint led the charge for sultriness everywhere with their blend of tough Miami beats and funky basslines. 'Brasil Over Zurich' made its debut at this year's Miami Winter Conference and was still going strong at Pacha six months later. Can you feel it?



7) PARKS & WILSON (HOOJ - BEST INDEPENDENT LABEL NOMINEE) 'MY ORBIT' (Hooj)

Despite residing in deepest Warwickshire, Parks & Wilson are now residents at Home in London. An integral part of the progressive nu-breed, the Coventry boys made their name in the early Nineties as two thirds of Tilt, releasing classics such as 'I Dream' on Perfecto. They also record under the Killahurtz tag, making floor-slaying tech-funk for jocks like Sasha. Taken from their 'Feel The Drums' EP, 'My Orbit' is tribal tech-trance that covers all bases.



9) BT (BEST LIVE ACT NOMINEE) 'DREAMING' (Evolution Mix) (Pioneer)

LA-based Brian Transeau shot straight back into the charts with this spiralling soul trancer, a timeless percussion-driven podium filler. Vocalised by Kirsty Hawkshaw (who once sung her lungs out with Opus 3), 'Dreaming' took the classic trance template and tweaked it into an anthem that was dropped from Winchester to World's End. Mr T played a blinder at Muzik's Fifth Birthday Party in May and is taking a six-piece band across America right now.



11) UNDERWORLD (BEST BAND NOMINEE) 'COWGIRL' (Futureshock Remix) (JBO)

Now minus Emerson but still going strong, Underworld made an incendiary return to the live fray in 2000. Gigs at V2000 and the Astoria were greeted with gaping jaws and their live album 'Everything, Everything' was hailed as a classic in a genre that spawns very few. Like-minded labelmates Futureshock turned their end of night staple into a nuprogressive monster that spanks the funk monkey for just under 10 minutes. Irresistible.



UIL

IF YOU'VE ANY affinity with r&b, there's a fine chance that Philly-based Jill Scott has soundtracked some of your more dreamy moments this year. If you drive a Beemer, 'Slowly, Surely' will have been your cue to wind down the window and arch those eyebrows seductively. And if you've been wooing at your pad, chances are that 'Who Is Jill Scott?' has accompanied the odd bit of jiggy. Scott has a voice as honey-smooth as Sade and a fresh urban stance not unlike Ursula Rucker and Erykah Badu. Warm and immediate, her voice is as necessary as that first cup of coffee in the morning, So sip on this.

Are you a hopeless romantic?

"I'm a hopeful romantic. I believe in love, passion, commitment and mutual respect. I see a lot of relationships not working because people don't have the tools. So many people have been harmed and have given up. It may have been lacking but love is back, baby! We have so many ho's and gold diggers and guys that leave a rack of women with broken hearts. To be dismissed is so harmfull" When did you last cry and why?

"This morning, because I didn't feel like getting up.

I've been taking over my business and it's very stressful. But I'm alright!"

Is 'Gettin' In The Way' based on personal experience?

"Well, I was dating a man I liked a lot but he had an ex-girlfriend on the scene and when she saw him with me she wanted him back: she even left notes on his car! Well, I was tired of her and went to her as a lady. She was cool." Are you a fan of house music?

"From 18 to 22, house was the only thing I listened to. I remember the songs but not the names. Did I stay out all night? Hell, yeah!"

What would it take to get you into the studio with a house producer?

"King Britt is one of the most talented producers I know, not to mention a really nice guy. He gave me a tape back in the day but I wasn't ready. Now my options are wide open." How vibrant is the scene in Philadelphia? Is it building?

"It's always been growing: then the poetry became songs. I had a venue called Words And Souls where people would sing, dance and play instruments. We've really nurtured music here in Philadelphia."

Have you ever been left starstruck by anyone you've met? "I met Nina Simone and was just... floored by her power. I must have looked like a four year-old with stars in her eyes. I met her at the IAAM conference in Philly where I sang a tribute to her. She told me I was beautiful and that I should leave America." What place would you consider to be paradise?

"I love Jamaica but the only place that is paradise for me is in my fiancé's arms. That's the closest to heaven I have.

And where would you avoid? "I can't imagine going to Alaska: it's cold!"

What drives you?

"I have a really good life and just want to see what's going to happen next. I'm a writer and I appreciate the gift of life. I'm down with living!" What's your favourite midnight snack? "A peanut butter and jelly sandwich!"

'Gettin' In The Way' is out now on Hidden Beach / Epic



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Maybe there is a God after all

THE RISE AND RISE OF YOUSEF He's from Egypt you know!

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Can it prevent war in the Middle East? No? Oh

BRITNEY'S 'ONE MORE TIME'

Bad meaning bad or bad meaning good? The club debate continues!

THE GARAGE MASSIVE GOING "BOOO" WHEN THEY LIKE A TUNE Confusing, but good

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THAT AD THAT GOES "PIZZA!" EVERY FIVE FUCKING SECONDS

You know, the one for a certain brand of snacks popular with potheads. "Pizza!" Shut up!

BLOODY BURBERRY

The tartan terror beloved of the Countryside Alliance is now even cropping up on record sleeves. "Pizza!" (Irritating, isn't it?)

DARUDE AND STORM'S FOLLOW-UP SINGLES

Hard times are ahead for hard house if these limp ("Pizza!") efforts are anything to go by

THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

Mark Spoon, our caner of the year ("Pizza!") was perplexed. "Vot ist canink? I vont to go home!" he slurred

A CERTAIN BALEARIC DJ TURNING UP AT OUR AWARDS

Didn't you threaten ("Pizza!") to kill us last month?

"PIZZA!"









LETTER OF THE MONTH

TRAINERSPOTTERS

Dear Muzik,

WE WERE amused by your choice of 'sneaker pimps' for a number of reasons:

 Anyone who calls trainers 'sneakers' cannot be regarded as a true connoisseur of this soleboy culture. Sneakers are things Americans wear and Americans are daft as rice.
 Scousers, however, have always called them 'trainees' but then again, they started the whole craze back in 1876, so we should allow them their peculiar linguistic idiosyncrasies.
 Andy Votel's obsession with Adidas is entirely laudable but he looks as if he flies out to Japan every month in order to purchase the latest 'rare' reissues. Anyone in the know will tell you that World Of Winsors in Penketh, Warrington is the best place to find deleted classics for under a tenner.

3) Terry Farley is obviously winding you up with those Pokémon-stylee monstrosities attached to his feet. We know that Terry has the largest collection of retro classics from JD Sports in the world. And as for Damien, he was spotted wearing a pair of British Knights hi-tops at the Boutique in 1998!

4) Finally, Lottie is a girl and girls are genetically pre-programmed to understand nish about trainers. Yes, that's sexist and yes, it's chauvinistic, but trainers are a BOY thing. We wear them to impress other boys in a repressed homoerotic display of sartorial one-upmanship. Girls simply latch onto fads (eg Nike Air) once pathetic elitists like us move on to wearing Gola slippers.

The Guttersnipe Fanzine, Runcorn



BLUE SUEDE VIEWS Dear Muzik.

JUST two points regarding last month's feature: 1) If Votel has got over 120 pairs of Adidas trainers as he claims, why was he pictured with 50 pairs of shit ones? 2) What's going with the clubfoot monstrosities that Farley's sporting? Reebok Fists Of Fury? He'd certainly get some of them if he mugged around our manor in those efforts. Rare they might be, shite they most definitely are! Take some of your own advice and stick to the ol' blue suede Stan Smiths, Tel-the benchmark for all sports footwear, nearly 30 years old and still to be bettered. G Vilas, Walton-On-The-Hill

NICE LETTER ABOUT OAKEY SHOCK! Dear Muzik,

WHAT is this, bash Oakey month? I have a little secret from back in the day. Picture this-Land Of Oz Tour circa 1990. An unknown DJ (Paul Oakenfold) is booed out of Avis (a night in Plymouth) and I mean booed out of town. The club owner ordered Oakey Dokey off the decks because the Plymouth Brethren hadn't yet heard of the two, maybe three tracks he had managed to start his set with. Then the resident came on and mixed Orbital's 'Chime' into 'Everything Starts With An E' they just didn't give Oakey a chance. I know because I was one of a number of London refugees who had instigated the Oztrip. How fucking embarrassing both for Oakey and more importantly The

"SNEAKERS ARE THINGS AMERICANS WEAR & AMERICANS ARE DAFT AS RICE"

Backwards Plymouth Fromage Frais Crew. I wonder if others have similar bits of dance trivia that they would like to share? MacDaddy aka Skinny D, Bristol

Do you recall seeing Oakey or another top jock being booed off by Philistines, back in 'the day'? Why not call our The Crowd Hated Him But Who's Laughing Now? Hotline on 020-7261-5933.

DJ HEAVEN Dear Muzik,

IN response to the letter from A. Clubowner bemoaning the lack of respect from premier league DJs, why does this guy continue to pander to their every whim? There are hard working, lower profile DJs from every field who consistently play to packed houses because their enthusiasm translates to a reliable and professional attitude! It's down to venue management and promoters to fill these clubs, not the size of the name on the flyer. We at Nukleuz recently co-hosted an event in London that drew 4,500 people with not one major DJ on the bill. The success was down to the hard work of our promoter, The Frantic Organisation, and not the fact that £2,000 was handed over to someone who couldn't care less whether the club was full or not. So if you're not happy with the service, go somewhere else. Invest your hard-earned in a proper

promotions team and some more advertising! Don't get burned – they're not worth it anyway!

Ed Jenkins, Nukleuz Records

HARDCORE UPROAR Dear Mouth Off,

TALK about taking the piss! All we hear about is house music. What about hardcore? I know I speak on behalf of all Perth's dance music junkies when I say Perth's dance scene is bad enough. I can only say that when I do fulfil my dream of being a professional DJ I'll be straight over there and you'll see just what dance music means to us.

Chrissy, Ridgewood, Australia

Er, what?

WHERE IS HELTER SKELTER? Dear Muzik,

HAVING attended Helter Skelter's Millennium Jam 2000 on New Year's Eve in Milton Keynes, I'm writing to express my disappointment at their lack of events recently. We've been followers of HSO since it started in 1989. They advertised New Year's Eve as their last event - but towards the end of the evening, promoter David Pratley announced "we'll be back". So are Helter Skelter coming back? I'm hoping someone can shed some light on this! Fran, Warwickshire

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DANNY TENAGLIA

Where do we start? Danny Tenaglia stormed this year's Muzik Awards and led the charge with a superb set that swung from dark twisted house (think Elements) to classic house anthems from Robert Owens and X-Press 2. Opening his set with Muzik X-Press ("Muzik! Muzik!"), he spun until security would tolerate no more, "I don't care if I'm never nominated again," Danny told us. "I want to play at every Awards party from now on!" He didn't stop there, either. Two hours later, he was spotted frugging furiously to Slam and Mr C at an after-after party at Plastic People. Still the man.

DAVE CLARKE

Clarkey dedicated the award for Best Essential Selection to his wife and newborn son, Bruno Joseph (8lb 10oz at birth) and traded in his leather kecks for a slightly suaver ensemble. Thankfully.

SOPHIE ELLIS-BEXTOR

You can't beat a good impromptu performance. So when Sophie got up to sing when Spiller dropped 'Groovejet' at our aftershow party, everyone present stood slack-jawed at the glory of it all.

NORMAN COOK

"I've been thinking," said Norm after collecting his Lifetime Achievement Award, "and I reckon that if I speak to everyone I know here for four minutes I'll be here for the next two days!"

FABRIC

Asked for a guest pass for Big Brother's Nicola, Fabric's Keith Reilly was less than accommodating. "Why the fuck do you think we would ever let her in. let alone for free!" he raged. Spot on, sir.

LAYO AND MR C

Little Layo got so nervous on the day of the awards that he was heard puking his guts up before proceedings began. As for C, his early morning stint at Plastic People had us dancing till 6am. Bless 'em both!











BRANDON BLOCK

How could you treat us like this, Brandon? We were expecting great things from you, and what did vou do? Sat there, had dinner, and watched the awards. The least you could have done was set the tablecloth on fire and storm the stage, which was a measly three steps above ground level. But no, you failed to throw a single drink or insult/assault at even one crusty celeb. Not even DJ Gee! You really must try harder.

MUZIK'S RALPH MOORE

Ralph - while presenting the award for Best Bedroom Bedlam DJ - lost his footing momentarily, despite only being required to stand still, and contrived to demolish the lavish set. The clot!

NICOLA FROM BIG BROTHER

We tried to ban the cast of Big Brother but one managed to get through the back door. Our Nicola is still sporting that stylish cropped hairdo and was spotted chewing air to the sound of Tenaglia.

A SPANNER IN THE WORKS

Confusion ensued when MJ Cole was declared winner of Best Underground Club, mid-bash. And for some reason. he picked up the award on behalf of Bugged Out!. Be sincere, Matthew!

JOSH WINK

In Brighton, Josh Wink got the shock of his career when he tried to hail a bus to take him back to his hotel. Jumping on a school bus full of bemused kids he got confused when he was asked to leave.

SOPHIE SPILLER

Our Soph lost her cool when she lost her coatticket. Possibly 'over-tired', she was spotted describing the contents of her bag to an unimpressed attendant. "I'll get my coat," said a nearby wag.

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Sonique: "Five Sea Breezes over here, mate"

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ENDORSED BY THE BPI and filmed for Channel Four, this year's Ericsson Muzik Awards were a triumphant success. Basement Jaxx, Danny Tenaglia and Spiller walked away with two gongs each – the Jaxx for Best Band and Best Live Act; Tenaglia for Ericsson Best DJ and Best Remix for 'Flash' by Green Velvet and Spiller for News Of The World Best Single and MTV Dancefloor Chart Best Ibiza Tune for 'Groovejet (If This Ain't Love)'.

Presented by Pete Tong and Sara Cox, the event took place at the newly renovated Arches in Bishopsgate, London and featured live performances from Bent, Garnier, MJ Cole, Wookie and Sonique. And for the first time ever, Pete Tong picked up an award. "It's always nice to win but it's funny because I've been presenting for five years and I've never won one!"

Double winning Spiller vocalist Sophie Ellis-Bextor - who later sang an impromptu live version of 'Groovejet' during Spiller's DJ set - said the show was "brilliant - because it's all voted for by the people. We said a lot of thankyous, but we forgot to thank all the people who voted, who are the most important ones. So I'm sorry - we really are very grateful!"

But the biggest cheer of the night was for Fatboy Slim, who won the award for Outstanding Contribution. Norman - who went to the show with a heavily pregnant Zoe Ball - said he was gobsmacked by the award. "I honestly just came along to see all of my mates. The only thing that made sense at the end of it is the fact that Zoe was here, because she hasn't been out in about six weeks because she's very pregnant. I just hope it's not the carriage clock, end of a career golden handshake thing! I've got a few years left in me yet!"

Those Award Winners In Full...

VIRGIN MEGASTORES BEST ALBUM EMINEM - 'The Marshall

Mathers LP' (Interscope) NEWS OF THE WORLD

BEST SINGLE SPILLER - 'Groovejet (If This Ain't Love)' (Positiva)

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DANNY TENAGLIA MTV DANCEFLOOR CHART BEST IBIZA TUNE

SPILLER - 'Groovejet (If This Ain't Love)' (Positiva)

MTV BEST VIDEO MOBY - 'Natural Blues'

BEST BEMIX DANNY TENAGLIA for Green Velvet's 'Flash' BEST UNDERGROUND

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BEST BEDROOM BEDLAM STEVE GERRARD

BEST PRODUCER MJ COLE

BEST BAND BASEMENT JAXX BEST NEW ARTIST

WOOKIE BEST LIVE ACT BASEMENT JAXX

MUSIC WEEK BEST MAJOR LABEL TALKIN' LOUD

BEST INDEPENDENT LABEL SUBLIMINAL

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BEST RADIO 1 ESSENTIAL MIX DAVE CLARKE

BEST COMPILATION SASHA & DIGWEED -'Communication' (INCredible)

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CLUBS ACROSS the nation have announced details of their activities for New Year's Eve 2000. In London, Ministry have finally found a use for the Millennium Dome (see page 23). Gatecrasher, meanwhile, will be open from 9pm to 6am and features guest slots from Judge Jules, Seb Fontaine, Sander Kleinenberg, Timo Maas, Scott Bond and Matt Hardwick. Tickets are £40. Up in Liverpool, Cream's bash at Nation with have a line-up including Paul Oakenfold and Seb Fontaine, price to be confirmed.

Moving back down the country, Home will boast The Chemical Brothers, Steve Lawler and the Dope Smugglaz. Price to be confirmed. Over in Farringdon, Fabric have a line-up that includes Doc Martin, Craig Richards, Terry Francis, James Lavelle, The Scratch Perverts, Touché, Bill Brewster and Jon Marsh. Tickets are £35 and the club is open from 9pm to 8am. Turnmills, meanwhile, are organising a night called Together at The Chain Store opposite the Millennium Dome. Tickets are £35 and guests include The Chems, Justin Robertson, Dave Clarke, Jon and Dan Kahuna, Tall Paul, Danny Rampling, Lottie and Sister Bliss. Finally, Mean Fiddler are organising a night called Resolution from 8pm to 6am, with Primal Scream and Ian Brown and DJs including Luke Slater, Jon Carter and James Lavelle. Tickets are £49 subject to booking fee. For tickets call 0870-150-0044 (national) or 020-8963-0940.

> Freeland: Super

Another Fatboy Slim imposter passes himself off as the real thing



VAPSTER fans beware - several fake Fatboy Slim tracks have made their way

MUP

FORGET Blind Faith (Who? - Ed.). The hottest new supergroup on the block is a studio collaboration between Josh Wink, Adam Freeland and Tom Middleton. The trio met up at Adam's Brighton flat late last month and the results are being mixed as we speak. Although details about the track are sketchy, Muzik understands ot year. "It's tential!" said ar that it should see the light of day early n breakbeat but with massive crossover p excited spokesman for Freeland's Marine Parade imprint. Higher State Of Cosmos Phenomenon anyone?



BEDROCK BECKONS!

JOHN DIGWEED and Nick Muir. have announced details of a brand new Bedrock record. Due for release on January 22nd, 2001, the single currently includes two mixes of 'Beautiful Strange' with 'Heaven Scent' (POB Remix) and

'Voices' (Saeed & Palash Remix). There will be a number of launch dates throughout the UK, including Heaven in London on February 1st and The Beach in Brighton on February 2nd.

In other Bedrock news, former Bedroom Bedlam winner James Zabiela got the phone call of his career when John Digweed rang up and invited him to spin at the club's birthday party on October 4th. James got to spin for four hours in Heaven. "I did a boat party with him in Southampton and thought he was great," enthused John.

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SIY STALLONE BIGS UP BT

BT: Off the hook

HOLLYWOOD-BASED breakbeat trancer Brian Transeau has found an unlikely admirer in actor Sylvester Stallone. Sly has been championing Brian's slick trance moves in interviews across America.

"Brian's awesome," heaved Stallone in one Toronto radio interview. "He's huge in the States and I'm hoping he'll contribute music to a film I'm working on called 'Driven'." Currently filming in Vancouver, the movie co-stars Burt Reynolds.

"It's all totally off the hook!" was Transeau's typically exuberant response when told of his well-built fan.



Competition HMV

This month Muzik has teamed up with HMV to offer you some exclusive MAW goodies – some of them signed by the Masters themselves.

The prizes include four 'Masters At Work Part One' CDs signed by Louie & Kenny, four Masters At Work limited T-shirts (all size XL), MAW slipmats (otherwise available FREE exclusively from HMV to purchasers of the vinyl) and limited edition 'MAW Part Two' promotional mix CDs by Jeremy Newall.

To win, just answer this:

Where are Masters At Work based? a) New York b) New Orleans c) New Jersey

Answers to Muzik/MAW Comp, IPC Media, Kings Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London, SE1 9LS.

CAT'S GOT THE CREAM!

STILL ONLY 29 years old, the ever-frisky Felix Da Housecat has just re-inked his deal with London Records. The first single will be 'Silver Screen Shower Scene,' with new mixes from Felix himself.

A new Housecat album will follow next spring with guest appearances expected from Chicks On Speed, Junior Sanchez and New York songstress Thee Glitz. "It's not Thee Madkatt Courtship, it's me, Tommy Sunshine, Dave from The Paparazzi and Gigolos' Miss Kittin," said Felix. "I played 'Silver Screen' at Cream and Harry 'Choo Choo' thought it was No Doubt! I just think it's twisted!"



FRENCH DISCO duo Modjo are the subject of a superb bootleg by The Stuntmasters, a Northern studio duo who have previously worked disco magic on Madonna and Prince. The bootleg – which melds Modjo's 'Lady' to 'The Boy Is Mine' by Brandy & Monica – is already blowing up in clubland. Tong and Morillo have both jumped on the record – but Modjo haven't heard it!

"We'd be interested in hearing it!" chuckled Modjo's Romain Tranchart. "There are so many things happening now and you can't be happy about everything – but it means ongoing international success, so it's all good!"

Modjo are currently working on a new single 'Chillin", expected later this year. "It's going to be a disco track," revealed Romain, "but a bit less melancholic!" An as-yet untitled third single will follow Modjo's debut album, due through Polydor in February.

SNAPSHOTS

Subliminal have announced details of their own distribution label. The first beneficiary will be on Harry 'Choc Choc' Romero's imprint Bambossa. Aimed at releasing more tech-tinged music than the usual Subliminal fare, the label kicks off with 'So Lonely' by Harry & Alex. There also two other labels waiting in the wings - the Sandy Rivera-headed Deep Vision, and the Morillo-A&R'ed Sondos. Both have tracks awaiting imminent release. . . Following hot on the heels of The Leaf Label's highly successful 'Invisible Soundtracks: Macro 3' CD comes a brand new EP - Volume Five in the 12-inch series – which contains four brand new tracks. But hurry - there are only 1,500 copies. . . Jacques Lu Cont has been announced as the new resident of Hi-Rise on Thursday night at Home. . . Kevin Yost has announced details of a new single on Distance. 'Infiltrated' will be out in December. . . DJ Shadow, Blackalicious and Latryx are coming to town on the Solesides Reunion Tour. The dates are as follows: November 24th - Bugged Out/Cream, Liverpool; 25th – University, Manchester, 26th - Concorde II, Brighton, December 6th - The Scala, London, UK. . . Beatchuggers' 'How Many Times (Forever Man)' finally gets a release on ffrr on 13th November. Richard F is on the mix. The Global Underground boys are back once again with 'Nick Warren - Amsterdam', available through Boxed from November 13th. . . The Charlie's Angels soundtrack features a host of artists including Destiny's Child, Spandau Ballet [great -Ed.] and Sir Mix A Lot with his naughty number 'Baby Got Back', released on Columbia Records on October 30th. . . Moloko release 'Indigo' from their current album on November 27th, courtesy of Echo. Mixes from Robbie Rivera and Gus Gus. . Mekon featuring Shawn Lee's 'Relax With Mekon' is out on Wall Of Sound on November 27th. . . David Morales Featuring Juliet Roberts' 'Needin' U II' is reissued with new mixes through Manifesto early next January . . Can't do no wrong Soma Records have compiled 'Soma Seven' featuring all their biggest releases this year. Due for release late November. . . DJ Hell's 'Fuse Presents Hell', due out on the Music Man label on November 27th, is a superb eclectro compilation mix which includes songs from the likes of Donna Summer, Phuture and Carl Craig. . . 'Hi Fi Lounge Volume 2' on Guidance includes tunes from Alex Gopher and Deadbeats and is available from November 27th. . . Studio K7 bring us A Guy Called Gerald's latest single 'Fever (Or A Flame)' featuring a formidable remix by Black Dog, due for release late November. . . Hed Kandi have done it again, this time with 'The Acid Lounge' produced by Daniels and Bemand, aka 45 Dip. It's out in mid December. . . Parisian DJ Master H brings us some more fresh and funky house in the shape of 'The Mayflower' in late December on Soma. On a similar tip, Dave Angel and Jamie Anderson's 'The Rematch' on Rotation is a delightful tech-funk number which will be hitting the streets in the early half of December. . . Finally, November 13th sees the release of 'Boy Is Crying' by Saint Etienne, taken from their 'Sound Of Water' album. Welsh breaksters Hybrid give it a re-rub. .



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TDV CUP TRIUMPHS!

THE MEMORY of the late, great hard house pioneer Tony de Vit was celebrated recently with the inaugural TDV Cup competition, a five-a-side soccer tournament organised by Tidy Trax to raise money for the TdV Memorial Fund. Tripoli Trax have been crowned Hard House Five-A-Side champions after beating Amato Distribution in the final. Other teams that took part included Phoenix Uprising, Honey Pot, Tidy Trax, Nukleuz, Tripoli Trax, Amato and infamous Sheffield afterhours club Insomniacz. The event took place at the glamorous Guildford Spectrum sports centre.

Muzik's hard house correspondent Mark Kavanagh stood in for Jane de Vit to present the cup, and Tidy's Andy Pickles declared the day a resounding success. "I hate football and even I enjoyed it!" said a shame-faced Tidy Trax spokeswoman.



Dorfmeister: "Genius such as mine cannot be rushed," he didn't say



RICHARD Dorfmeister has told Muzik that Kruder & Dorfmeister have 'loads' of semicompleted tracks in their Viennese studio but feel absolutely no pressure to release an album – yet. Dorfmeister told Muzik: "It will take as long as it takes! We have loads of tracks already but if people wait a long time for something and it's not 100% – like that Leftfield

not 100% – like that Lettiled album – it can kill you." The Vienna-based duo will make a rare joint return to our shores next year, when they play a one-off date at Fabric on January 19th.



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> PETE TONG has announced that his Friday night Essential Mix show will henceforth be broadcast across over 100 college stations in the US every week. The American edition will take Tong's Radio 1 programme as a template with additional local news presented by Raymond Roker, editor of US club culture magazine Urb.

Tong is understandably delighted about the move. "America's club scene is one of the most exciting places in the world because we're seeing a whole new thing starting there," he said. "It's really happening now, outside of the traditional strongholds like the New York gay community or the West Coast."

DANCIN' IN THE DOME

MINISTRY OF SOUND have announced plans to hold their New Year's Eve 2000 party at the controversial Millennium Dome site in south east London. The event will be the final swansong for the premises before they close on January 1st, 2001.

The event will take place in four arenas surrounding the main dome, including the Skyscape venue which recently hosted the DMC Technics World Mixing Championships. DJs already confirmed include Paul Oakenfold, The Dreem Team, Artful Dodger, Ferry Corsten, Fabio and DJ Rap, with many more to be confirmed soon. There will be a total of 37 DJs playing at the 16,000 capacity event, with an arena each dedicated to house, UK garage, drum & bass and downbeat.

Mark Rodol, co-founder and director of the Ministry, quipped that although last New Year's Eve saw the Prime Minister and the Queen in attendance, the only people with links to politics and royalty likely to be there this year were Prince William and Euan Blair, "who will both be sent invites!" Meanwhile The Sun, turning up its nose at the plan in a fulminating editorial, promised that its notorious sniffer dog 'Charlie' would also pay the party a visit.

NYE 2000 Dome runs from 9pm to 9am. London Underground trains will be running until 2am on January 1st, then re-starting at 5am. Tickets are £35, and are available now on Ticketmaster's 24-hour ticket line on 0870-534-4444 and through leading record stores.

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GUTTER AND THE STARS





Defected Records Party Saturday 4th November Miss Moneypenny's at G1, Glasgow

French superstar DJs 1st ever Scottish appearance Bob Sinclar (I Feel For You- Ibiza 2000 anthem) Seamus Haji Jon Mancini lain 'Boney' Clark

Saturday 11th November Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

Jon Mancini Davie Gilmour Iain 'Boney' Clark

Colours vs. Mas Sunday 12th November Mas, Royal Exchange Sq, Glasgow

Featuring very special guest from home- London Steve Lawler Jon Mancini

Friday Night One-Off Special 17th November The Arches, Glasgow

Last Scottish appearance this year John Digweed (Exclusive 5 Hour Set) Dope Smugglaz (Live- UK Album Launch) Jon Mancini & Boney



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Saturday 2nd December Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

Back by popular demand Woody van Eyden (Love Parade- Berlin, Kontour Records- Germany) Jon Mancini **Davie Gilmour**

Radio 1 Essential Mix Saturday 9th December The Arches, Glasgow

Making 1st Scottish club appearance for 3 years Pete Tong (Exclusive) Nick Warren Alex Anderson Jon Mancini Iain 'Boney' Clark



Saturday 16th December Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

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Boxing Day Special Tuesday 26th December The Arches, Glasgow

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*Details of Colours New Year's Eve events will appear in future issues of the music press. Also details of Colours new 2001 residencies including NYC

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"My first gig was at a private party in Venice. It was my first big break but I was so nervous that I didn't play that well. To be honest, it was a real disaster – I found some old tapes from the start of my career the other day and had to bin them: I was worried that people would hear how bad my mixing was!

"Unlike some DJs, I didn't have any musical roots in my family so I had to learn alone. It wasn't easy. I spent hours and hours in my room every day mastering my own style. I was inspired by a famous Italian DJ called Angelino, who later became my friend. Now I get the same buzz from people like Gilles Peterson and Boris D'Lugosch. I like the way they mix crazy styles together!

"There are a lot of DJs in Italy, especially in my part of the country [Venice]. There are a lot of clubs but the DJs are real stars, they're bigger than the clubs.

"My advice would always be to hone an individual style and not to compromise. If you can, play what you want rather than what THEY want you to play!"





DECEMBER WINNER

STEPHEN MARSH HOUSE AND DEEPER MIX

Contact: 07957-320-194/ e-mail: contact@deephouse.co.uk Personal Details: 27-year-old Stephen Marsh lives and works in London and first bought decks nine years ago. "I've still got the same old wobbly Soundlabs!" he chuckles. His first gig was at Kingston University Thursday nights playing Murkstyle house. He's never looked back and now has big plans for London. "I want to establish a deep house night on Friday nights. I'm also hoping to start a night with the Eukatech boys at Sound Shaft." Favourite DJs? Mark Farina, Terry Francis, Mr C, Evil Eddie Richards and Norman Jay. Favourite labels? Classic, Paper, Toko, DiY, Imperial Dubs and Naked Music. Favourite clubs? The End, Wiggle, Bed, The Bomb, Basics, Tummills and Fabric. Winning tracklisting: Chez Damier-'Close' (Vocal Mix) (Distance). . . Maxwell-'Fortunate' (Jay Denes Mix) (white label)... Stevie Wonder-'All I Do' (House Mix) (white label)... Miguel Migs & Leedia-'Mi Destino' (Deluxe Soul Dub)... Onionz & Tony - 'Frisco Beats' (Tango)... Britaholics - 'So Beautiful' (Main Mix) (white label)... D'Influence - 'Black Science Magic Session' (Vocal Mix) (Echo)... Mary J Blige -Beautiful (Main Mix). . . Funky Green Dogs - 'Reach For Me' (Original Mix) (Murk)... Kosmic Messenger-'Get Down' (Elypsia)... Eastern Strategy-'Adventures In Blue' (Suburbia)... B James & R Braun-'Grazin' The Grass' (P'Taah Dub) (Warner) ... Heller & Farley - 'Deep Sensation' (Peace Division Mix)... Beanfield-'The Season' (Swag Dub Mix) (Compost)... Black Water - 'Untold' (430 West)... E-Dancer - 'World Of Deep' (KMS)... Trevor Rockliffe & Blake Baxter - 'Visions Of You' (Ultimate Trax)... Muzik says: The first-ever Bedroom

Muzik says: The first-ever Bedroom Bedlam mix to include THAT Stevie bootleg, Stephen's slick house mix is a shockingly contemporary mix of deep beats and searing breaks. Starting off slow and Naked, the mix builds into something far harder, and it rocks. An outstanding melding of two cutting edge styles.

RUNNERS UP

 Matthew Krysko (Tech -funk mix from Leeds)
 Guy Keating (Progressive soul selection from Melbourne)

3) Stevie Wonder (No, not that one. Two-step mix from Liverpool)

4) Sam Gregory (Tech-house mix from Tunbridge Wells)





STEVE GERRARD TIMELINE

February 1998 » Wins Bedroom Bedlam with a superlative chill out mix

March 1998 » Gets first gig at God's Kitchen in Birmingham

May 1998 » Gets breakthrough gig at Creamfields in Winchester

January 1999 » Moves up the road to Sundissential where he spins on several occasions

October 1999 »

Opens Subspace night in Birmingham

June 2000 »

Plays at Spundae in San Francisco July 2000 >

Supports large Manc five-piece called Oasis, at Wembley.

October 2000 »

Wins Best Bedroom Bedlam D.I Award at Ericsson Muzik Awards

IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING year for Steve Gerrard.

Not content with spinning in Miami and San Francisco this year, he also opened for a fairly famous band called Oasis at Wembley Stadium in July. Always looking for new opportunities, Steve recently started his own club night called Subspace at The Medicine Bar in Birmingham to cater for likeminded souls. The heads soon followed. Steve Lawler, Anthony Pappa and fellow BB winner James Zabiela have already spun for him and Craig Richards is up next this month.

A trip to San Fran superclub Spundae made Steve's name Stateside. So in honour of his well-deserved Best Bedroom Bedlam DJ gong at the Ericsson Muzik Awards, we decided to let Steve detail his week in California.

"It was Sasha's Global Underground CD that first first made me aware of the name Spundae. The CD was based around Sasha's recent gig at the club. So when, in January 2000, my girlfriend and I visited San Francisco on a short stopover, I was determined to check out the club first-hand.

"I called the hotline to try and blag onto the guest list but figured I was pushing my luck. To my surprise, I got a call back from Spundae's Kelly Edwards who invited us to lunch that day, and then took us to a party where I DJed for a couple of hours.

He then arranged to meet us on the night of the club and gave us a guided tour of the 2,000 capacity venue and sorted us out with free drinks for the night. Talk about hospitality!

"I agreed to meet up with Kelly at The Miami Winter Music Conference, where he arranged for me to play at Spundae's legendary after-party at their villa on the seafront. I played back-to-back with DJ Hyper for three hours, watching the sun come up over the horizon. A truly memorable experience.

Spundae were keen for me to play at their club and hook up with Muzik, so in June they flew me out to play two massive headlining gigs: one at Nikita - recently voted best club in the US - and Giant in LA, a club they co-promote. I was welllooked after by Spundae resident Michael Anthony. Michael also arranged for me to record a two-hour set for Groovetech, San Fran's highly successful internet station.

"The gigs were incredible, with 5,000 people totally into what I was playing over the two nights, whether twisted breakbeat or full-on progressive. I loved every minute - I've never shaken so many hands in my life! Since then I've tried to return the favour a little by having Michael Anthony play at Subspace. I got to play three hours in San Fran and two hours in LA - both gigs will go down as the best in my career. So far, that is!"

HOW TO ...

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CARL COX CHAMP



SINCE MY trip to

Paris last month, I've been back to **Home** at Space for the closing party in Ibiza. It was the first time **Danny Tenaglia** and I had played together on the Terrace. It was a little quiet at the beginning because

Amnesia's closing party was kicking off, so I had an easy time and kept it cool until six, when everyone piled into Space. Suddenly it was going on. And off! Of course, it was completely set up for Tenaglia to soar and I danced next to him for most of his set.

After that I flew straight to **Dallas**. I'm on a 26-date tour for Moonshine Records with DJs including Keoki and **John Kelly** – another one! So far I've done Dallas, Austin, New Orleans and Tampa. There's something in the air in **New Orleans**: people sing and dance in the streets and that's why people like it.

Unfortunately, the police didn't want us there. We were supposed to be doing a party near New Orleans in a redneck country club where there were confederate flags on the walls. I've played there four times before and it's always gone off but this time there was a police sting on the night. So there we were in one of the biggest clubs in the area playing 4/4 techno madness, but the police were searching everyone on site. From 10 o'clock they searched everyone, even those who were buying drinks. They killed the night-someone caught smoking a cigarette by the bar got

thrown out because they thought it was pot! I felt that I couldn't perform in that situation.

So it's not all good in America, but they do have some great parties. In Austin, Texas I played to 15,000 at Arks Ranch with The Lo Fidelity Allstars and **Josh Wink**. There was a five mile tailback to get to the site!

As for a revolution, well, people like **Sasha**, **Oakey** and myself play European music to an American audience who are always looking for it. Every city has a different vibe but until they have a syndicated radio station, it's never gonna be like it is over here...

CARL COX'S FIVE FOR NOVEMBER

1) Denord Alex's Song (Get Groovy)

3) Glenn Wilson Breeding Ground (Compost)

4) Jamie Anderson Introducer Alert (On-Test)

5) Animated Rompa Stompa (Deviant)

2)Blind Pugh Dos Caipos (Clip)

YOUSEF CONTENDER



first **Bugged Out!** party, a perfect place for me to play because it's underground party music.

I only found out that afternoon that I was doing a second late slot in the main room. **Sasha** did his back in, so I got thrown in at the deep end yet again. But it

went right off. It helps that I don't get wrecked when I DJ – I like to keep a clear head, so I can remember the whole night. I've been to every Cream birthday party but this was the best one, for me especially. Saturday night was a bit more pumping, musically.

THE HIGHLIGHT

of this month has got to be

bizarre for me. Jused to be

stand and watch the DJs

in the booth. Now I'm in

the booth! It was also my

Cream's eighth birthday

weekend. It was quite

one of the kids who'd

Seb and Timo Maas played back-to-back. Fonty dropped the Peace Division mix of Trancesetter's 'Roaches,' which is a real anthem in The Annexe. I played a warm-up slot and had a chance to let my hair down.

Talking of hair, I've now lost all of mine. I was pissed as a fart after Saturday and my mates decided to shave it all off with clippers for a laugh. So now I'm a total **Kojak** and look absolutely ridiculous!

Yousef

As ever, I'm pretty busy. I've been back to **Hong Kong** this month. I DJed at a club called Pink, the first purpose-built venue there. I played with **Jeff Mills** who was amazing. He doesn't play records like a normal DJ, he just plays the bits he likes.

And the **Ericsson Muzik Awards**? Fingers crossed is my attitude. I'm still the same old Yos doing the same old thing. Every month I've been given a new challenge. Last month I was shitting myself but I guess it's good that I still get nervous. After all, it keeps me on my toes. See ya next month!

Carl Cox

YOUSEF'S FIVE FOR NOVEMBER

 Groove Assassins City Lights EP (Black Vinyl)
 Compilatrix Volume One (Prozak Trax)
 Deadly Avengers King Tito's Gloves (Derrick Carter Mix) (Illicit)
 Onionz And Gregg Sankovich The Magic Of The Music EP (Siesta)
 Master H Mayflower (Remix) (Soma)

BIG MOUTH

"I met Prince. He told me I shouldn't use bad language in interviews. Did he persuade me? Fuck no!"

Sister Sincad O'Connor experiments with expletives



"We had a Big Brother party and it got out of control. We started throwing things at the telly whenever Mel was on!"

Norman Cook speaks for us all

"When I was nine I went up to a girl I was into and kissed her. She kicked me in the balls." Rights Rawtin explains the reason why

so many take up that DJ career

"I don't need music to make love. I just need room to make love."

Barry White, both flesh and spirit still still willing after all these years

"When I'm doing a Michael Jackson song I think I am him. I become him." RKelly. What is he on about?

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HERBERT'S ALL TIME TOP FIVE 1) SUY & ROBBIE A DUB EXPERIENCE (ISLAND) 2) GREEN VELVET CONSTANT CHAOS (MUSIC MAN) 3) MICHEL PETRUCIANNI PROMENADE WITH BIKE (CAPITOL) 4) MR OIZO M SEQ (F COMMUNICATIONS) 5) MAHLER LOTH SYMPHONY

Herbert's mix album 'Let's All Make Mistakes' is out now on Tresor

Where and when were you born? "I was born in 1972 in Kent."

How did you get into DJing?

"By accident, really. I used to mix records together, badly, about 10 years ago, but it wasn't really until I stated to release records properly that people started talking the risk and booking me."

Ever had any DJ nightmares?

"Yeah, the first international date I did was in Belgium and the people were really sweet, but it was an absolute horror story. The promoter put us in a squat without any windows and half way through the night a pimp turned up with a 15-year-old prostitute and kept offering us rocks. He left her as a present and she just sat there looking really weird by this telly that was picking up fuzzy porn from the next door neighbour's satellite dish. We just sat there shitting ourselves..."

What about moody punters?

"Yeah. The worst thing is when you get asked for things like Pearl Jam, which has happened recently. I wouldn't mind if they asked for Pavement, but Pearl Jam?" How would you describe your sound? "It started out as house, but now I'm more into wobbly stuff really. It's wobbly – both technically and musically. I've always had a fascination with sound and, particularly at this point in electronic music, I'm really very bored of drum machines and instantly familiar sounds. So part of my philosophy is to look for a middle ground between melody and innovation."

Do you ever include any of the theatrical elements from your live show in your DJ sets?

"Not really. I have used a sampler, but DJing takes a lot of concentration and it doesn't really leave much room to relax and fiddle around with other stuff."

What would dream line up be?

"Fred Astaire and a big 25-piece band. I'd bring Ginger on for a couple of numbers and have Green Velvet playing live afterwards. I'd have Arto Lindsay there as well. He's an old New York guitar hero who inspired people like Sonic Youth, but for the last few years he's gone back to his Brazilian roots and done some really amazing albums."

COMINGUPM-DUBS

DUBS BEGOOD INNON GARAGE IMPORTS PRIME RAGGA TALENT FOR THE NEXT CROSSOVER SMASH

WHILE the mainstream may be turning UK garage into a twitchy version of r&b, underground producers continue to push boundaries and forge smart new connections. One of the most exciting promos of the summer was M-Dubs' 'Bump 'N' Grind', which saw London-based producer Dennis M layering the vocals of Jamaican dancehall dominatrix Lady Saw over a luscious, dirty bass groove.

Given the extent of UK garage's flirtation with dancehall attitude and patois, going back to the source is a simple but inspired move. "Lady Saw had done an original vocal track," recalls Dennis, "and I heard it and loved it. I just thought it'd work really well with two-step. If you listen to reggae you can see where all that two-step vibe is coming from."

Lady Saw herself is in an unusually quiet mood when we meet, subdued by the horrendous London weather. Had she even heard of two-step before Dennis made the initial contact?

"Recently, someone come up from Jamaica to London then back and they call me and tell me there's a lot of garage music, you know, that was kickin' over in England. And the guy brought a lotta riddims, an' he call me up askin' me to do some for 'im, but I didn't get the time. But Dennis, that's the first one I really listen to."

The response on the dancefloors to 'Bump 'N' Grind' has been such that the track is now set for a major label release, and has been touted by none other than MJ Cole as the one that could go all the way. The ragga vibes may go down a storm here, but can Lady Saw ever see two-step replacing dancehall in Jamaica's affections?

"No, no, not in Jamaica, we ain't gonna run away from our roots right now! You know, Jamaica IS reggae, so we wouldn't change that. But yes, we would blend them together, you know, because a lot of Jamaicans are talking about garage music – I guess they like coming to England!" (ND)

'Bump 'N' Grind' by M-Dubs Featuring Lady Saw is out on December 4th on Telstar

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RENEGADEMASTERS THE DRUM & BASS DONS ARE BACK WITH THE ILL BEHAVIOUR

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front deep in the dark heart of south London comes an ominous noise. This is the sound of Renegade Hardware. Joint label bosses Mark and Clayton have been cutting bespoke urban jungle trouserage on their Trouble On Vinyl imprint since 1993. But by 1995 the darkcore sound of labels like No U-Turn was breaking through and Renegade Hardware were set up to pursue their interest in deeper, harder music.

Without fuss or hype over those five years they've developed a close knit family of artists that are gaining an enviable reputation – the likes of Usual Suspects, Loxy & Ink, Future Cut and Total Science have been names to drop on several prime compilations this year. Amidst the three albums and 27 singles released so far they've also managed more than a few corking tunes – Usual Suspects' relentless 'Killa Bees' and Konflict's 'Maelstrom', to name just two. Not that they're keen to stick to a tried and tested formula. "Drum & bass is always evolving," says Clayton. "It's important that we incorporate new ideas. We try to cater for everyone's different tastes and make it less one dimensional."

He is also quick to point out his label's new-found global appeal. The Usual Suspects and Loxy & Ink have just returned from a US tour and Renegade artists are continuously traversing the globe spreading the gospel.

"You might not realise it, but worldwide, drum & bass is more popular than ever," chips in Loxy. "In Puerto Rico it's the biggest form of dance music – bigger than techno, house or garage."

"The good thing about this music going underground in the UK was that it took out the trendy people," adds Clayton. "Now it's the people who really support the scene that buy our records. The scene is parallel to how rap was a few years ago, but if it's going more mainstream there has to be more vocals and we need more artists like Roni Size." To celebrate their fifth anniversary the label are issuing a triple CD extravaganza called 'Essential Rewindz' featuring a host of aggressive but accessible cuts plus a mix by Grooverider. It should raise the label's profile considerably.

"We just want to keep doing what we're doing and get the recognition that we deserve as a label," Clayton nods. "We'll keep trying to push the boundaries!" (NG)

Renegade Hardware's 'Essential Rewindz' is out now

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COMING JAMESHOLDEN

"A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE CONTENT TO COPY WHAT EVERYONE ELSE DOES"

FUCK OFF GRANDADS: JAMES HOLDEN IS A YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY

"THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED

very much because a lot of people are content to copy what everyone else does," says James Holden, lounging outside a bar on the Thames. "I've gone off in my own direction. I'm influenced by techno, but I don't like the pure fax machine noise stuff, and a big tune banged out on a synth with one finger sounds lame. I'm into blurring the edges with melody and incorporating dub aspects."

James has spent all summer at his folks' Leicester home with his studio in a room that overlooks the local bowls club. His next move is to London, to pursue the career which kick-started when Nick Warren put 'Horizons' in the top spot in his charts a year ago. Holden has just finished a degree in Maths at Oxford and commemorated the occasion by cutting off his dreadlocks. Without the matted hair this slight 21 year-old looks even younger. "I've got to take my passport down to Bedrock so I can get in tonight," he jokes.

Under his belt, however, he has an impressive array of productions. As well as his class remix of Aaron Carl's 'Dance Naked' a year ago, there's a version of Joshua Ryan's 'Pistolwhip', an update of 3Phase & Dr Motte's Love Parade classic 'Der Klang Der Familie' and an assault on Roland Klinkenberg's latest for Lost Language. He also records as Ariane, and with a number of Welsh mates as Mainline, and he's recently got himself a DJ residency at Oxford's Slide at The Zodiac.

He tells a great tale of Henrietta from Silver Planet blanching at the potency of a dub sound system at Notting Hill Carnival and talks humourously of friends having their sex lives interrupted when Tongy announces his name in the background on Radio 1. But when the issue of his age reappears he attacks the anti-youth attitude of the past-it soul-boys' network that's prominent in the British club scene.

"There are a fuckload of people who are there because they've been there for while," he sneers, hooded blue eyes glinting determinedly, "and they don't really have anything to offer any more. They're just there because they're in a position of power and they can hold onto that power." For as long as we allow them, that is. Roll on the new. **(THG)**

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Transatlantic prog house pin-ups Jondi & Spesh dig the Sarf Laaahndan vibe

THOUGHT San Francisco was just about big bridges, men in leather and twisted, funked-up house? Well it is. No, wait – there's more. Helping spread the progressive house gospel in the Bay Area are promoter/producer/ DJ duo Jondi & Spesh, currently making waves with their album 'We Are Connected'.

Chock full of big trancing cuts alongside the more familiar brand of San Fran tripped-out fare, 'We Are Connected' should go a long way to cementing the city's prog house credentials. Released on their own Loöq imprint, Jondi says the album is about "harmony and emotion more than weird sounds and macho beats".

"When we started Loöq we actually set out to make music for the global rather than the local

"THE TRACKS ARE TESTED ON WEDNESDAY, TWEAKED ON THURSDAY, AND SHIPPED ON FRIDAY!"

scene," explains Spesh. "In the beginning it felt like we fell out of the SF vibe but now we feel we're right in the middle of it again."

"We've never considered our work to be part of the mellow, groovy house music thing which SF is known for," agrees Jondi. "We're trying to give our music – and our city – a bit of an edge, while retaining the emotionality we're known for." Jondi reckons San Francisco rocks because

it's full of "beautiful, intelligent people who want to party" – and they party hard at their weekly Wednesday evening hoedown, Qoöl.

Held in a downtown art gallery, Qoöl is full of the sort of oddball characters that make San Fran so special. One guy walks around handing out jelly babies to all and sundry. A glittered-up girl claims to be a pixie and bounces around like a bunny rabbit. Oh yes, and the fun starts at five and ends at 10pm. Bonkers!

Spesh spins there most weeks, using the club as an on-the-spot reaction sheet for new material. "The tracks are tested on Wednesday, tweaked on Thursday, and shipped on Friday! The Qoöl crowd never do us wrong when it comes to giving us some perspective on our music."

The duo love their crowd. "Just last night," recounts Jondi, "a Qoölio came up to me and said 'This is my five hours of heaven on Earth every week'. What can you say to that?" (KW)

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A CONTRACTOR OF THE VIEWNESE TOSCA TWEAKER CHOOSES HIS 16 FAVE TUNES

1) MILT JACKSON

'Little Sunflower' (CTI) One of the first jazz tracks I learned on guitar and played with my first group, which included Rupert [Huber] and my brother on bass. In my mind, it's always connected to melancholic thoughts and to anticipating things to come!

2) THE DOORS

'Riders On The Storm' (Elektra) A very influential track – together with 'The End' – from the 'Apocalypse Now' soundtrack. Interestingly, I got offered this track for remixing, but I refused



"I GOT OFFERED THIS TRACK FOR REMIXING BUT I REFUSED AS THERE'S NO REAL WAY OF IMPROVING ON SUCH A CLASSIC"

Dorfmeister on The Doors' 'Riders On The Storm'

because there's no real way of improving on such a classic.

3) TALKING HEADS

'Slippery People' (Sire) This was originally on 'Speaking In Tongues', but I prefer the version on the 'Stop Making Sense' soundtrack. The live version encapsulates the New York new wave movement for me. I remember we saw the film several times and always brought a bottle of whiskey with us, which led to enthusiastic responses to David Byrne's whole sort of style. We're big Talking Heads fans.

4) BRIAN ENO AND HAROLD BUDD

'The Pearl' (WEA) This is from Eno's whole ambient series, which includes 'On Land' and 'Music For Airports'. This is the title track of arguably the most chilled out record ever made. To me it's still listenable – but it either inspires you heavily or sends you to sleep!

5) EMERSON, LAKE AND PALMER

'Pictures At An Exhibition' (BMG) The title track is fantastic. ELP's monster symphonic rock impressed me for quite a while, like Yes before them. Their early use of Moog synths had a strong influence on me. Many years after this was released, we met Deborah, the daughter of Yes singer Jon Anderson. She has launched a fashion label, she's recording an album and working with Tipper.

6) WAR

'Searching For Youngblood' (Far Out)

This is from the 'Youngblood' soundtrack. The funk-groove thing on this album opened the door to a whole new world for me. There was a club in Vienna called Camera, where this kind of drug and smoke-infused sound was cultivated. We got ripped off there, I might add – their shit was far too expensive!

CV BORN: Vienna AGE: 32 FIRST RECORD YOU BOUGHT: The Beatles' 'Abbey Road' (Apple) DESERT ISLAND DISC: Brian Eno and Harold Budd's 'The Pearl' ("maximum chill out – and they invented it!") FUTURE PLANS: "We've recorded loads of tracks already but if people wait a long time for something and it's not 100% – like the Leftfield album – it can kill you. We have the advantage that we're not from the UK and don't need to play the game."

7) DUET EMMO

'Or So It Seems' (Mute) The weird and dark music of the early Mute recordings touched us deeply. Acts like AC Marias and Fad Gadget made classic English electronica. Several years ago we were asked to remix Mute's biggest act, Depeche Mode. We agreed immediately.

8) FALCO

'Ganz Wien' (BMG)

This sums up the new wave feeling of the early Eighties in Vienna. We met him a year before he died but I had the feeling that his main time was over. He had problems with being normal I think – he always acted as if the camera was on. 'Ganz Wien' means 'the whole of Vienna'. Basically a song about drugs!

9) STEREO MCS

"What Is Soul" (Island) By the time this was released, the hip hop thing had hit us heavily and groups like Pressure Drop and Massive Attack were strongly coming through. I went to



their studio in Brixton recently and they played us some tracks – they have 50 or 60 already. I don't know why they haven't released them!

10) THE BEATLES

'Come Together' (Apple) A legendary intro with a blues-influenced feel. We're big blues fans – we made a track called 'Chocolate Elvis' that was hooked around a similar lick. I own everything by The Beatles. Even though it was all over by 1968, they kept going for the sake of their audience. Their musical expression was so much more intense than The Stones!

11) PINK FLOYD

'Money' (EMI) 'Money' is a great title for a track – it's provocative and I like that. I remember playing songs like 'Great Gig In The Sky' on guitar and piano. 'Dark Side Of The Moon' is probably the best album ever made, even though it's nearly completely instrumental. It still stands out as a highly influential piece of music. The perfect concept album.

12) SIMON AND GARFUNKEL

'Old Friend' (Polygram) I found 'Bookends' at my uncle's place when I was about 12 years old: he was so enthusiastic about them. I didn't understand the lyrics at the time



but I could feel them. Simon & Garfunkel were the ultimate American songwriters, I think. The Beach Boys had a different flavour.

13) DJ UNKNOWN FACE

'Dat's Cool' (white label) Stripped-to-the-bone drum & bass from 1995 – a bit like 'Pulp Fiction' by Alex Reece, simple but powerful. This forced us to play d&b extensively and by the end of 1998 we started making more uptempo sounds. The fever around the genre seems to have gone now, though.

14) BURNT FRIEDMAN & THE NU DUB PLAYERS

'Do Not Legalise It' (~Scape) Just one example of Cologne's electronic scene. It's a big community now with people like Pole and Flanger – weird, uncommercial but wonderful. I love the fact that records like this divide opinion: you can't force someone to listen to off the wall songs like this. One of the last underground sounds.

15) OL' DIRTY BASTARD

'Got Your Money' (Elektra) Like the Kelis album, an example of mega-pop that still keeps an edge. My mother and my girlfriend like records like these. The American commercial way of

"DARK SIDE OF THE MOON' IS PROBABLY THE BEST ALBUM EVER MADE"

Dorfmeister on The Pink Floyd's least unbearable record

thinking is somehow better than in Europe – but I still think the standard of pop songs was higher in the Seventies!

16) JIMMY CLIFF

'The Harder They Come' (Trojan) One of my favourite records ever. Not exactly dub, but not quite dancefloor. The Old Jamaican influence is still very much alive. When people think of reggae, they automatically think of Bob Marley and no one else, but it's such a big world.



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Where and when was the first Renaissance?

"It was in 1992 at Venue 44 in Mansfield. We left in June 1993 and started The Conservatory in Derby and by New Year's Eve 1994 it was our last night there. We toured around different venues for the next five years until we found Media."

When on tour, which Renaissance night was your favourite?

"Our second birthday at Que Club, Birmingham. It was one of those nights where everything just fell into place. It still gives me goosebumps when I think about it!" Who are your favourite DJs?

"Tenaglia, Sasha, Digweed and our resident Dave Seaman."

What's the secret to keeping a good night good?

"I don't know. I haven't got a clue. You just do what you do and what you believe in. You follow your instincts and hope that's what everybody else is into. You've got to really care about what you do and you've got to do it for your own personal reasons, and that's what puts the personality into the brand." What have been the highs of your life as a promoter?

"Travelling the world, the release of the first Renaissance album and the opening of Media after four years of waiting."

And the lows?

"Getting the licence refused for Media twice, falling out with Sasha and the millennium." What's the longest caning session you've ever had?

"It was around four to five days after the opening at Mansfield. I wrote off a Porsche after having it for three days! I drove straight into the back of a parked car at 70mph. It caught fire, I got knocked out and woke up to find myself surrounded by police and an ambulance. Not very clever!" And what would be a perfect night?

"Lying on the beach in the Maldives at

midnight with my fiancée Joanna, smoking a spliff."

You've been a promoter for nine years - do you get groupies?

"No. Perhaps in the early days in Mansfield but not now."

I'm not sure if I believe you. Back then, did you ever take them up on the offer? "I might have done, but at this point in time my memory fails me." [Hmmm – Ed.] Tell us something about you that not a lot of people know.

"I used to be a martial arts instructor."

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YOU'RE STUCK ON DESERT ISLAND AND YOU GAN HAVE FIVE THINGS - WHAT ARE THEY?

- 1) My fiancée Joanna (of course)
- 2) Mr Man's Chinese restaurant
- 3) Renaissance first birthday tape
- (Sasha & Diggers)
- 4) A big bag of New Yorkers (1991 vintage)
- 5) A sound system

GEOFF OAKES' ALL TIME TOP SIX (BECAUSE HE ASKED SO NICELY)

- 1) Joe Smooth Promised Land (DJ International)
- 2) Kim Mazelle Was That All It Was? (EMI)
- 3) Sasha & Digweed Renaissance Volume 1
- 4) Leftfield Not Forgotten (Hard Hands)
- 5) Alanis Morissette Uninvited
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KAREN YOUNG SPENDS A WEEK GETTING NAKED WITH YANK PROMOTERS, RELEASE

THE SUN IS SHINING, and the people here are completely mad. Strangely enough, I feel right at home. Welcome to San Francisco.

It's fleet week, which suits us just fine as there are plenty of tasty sailors and pilots around. Nice, but not why we're here. Release – one of San Francisco's longest running club organisations – are this week's hosts and they've provided us with a month's worth of club nights. Unfortunately, we only have five days, so kick off with Discover at Ruby Skyes, a glammy Ritzy's with a sound system that would make a deaf man scream. Inside, Bob

Sinclar is trying to please a Wednesday crowd and succeeding quite nicely. Then it's on to Seance at Backflip, where Franky Boissy and the delightful Didje Kelly are to be found dishing out some fine house. It's a small but intimate club where the San Frans can get their tarot cards read or have the latest henna tattoo applied.

That's the thing about San Francisco – they're so damn spiritual. We're staying on former hippy haven Haight & Ashbury, where thrift shops are plentiful and buskers sing wholeheartedly outside organic food shops. I could definitely get used to this chilled vibe.

Thursday Night Groove at Manhattan Lounge is a dark space where guests include Derrick Carter, although not on the night we were there (don't you just

MIGUEL MIGS' TOP FIVEfly
th1) Erykah Badu Bag Lady (white label)th2) Petalpusher Rely On Me (test press)E3) Miguel Migs Mi Destino (Black Vinyl)F4) Atjazz Harmony (Mantis)F5) Soul Vision Don't Hold Backof(Central Park test press)da

hate misleading flyers?) But then there's Kit Kat at the renowned Endup, where San Fran's excellent Panhandle label often grace the decks. Gagging Wet revellers model the latest line in 'deep a house swimwear'

Naked Music's Miguel Migs

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"Have you heard? Muzik's Karen Young is here!"

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Once inhabited by Guglielmo Marconi (who invented the radio transmitter), vears later it became a

sanctuary for the ever growing hippy community. Perhaps more interesting was Anton LaVey's residence there. The Head of the Church Of Satan, he lived up in the tower with his pet tiger and had a pentagram drawn on the floor for his rituals. Now owned by the head honcho of Thump Radio, the only dance station on the West Coast, broadcasts are prerecorded in the tower and aired every Sunday at 2pm on KUSF FM. Very eerie, very intense - but very, very cool.



MOUNT TAM

Take a drive and taste the best burgers on the East side. In 'N' Out Burger is on the way to the glorious view over San Francisco from the

top of Mount Tam. Once you get to the top, cast your eyes on the fog creeping its way across the bay. Enjoy the silence, breathe the clean air and realise that we are merely pawns on a very large chess board (man).

Okay, who peed in the goddam pool?'



for a cigarette - there's no smoking in public places here in California - we step outside onto the Terrace. If the sun was still shining, we could almost be at Space. Almost.

It's now Friday, and my birthday. We spend the day on Mount Tam re-evaluating our lives (I'm quite getting into the spiritual thing now). Then to Square, Release's Friday night at Ruby Skyes.

But it's Saturday's that ARE Release at 1015 Folsom. With five rooms in a warehouse-like space you could get lost in the music. With a choice of hard, deep or funky house, drum & bass and techno, there's something for everyone. And everyone's here. Angel Moraes is playing tonight; in his denim dungarees he looks like a naughty schoolboy. I feel like a naughty schoolgirl as I confiscate several lightsticks (well, you've gotta have a go sometime!) They've stopped serving alcohol, I can't smoke, but it doesn't matter. The Americans are finally 'getting it' and that's what matters. Resident Beyrouz is joined by Deep Dish on a monthly basis and future guests here include Josh Wink, Hipp-E

"THAT'S THE THING ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO -HEY'RE SO DAWN SPIRITUAL"

& Halo and Steve Lawler.

Sunday is the Naked Music/Release Pool Party otherwise known as Wet. A pool party swimming with beautiful young men and women and, of course, Miguel Migs. These parties are legendary and we're here to see what all the fuss is about. It's slightly too cold to jump into the pool but warm enough to work up quite a sweat (by dancing, of course). Held at The Phoenix Hotel, it's also part of Backflip, so if you're feeling in need of a dark corner, Didje Kelly plays to the mob inside. Outside though, Miguel slithers to the decks and the already pulsating crowd roars with delight. And so do I. Stevie Wonder's 'All I Do' is dropped and shrieks and whoops surround us. It's heaving, it's hideously sexy and it's just like a disco in heaven. What more could a girl ask for? (KY)

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BRUM



OPENING NIGHT OF BABOOSHKA AT CODE, 49 GIBB ST, BIRMINGHAM. INFO: 0121-693-2633. 9-4AM. £12/£10.

GOD'S KITCHEN, the most famous Birmingham export since Jasper Carrott, have just come back after another successful year in Ibiza. So what better way to celebrate than by opening their very own venue? Code is Brum's answer to Home and Fabric rolled into one and it aims to give the city's disappearing club scene a well-deserved kick up the arse.

Metallic piping embraces the ceiling, there's a balcony overlooking the dancefloor, a ramp leading onto the main dancefloor, a raised stage for the DJ and a metallic, futuristic bar – yes, it's 'the industrial look'. The club may be new for the Midlands but for anyone else it feels uncomfortably like an unoriginal stab at trying to be London. The dancefloor is packed, though; the combination of an opening Saturday and Danny Rampling's Balearic favourites proves irresistible. The feel is spacious, albeit made quite chilly by the air conditioning.

There is unfortunately only one dancefloor in Code, so if house is not your cup of tea then you're buggered. But if it all gets a bit too much you can always plant yourself on the balcony, where little booths can be found with leather seating, perfect for resting or just watching. On the second floor there's another bar decked out with swanky imported Italian marble. Here it's open plan seating and don't let anyone try to tell you it reminds them of a dentist's waiting room either.

Okay, enough sniping. The décor might not be to everyone's taste, but the music is what it's about and on that score it can't be faulted. Code is something Birmingham needs and it aims to provide for everyone. There's a student night on Wednesdays, God's Kitchen on Fridays and Polysexual on Sundays. Babooshka will feature an Italian night once a month and the rest of the time DJs such as CJ Mackintosh, Boris Dlugosch and Erick Morillo will all be turning up the heat. Good job that air conditioning works then! **(RR)**





FLOORFILLERSENORCOCONUT



Agenis Brito: He don't know what to do. He needs a rendez-vous

Mañana SENOR COCONUT Y SU CONJUNTO, LIVE AT STADTGARTEN, COLOGNE

DURING A GRUELLING cycling tour

of the Andes, Ralf Hutter and Florian Schneider, founder members of German beat combo Kraftwerk (you may have heard of them) develop technical problems. Inefficient streamlining and a dicky Derailleur force the intrepid pair to send their robot doppelgangers into the night in search of warm data. Fortune (and advanced global positioning software) leads them to the home of reclusive Chilean maestro Senor Coconut, where a plot is hatched to rid the world of the sterile, funk-free inheritors of Kraftwerk's mantle.

That's one version of the story. Another, possibly more plausible, is this: German programming virtuoso Uwe Schmidt (aka Atom Heart, Erik Satin, LB, etc), disillusioned with the unchanging metre of his native techno music, ups chips and moves to Santiago de Chile. The infectious, lascivious rhythms of his adopted country inspire him to conjure up a 'virtual band' on his hard disk, applying a bracing fusion of mellifluous merengue, sizzling salsa and Teutonic tango to Kraftwerk's strictest tempos on the album 'El Baile Aleman' ('The German Dance'). leaked demo, are momentarily fooled, thinking a 'real' Latin band have been recording their tunes.

"It's really funny with the Coconut record," Schmidt smiles. "No one really knows what it is. .." So just to clear things up, here he is, back in Germany, with a six-piece Danish jazz band, performing impeccable Latin arrangements of his own virtual versions of Kraftwerk classics, with vocals – in German – from a diminutive Venezuelan.

Confused? Some of the Stadtgarten crowd certainly seem to be, tom between listening appreciatively to the daring cross-fertilisation of genres or sticking a rose between their teeth and grinding their groins like Ricky Martin. 'Showroom Dummies', 'The Robots', 'Trans-Europe Express', 'Autobahn' – they're all present and correct, and primed to rock your local ballroom dancing society, luxury cruise liner or Balearic booze-up.

In a final twist, Florian Schneider himself (or was it his robot?) turns up backstage to congratulate the Coconut crew personally. "Arribal It's even better than the real thing!" he might have said. But no one really knows... (TM)

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THIS, THE SECOND NIGHT of Ninia

Tune's 10th birthday celebrations, was always going to be popular, but no one could have predicted the pandemonium that ensued as the Xen posse took over the East End of London.

The newly opened - so new it was rumoured that the paint was still drying minutes before opening 93 Feet East played host, and its whitewashed walls, industrial art space vibe and stylishly overflowing toilets gave the evening the feeling of a crowded warehouse party rather than a club. Huge queues meant that over a thousand people were locked outside and Brick Lane began to resemble a very trendy Kosovan refugee centre.

Once squeezed inside, narrowly avoiding stepping on Talvin Singh's head, Muzik was met in the sardine-like main room by the inspired silliness of VJs Hexstatic, whose crunchy beats and inventive cartoons-meets-Countdown visuals are deserving of far more than their current cult audience. They were followed by that Crazy Canuck, Kid Koala who sent the crowd wild with his fucked up jazz hip hop and whose mad skills

were thoughtfully displayed on a huge screen so the trainspotters could take note.

Out back, Mixmaster Morris, Fink and Mr Scruff played funk, rare groove and loadsa James Brown to a chilled out crowd glad to be out of the crush, while upstairs the Light Surgeons threw blindingly colourful shapes onto neighbouring rooftops to a backdrop of Strictly Kev's dubbed out grooves.

But even amid such an embarrassment of riches, Coldcut - back in the main room - proved to be the highlight of the evening, delivering a set full of inventively cut up beats. Top moments included a storming garage version of 'People Hold On' and a demented Virtual Tony Blair gesticulating wildly through 'Beats And Pieces'

Added attractions included the Flirtation Tank, full of underdressed young ladies from which many flustered punters - including Kid Koala - emerged hastily re-arranging their clothes, and club-cumcubicle, The Miniscule Of Sound, in which you could get down to the likes of Wham! and Yazz in extremely and occasionally embarrassingly intimate surroundings. Very hot, very silly, very Ninja. (NG)





CHICKSONSPEED



"CHICKS ON SPEED'S GOAL IS TO INFILTRATE ALL FACETS OF LIFE"

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ARRIVING IN BERLIN is like

touching down on the letter R in the middle of the word ART. In the city's Mitte district, where Muzik has come to hang out with Chicks On Speed, you can't discharge a shotgun without hitting an avant garde musician, artist, promoter or owner of a bar with black walls, full of musicians, artists and promoters.

But we are not here to discharge shotguns. We're here to meet fashion/ music/art perverters, Chicks On Speed. Alex, Kiki and Melissa – from Sydney, upstate New York and Munich, respectively – are the latest out-of-town additions to Berlin's ever expanding music scene. Jamie Lidell of Super_Collider and Canadian hip hop filth-pigs Peaches and Gonzales are also recent immigrants.

"Chicks On Speed's goal is to infiltrate all facets of life," announces Melissa as the Chicks prepare costumes for the Muzik photoshoot at COS HQ (Alex's flat near Rosenthaler Platz). "We are genius dilettantes," adds Kiki. These Chicks mean business. If you're shallow, you may have read some kind of veiled drugs reference into Chicks On Speed's name. But during the course of Muzik's stay it becomes apparent that far from alluding to the illegal teeth grinding powder, it actually refers to their work ethic. Working fast both as necessity – they didn't get round to completing the costumes until about 10 minutes before the shoot – and as statement of intent.

"You often see designers, or musicians who have been to art school for six years and their spontaneity is gone. They get moulded too much," explains former Vogue stylist Kiki. "It's often a shame. We believe in working fast and just doing it."

This applies as much to their music as to their fashion. Their debut album, 'Will Save Us All' is a series of collaborations with producers. Chicks On Speed suggest musical ideas and write the lyrics, but the music is largely written by the producers. It's an approach that has attracted criticism from an indie crowd obsessed with 'playing your own instruments'. You know – like Chas And Dave do.

words DUNCAN BELL photography ANDY FALLON

CHICKSONSPEED



Chicks On Speed, Europe's leading couturiers, unblinker their 'fashion eye' to give perceptive views and helpful advice to some of dance-land's snappiest dressers



"We are not interested in virtuosity," explains Kiki. "The producers we work with have been doing it for years, so they can work magic in, like, 10 minutes," Melissa adds. "It's like we'd have to spend 10 years learning to be that good, so what's the point?"

Besides, this approach leaves time for all Chicks On Speed's other activities.

"We're developing a laptop bag at the moment," Alex offers, while frantically screen printing the mammoth, 'two person' tube dress that is their latest fashion line. "Music is our priority, but we like to do five things at once. We're contributing an installation to a festival in Lisbon called The New Society Of The Spectacle, and we're contributing art to a book for the MAMA gallery in Holland."

"We've designed a font, too," Melissa adds. There's also a web site (where said font can be viewed) which takes a thoughtfully twisted approach to the medium, typical of the Chicks' way of doing things.

"We looked at the internet and it's always so clean and functional, so we decided to make a messy, dysfunctional room," Melissa explains.

Pulling your browser around the scrolling collage that makes up their home page causes links to pop up which may take you to Chicks info or their on-line shop, where clothes, records and other merchandise can be purchased.

Then again, they may take you to an image of an animated frog. . . Er, what?

"The programmer got really depressed because people couldn't work out how to use the site," Melissa remembers. "But that's just people being lazy. It's good to challenge people a little bit."

Little in Berlin is obvious. You have to walk through a car park and a bombed out squat to get to the average bar, club or gallery. Which will then have no indication of what it is on the exterior. So it is apt that the Chicks' approach is so obfuscatory. It challenges you to work with it. To make your own mind up what it means.

And though they might, tongue-in-cheek, call themselves dilettantes, don't get the impression Chicks On Speed are pissing about. In their own ramshackle way they're very professional and VERY serious. The album's done about 20,000 copies worldwide, and their clothes should get a wider audience next year.

"We've been given a shop window for [swank Paris department store] Bon Marché," announces a slightly incredulous Melissa.

"Who else is there again?" Kiki ponders. "It's Comme Des Garçons and Yohji Yamamoto, I think."

But fear not - they may be rubbing shoulder pads with the fashion ponceratti, but the artpranking continues. Like with their line of 'Modifidas' trainers. As the name suggests, they're elaborate modifications/ butcherings of a well known manufacturer's sporting wares. Quite what Terry Farley will make of them is anybody's guess. Quite what the original manufacturer will make of them is anybody's quess, too. There's also the first massproduced Chicks product: very small shopping bags, "because everything is getting smaller."

Determined to take this fashionista guerilla approach to the streets, Muzik and COS head for Alexanderplatz. It's the largest square in east Berlin, replete with a huge, communist chic TV aerial like a secular muezzin calling the unfaithful to prayer. Alex and Melissa don the double ended tube dress while Kiki wields a pair of scissors menacingly. Within moments a crowd has gathered. Some sit down and snap away happily with disposable cameras,

others adopt the traditional German stone-face. Others react as if a Martian invasion is going on. "Move your arms! It's disgusting!" one man orders, perplexingly. All in all, the shoot is a rip-roaring success; Chicks On Speed bringing style to the masses.

The Berlin underground is going overground. You read it here first.

'Will Save Us All' LP and 'Chix 52' EP are out now on Chicksonspeed Records See www.chicksonspeed.com for details of records, clothes and animated frogs



SUBLIMINAL'S ERICK MOBILLO AND MUZIK'S RALPH MOORE

"Very homoerotic. It's a sort of 'pair' look. I think maybe Ralph shouldn't wear the cut out sleeves - longer sleeves would suit him better. .

'CRASHER KIDS

They use lots of feline prints as well, don't they? These hairdos are quite good, I think. I don't like the silver they put on their faces, though...'

PEACHES

"The last time I saw her she said her hotpants hadn't been washed since she bought them... and that's what they looked like. It's a good look, sort of offensive, sexual."

JUDGE JULES

"Very stylish. He's wearing Paul Smith, think. He's gay, isn't he? No? Oh. I don't know if I like his chain, then. It's the sort of thing only gay men would wear in Germany."

SISTER BLISS

"Mmmm... I don't like this particularly. It's too clean for my taste. Everything matches too well in a way. She'd look good in one of our tube dresses, though, I think."

DAVE PEARCE

"He likes the sort-of truck driver look, doesn't he? Do we do outsize men's wear? Not yet. We have to look into it, but I don't think Dave would look good in one of our outfits."







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FILMSOUNDTRACKS

Words NEIL GARDNER

At a time when many musicians are making a more lucrative career from outside interests like advertising and computer games career from outside interests like advertising and computer games rather than record sales – it's rumoured that the Aphex Twin's pay rather than record sales – It's rumoured that the Apriex Iwin's pay off from Pirelli will happily keep him in armoured cars for the rest of iron mirelli will napply keep nim in armoured cars for the res of his days – it seems a perfectly natural transition to move into the world of film soundtracks. After all, musicians have always gravitated to where the money is. As Mychael Danna, composer gravitated to where the money is. As Mychael Danna, composer of 'The Ice Storm' says: "If you study history, it seems the music of the ice Storm' says: "If you study history, it seems the music of any given age will be centred where the money to pay for it is. of any given age will be centred where the money to pay to If you're a composer at this time, it seems like a very logical decision to end up writing music for film." With the advent of technology that makes it easier to cut music With the advent of rechnology that makes it easier to cut music directly with action, a large number of dance/electronic artists have begun to realise the creative possibilities of working with film.

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The classically trained BT has graduated from comedy thriller Go to scoring a 70-piece orchestra for the new Gene Hackman movie Under Suspicion, and many others like Biosphere's Geir Jenssen, Junkie XL's Tom Holkenborg, Photek and Orbital, who worked with Michael Kamen on Paul Anderson's diabolical (in every sense of the word) sci-fi horror Event Horizon, have embarked on tentative soundtrack careers, as have hip hop producers Timbaland and the Rza.

Of course, artists have always had a hankering to make 'filmic' music, as the Leaf label's superb 'Invisible Soundtracks' series amply demonstrates, while Sheffield's industrial art rockers In the Nursery have carved themselves a niche providing pulsing electronic scores for silent films like the German Expressionist classic Cabinet Of Doctor Caligari and forgotten gems like Asphalt. Perhaps the most successful transition has been made by Graeme Revell, once of early Eighties metal bashers SPK, now one of the Top 10 most significant composers in Hollywood with Dead Calm and The Saint under his belt. In the UK the most successful soundtrack exponent has been David Holmes. With apparent ease and without compromising his own music career, he's moved from low key themes for zero budget British film Resurrection Men to the upbeat, funky score he produced for the \$50m budget Out Of Sight.

"I've always wanted to do it," Holmes says. "I've always directed everything I've done towards movies."

Scoring films is both daunting and challenging, as Junkie XL's Tom Holkenborg explains:

"It's hard, because you're not focused on making your own stuff, but it's interesting to do once in a while and gives you a good insight into how music works."

"EACH DIRECTOR HAS AN IDEA OF HOW THEY WANT THE MUSIC TO BE"

David Holmes

Holmes agrees: "You have to learn to adapt to each scene with the visuals telling you what to do and not forgetting that it's a complete collaborative effort. Each director has an idea of how they want the music to be anyway; you have to add your own experience and knowledge to make the movie better. You're plaving to the scene, so the arrangement is very different and synched to actions - a slam of a door or the break of a bottle, someone getting punched. It's been a real eye opener – you do things you would never have done and think differently about what you're writing."

Holmes also admits that in the case of Out Of

Sight, he was helped tremendously by the temp score, featuring tracks by the Isley Brothers, Walter Wanderley and Willie Bobo that ended up in the finished movie. "I got a lot of ideas from that and ultimately scoring is all about continuity. It's a completely different headspace creating music for each individual scene because there are so many different emotions involved."

Contemporary music's relationship with film really took off in the Seventies, with Dario Argento's successful partnership with Italian rock band Goblin and Michael Mann's collaboration with German band Tangerine Dream. Mann, who has always had an innovative streak, mixed U2, Moby and Armenian folk music for the classic Pacino/De Niro stand off Heat and has recently used Dead Can Dance's Lisa Gerrard to perform an atmospheric accompaniment to his conspiracy thriller The Insider.

Either side of the Iron Curtain, Eduard Artemyev and John Carpenter were pushing the boundaries of what could be achieved with electronics, Artemyev with his dense soundscapes for Andrei Tarkovsky's extremely slow and absorbing moral meditations like Stalker and Mirror, Carpenter knocking out chillingly effective one-finger keyboard lines for shockers like 'Halloween'.

The major breakthrough was Greek composer Vangelis' breathtaking and hugely influential ambient score for Ridley Scott's dark sci-fi classic Blade Runner, an inspiration for a whole host of techno and ambient acts and still a benchmark two decades later. One of his most startling innovations was to layer all the sounds on keyboards without resorting to outside help or orchestration. This way of working would open the door for many non-classical musicians and even





non-musicians to get a foot in the door, and is the blueprint followed by latter-day composers such as Hans Zimmer, currently the most in-demand musician in Hollywood for his scores to films as diverse as Face/Off and Thin Red Line.

Perhaps the influx of creative artists producing scores will buck the trend for film producers to lazily stick to compilation soundtracks in order to sell their back catalogues. While record companies are happy to slap these together and watch the sales rack up, for every well-executed selection like 'Trainspotting' there are literally



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thousands of horrendous compilations that sound like mix tapes put together on a wet afternoon in Surrey by a bored quantity surveyor.

"It's about time things changed," says Holmes. "Soundtracks are becoming more and more refreshing as people are putting more thought into them and realising how important getting the right music

is because they make up a serious percentage of the film."

Another major problem is trying to maintain the level of creativity with so many external pressures from producers, directors and studios. Graeme Revell has made his fortune from films like The Crow, but you'll also

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David Holmes

find him knocking off genre scores like Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers. That's not a trap (if you can call being handed vast sums of cash for a few days' work a trap) that David Holmes wants to fall into.

"I could be a very wealthy man now if I'd taken on the projects that I've been offered, but I'm an artist and I wanted to do work that I'm proud of, not just re-hashes of Out of Sight. I want to enjoy what I do. The work is very intense so you have to enjoy the music that you're making."

Holmes is about to embark on Steven (The Limey) Soderbergh's next project, a big budget remake of the 1960 Sinatra/Rat Pack classic Ocean's 11, but he also harbours a desire to film his own screenplay using his album 'Bow Down To The Exit Sign' as a soundtrack and using dialogue straight off the record. Now in its fifth draft, the script is inching its way through the first stages of pre-production. As he admits, "It's a bit of a dream but we're getting closer!"

Holmes' career so far is an object lesson in what can be achieved with ambition mixed with talent and persistence, not to mention the luck of the Irish. Perhaps the next decade will see a huge upturn in contemporary musicians getting involved in film music - in fact you could draw up your own wish list - Chris Cunningham creating havoc with the Aphex Twin, Amon Tobin ripping up the Coen Brothers or perhaps Jeremy Healy doing the next Michael Winner? The possibilities are endless.

Muzik's Top 10 Electronic Soundtracks















1) VANGELIS - 'BLADE RUNNER'

The granddaddy of them all. Perversely, Vangelis was far from first choice to score Ridley Scott's futuristic masterpiece and the soundtrack was scandalously unavailable for years, other than in a bastardised 'orchestral' form. Much imitated, never equalled.

2) ANGELO BADALAMENTI – 'TWIN PEAKS'

One of the most successful working relationships in recent film history has been between Badalamenti and David Lynch. Hypnotic, massively influential and coincidentally spawned Moby's 'Go'.

3) JOHN CARPENTER - 'HALLOWEEN'

In the Seventies the electronic score was almost universally derided but Carpenter changed all that, finding that his pioneering low budget synth scores could terrify just as easily as a full orchestra.

5) TANGERINE DREAM - 'SORCERER'

William Friedkin's remake of Wages Of Fear might have been a notorious flop, but the Tangs' sequencer-driven score sealed their place in film soundtrack history.

4) EDUARD ARTEMYEV - 'MUSIC FOR ANDREI TARKOVSKY

Artemyev set the standard for electronic scores in the Seventies. Mystical, moving and counts Jimi Tenor among his admirers.

6) BIOSPHERE - 'INSOMNIA'

Geir Jenssen excelled himself with a brooding collection of Arctic chill out for the cult Norwegian police thriller soon to be remade in Hollywood.

8) PETER GABRIEL - 'PASSION' (MUSIC FROM THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST)

Gabriel tore up the rulebook with this multi-ethnic audio collage, mixing North African rhythms and exotic instrumentation through a Fairlight to create deeply evocative and original music.

7) ENNIO MORRICONE - 'THE THING'

Better known for his spaghetti westerns, Morricone pulled out all the stops for this icily electronic score for John Carpenter's morbid monster movie.

9) MYCHAEL DANNA - 'THE ADJUSTER'

One of the most interesting contemporary composers in Hollywood. His enduring work with Canadian director Atom Egoyan has seen a huge variety of styles, blending ney flutes and duduks with unsettling keyboard lines.

10) DUST BROTHERS - 'FIGHT CLUB'

Works better in the film than at home, but the Brothers' grimy disco gives David Fincher's clever film an undeniable edge.

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words ANDREW EMERY

"SORTED! BANGING! ON ONE! Erm, what's my motivation here?" The relationship between club culture and celluloid is a long but not entirely happy one. Since the Lumiere brothers first shocked the public in the 1896 with the black and white short Largin' It At Homelands, Hollywood has misunderstood what goes on beyond the bouncers, despite numerous attempts to bring clubbing in all its guises to the big screen. Steven Spielberg's little seen gabba movie was just embarrassing. Here, in a Barry Norman stylee, we look at those movies that got it right, and those that got it oh so woefully wrong.



A RUSSIAN	Film	The 10 Commandments (Cecil B. De Mille, 1956)	The Public Enemy (William A. Wellman, 1931)	Midnight Cowboy (John Schlesinger, 1969)	Saturday Night Fever (John Badham, 1977)			
	what's it about?	De Mille's biblical epic sees Charlton Heston (played by Moses) leading his people to freedom. His mates carve a golden calf and have a celebratory piss-up.	Up and coming gangster Tom Powers (James Cagney) is getting rich off bootleg booze during prohibition. He steps out with Jean Harlow.	Joe Buck (Jon Voight) and Ratso Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman) get invited to a New York party circa 1968.	Tony Manero (John Travolta) and his lass Stephanie (who looks like Julie Walters) dream of a new life together, but in the meantime just dance about a lot in loon pants and sequins.			
	Location	Right next to the red sea.	Noo Yoik.	'The Gates of Hell'.	Brooklyn, NY.			
	Punters	The chosen ones, on their way to the holy land.	Fellow hoodlums in the racket, a smattering of no-good bums and a fair few chumps.	Acid casualties, mentallers and "a couple of fruity wackos," as Ratso puts it.	A heady racial mix of people prepared to do camp synchronised dancing.			
	Door Policy	Well, you had to be chosen for a start. Moses himself missed the party as he was too busy up a mountain jotting down some 10 commandments or other.	The valets fall over themselves to park Tom's car. Then one of them stalls it and gets called a "stoop". Harsh words.	Only the eccentric are allowed, including a bloke who thinks his hair is "tendrils reaching out into space." Like Josh Wink.	You can get in so long as your collars and flares are so wide that a 32-inch widescreen telly can't cope with them.			
	what they necked	"They did eat the bread of wickedness and drank the wine of violence." Which makes a change from Red Bull & Vodka.	Illegal booze. Setting the standards for the then nascent speed garage scene, it's champagne, mainly. Albeit champers brewed in someone's bath.	Joe Buck has his first toke of a spliff and acts as if he's done nine E's, six tabs, four horses and 13 spazz buttons.	Nothing but the music.			
	The Sounds	Erm, pipes and that.	A most delightful slow band. Featuring Dane Bowers.	Loads of psychedelic blah.	The bloody Bee Gees.			
photos RONALD GRANT & KOBAL	Realistic?	Well, don't take it as gospel (tee hee), but Moses got a bit peeved at having to lug some big fuck-off stone tablets down a mountain and lays into the revellers: "For this you shall drink bitter waters," he proclaims. "Cheers," they reply, "we'll have a Mojito."	A spot-on depiction of speakeasy life. Probably.	Well, New York in the Sixties was bound to be full of ponces saying "death is like heroin." Wasn't it?	You betcha. Right down to the casual racism, vote rigging and under-lit dancefloor.			



IF THIS AIN'T LOVE... IT MUST BE THE ERCSSON AVARABAS AVARABAS 2000



here may have been immediately recognisable characters, ranging from the sublime (Tenaglia) to the ridiculous (Nicola out of Big Brother), rubbing shoulders and quaffing champagne together. There may have been a luxurious spread of highly edible posh nosh and fine wines. There may have been cameras on podiums circling live acts as diverse as Sonique and Laurent Garnier amid the cool blue lighting. There may have been an aftershow boogie featuring an impromptu performance of 'Groovejet' by Spiller & Sophie Ellis-Bextor. There may, indeed, have been an after-after-party with enough misbehaviour occurring to bring down a wheelbarrow-load of libel cases were details to be printed. But all that was secondary to the real reason for such a gathering – the fifth annual Ericsson Muzik Awards, the ultimate celebration of all that was wonderful in club culture and dance music over the last 12 months. This was the real deal so, without further ado, let's let 'em roll. . .









The Night Of A Thousand Stars



Westwood: "Easy now. I is 'ere with the one







T WAS a night of contradictions. Sara Cox lost for

words? Brandon Block behaving himself? Everyone who counts in the whole dance music industry getting together and partying without any fights? Yup, it happened, folks, and it happened at our awards.

The night was a jovial, supremely enjoyable affair hosted by Pete Tong and the ridiculously saucy Sara Cox, who, for once, had nothing to say when MJ Cole stepped up to collect the award for Best Underground Club, due to a cheeky little envelope mix-up. That's showbiz!

But when the after party started, technical hitches were forgotten as 1,700 disco spanglers went deep with Tenaglia and got stoopid to Spiller, who was joined mid-set by Sophie Ellis-Bextor for an impromptu rendition of 'Groovejet'.

As things wound up at the cavernous wonderland of the Arches in London's oh-so-chic Hoxton, the after-after party kicked off at underground nighterie Plastic People. We didn't realise how many people would want to push things



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Beer: "Give us yer lunch money, or I'll crush yer bollocks, shorty"



to the limit, and as 250 party chimps lost it to sets from Slam and Mr C till 7am, Erick Morillo, Laurent Garnier, Junior Sanchez, and even official Best DJ In The World Danny Tenaglia were forced to rediscover the joys of queue-barging and bouncer persuasion in the mad throng outside the door.

It was a top night on every level, proving that, when all's said and done, there ain't no party like a Muzik party. See you next year.



Norm: "Mmmm, I love to have Cox in my face" [That's enough cheap Cox jokes – Ed





Sophie: "Which way's the stage?" Spiller: "I dunno – just keep smiling"



MJ Cole and co launch another three-hour jazz marathon



The Winners OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

NORMAN COOK

FROM FATBOY SLIM and Pizzaman to The

Mighty Dub Katz, Norman Cook has a heritage that very few can equal. His attitude has always been one of open-armed elation, as anything in the Slim canon will attest. And while his new album shows a more soulful side, there's always a 303 waiting to spring out. Cameras ready, prepare to smile! Norman: "I can't believe nobody told me - it was the best-kept secret in the whole world. Seeing all my mates on screen was really freaky deaky. I'm absolutely gobsmacked! I honestly just came along to see all of my mates. The only thing that made sense at the end of it is the fact that Zoe was here, because she hasn't been out in about six weeks because she's very pregnant. I just hope it's not the carriage clock, end of a career golden handshake thing! I've got a few years left in me yet. I was absolutely bricking it, to be honest - I didn't know what to say and to who. I think Danny Tenaglia should have got it. And even though I keep on crossing over into pop music, I love dance music, and I love clubs. That's my driving inspiration. Even when I wonder off into pop territory, I always come back."



BEST UNDERGROUND CLUB BUGGED OUT! AT NATION, LIVERPOOL

Their line-ups have never been better. The atmosphere has never been more buggin'. Bugged Out!

kicks corporate ass! Johnno: "Did I think we'd win? I'm not sure! I mean, what's underground these days? This is for all the people who come to Bugged Out! every month like Adam, Tim, Ian and Sound Caroline. All the Buggers!"



EVENT OF THE YEAR CREAMFIELDS

Oakey, All Saints, Moloko and Death In Vegas – Creamfields rocked, whatever you were into. And it didn't rain!

James Barton: "We fucking deserved it! Actually, we bought it. Two thousand pounds – you can buy them this year!" Jim King: "To win club of the year is cool but to win event of the year means a lot, it really does."

BREAKTHROUGH DJ

The End crew smashed into our collective consciousness with the best breaks of the year. Nice fellas too. Layo: "I'm overwhelmed. Winning this award means so much to us. Was I nervous? I was shitting it! These awards are wicked, man. I've got to work tomorrow but I'm not working hard!"

ERICSSON SEST DJ AND BEST REMIX DANNY TENAGLIA FOR GREEN VELVET'S 'FLASH'

2000 is probably the best year of Tenaglia's career so far. He's been busy getting to know the world as well: Miami, Ibiza, London, Acapulco. . like his jet-setting schedule, Danny just keeps on movin'.

Danny: "I'm overwhelmed, it feels fantastic. I never thought that I would get this attention. Of course, it means a lot to me – I've been doing this for 25 years. But to me there is no 'best' – I accept this on behalf of all the other nominees and my peers."





BEST ALBUM EMINEM – 'The Marshall Mathers LP' (Interscope)

The baddest of bad-asses may have garnered a ton of negative flak for his 'aditood' but there's no denying he's been all over Y2K like a rash. His controversial, but rather brilliant, second album being the primary reason.

BEST CLUB

Steve Blonde: "Very professionally done Awards this year and, more importantly, a fucking good party! We're absolutely over the moon to win Best Club! We want to say a big thank you to everyone who's enjoyed Fabric over the last year and especially those who voted for us."



BEST VIDEO MOBY - 'Natural Blues'

Having revitalised Mute Records' coffers with his 'Play' album, the newly hedonistic Moby proceeded to demonstrate accessibly entertaining New York artiness on this excellent promo.

BEST BEDROOM BEDLAM DJ STEVE GERRARD

Steve has already spun for Spundae in San Francisco and the future for this Brum-based jock looks very bright indeed. Steve: "Meeting John Digweed was excellent – he's the one that got me into house music in the first place. Obviously I'm also chuffed about winning! I can't think of anything better! I never thought I'd get a trophy from playing other people's records!"



BEST PRODUCER

MJ: [After accidentally being awarded Best Underground Club] "That was an interesting one to get – I have been underground but I don't look like a club! It was nice to win something I've never been up for in my life!"



BEST NEW ARTIST

Wookie: "It's quite overwhelming, actually. Tenaglia? I don't know those guys. I come from the hardcore side of dance!"





musicweek BEST MAJOR LABEL TALKIN' LOUD

Gilles Peterson's outfit have always managed to ride the thin line between next week's big thang, this week's cooler than cool, and last century's jazznik attitude. Gilles Peterson: "I'm not an awards person but this occasion was quite exceptional and to receive an award in the UK was great. We've won them in a lot of other places, I suppose that's the way it always happens, but it's very special for us to be recognised at home."

"I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET A TROPHY FROM PLAYING OTHER PEOPLE'S RECORDS!"

Bedroom Bedlam DJ



BEST INDEPENDENT LABEL SUBLIMINAL

Best independent label two years running, Morillo's garage-tinged outfit offer good times all the way. Richard F, Tanga Chicks and Harry 'Choo Choo' Romero are just three names from their roster who have dominated clubland in 2000. Erick Morillo: "I am really chuffed, as you guys would say. It's cool to be acknowledged by your peers. I've got to give props to Harry, Jose and Richard. We've worked our asses off. It's all good!"



The Jaxx: Base-mental

BEST BAND AND BEST LIVE ACT BASEMENTJAXX

Their performance at Creamfields confirmed what we already knew: that Basement Jaxx are the ultimate in samba magic. With a new album due early next year, The Jaxx are still on the attack.

Felix: "The Awards are a bit more formal and cool this year. It's nice having all the people in dance music together recognising what we all do. We're just looking forward now for the next generation of dance music bands. Right now we're busy recording the new album, which will be coming out next year. That's the main thing."

Simon: "It's nice to win the live award. We got the whole thing together quite quickly – we never thought we'd be putting together live shows at all, but we pulled it off. It's nice for us and for all the people involved."



BEST SINGLE BEST IBIZA TUNE

SPILLER - 'GROOVEJET' (IF THIS AIN'T LOVE) (POSITIVA)

Sparkling mirrorball disco, certainly, but Spiller's Ibiza anthem is the best-loved tune of 2000. Sold by the bucketload, too.

Sophie: "It's brilliant, because it's voted for by the people. We said a lot of thank yous, but we forgot to thank all the people who voted, who are the most important ones. So I'm sorry - we really are very grateful!"

Spiller: "We'll maybe work together in the future, but for now I've got my album to work on, Sophie's got her stuff, so maybe in the future. But it was a very nice experience, I think, for both of us."

Sophie isn't bad, either

→ "MR C TOLD ME HE THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME I WON SOMETHING"

Dave Clarke, Best Radio 1 Essential Mix



BEST RADIO SHOW PETE TONG

Pete Tong: "Did I have any idea? Not really - except I did the cover shot for Muzik which was a little bit of a giveaway. It went well. One or two things didn't go quite right last year, but it all came together this year."

BEST RADIO 1 ESSENTIAL MIX DAVE CLARKE

A brilliant year for new dad the Clarkester. He's proved that the UK masses will re-adopt techno if you're good enough at spinning it. Dave Clarke: "I'm a fish out of water at events like this. I pulled my collar up when I walked past the cameras and felt like a mafia bag-man. I didn't expect to win all I remember is punching my manager's tummy when they announced it, running past a cameraman who used to be my next door neighbour, ending up in Peter Tong's lap, and saying , 'Fuck!', which will probably preclude it from being shown on Channel 4. It was great, even Mr C told me he thought it was about time I won something."



BEST COMPILATION SASHA AND DIGWEED -'Communication' (INCredible)

US-slaying progressive comp which showed the Yanks just how it's done. A gloriously bumpy ride around the Twilo boys' boxes (if you will). John Digweed: "I've been nominated a few times but I've never won, so to finally win this award is fantastic. My table was quite far back and I kept thinking that they always put the winners at the front, so I was quite surprised when they read our names out!"



BEST IBIZA CLUB HOME AT SPACE

Darren Hughes: "This year the Awards were much better than last year - more professional and an excellent venue - but a little too TV-orientated as far as I was concerned. Very pleased about winning Best Ibiza Club, however - you don't always get what you deserve at awards of this nature."

BEST RECORD SHOP PURE GROOVE, LONDON

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BEST WEB SITE MINISTRY OF SOUND

Proving just how magnanimous Muzik can be, Ministry's web site gathered the gong. . .

CANER OF THE YEAR MARK SPOON

From 'Stella' to Storm, larger-thanlife German Mark Spoon has revelled in the opportunities his position provides, as much as the studio technology. The stories are legion and frequently rude. . . Mark Spoon: "This is strange for me. I was not expecting this -I'm a musician so it seems a little odd to be getting a name for this sort of thing. Of course it's good too, but. . ."








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WHEN YOU PULL TOGETHER FOUR OF DANCE MUSIC'S HOTTEST MOVERS AND SHAKERS AND LOCK THEM IN A ROOM, ONLY ONE THING CAN ENSUE. THAT THING IS CHAT. LET'S LISTEN IN...

words SIMON MORRISON photography ANDREW HOBBS

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Panel Four: Who are they?

PETE TONG

Tousle-haired DJ and A&R man extraordinaire. Possibly the most powerful man in UK dance music, thanks to his weekly show on Radio 1. Winner of Best Radio Show at the Ericsson Muzik awards. The only member of the panel whose name has passed into rhyming slang.

SOPHIE ELLIS-BEXTOR

The statuesque singer on Spiller's 'Groovejet', winner of Best Single at the Ericsson Muzik awards. Previously sang with indie no-hopers Theaudience, about whom the less said the better.





One of the true innovators in the UK garage scene, although his music isn't strictly speaking UK garage. Winner of Best Newcomer at the Ericsson Muzik awards. Has shaved off his excess body hair since his days as an intergalactic bounty hunter.

MR C

Soon-to-be-wed dancing goblin, ex-Shamen and bon viveur. Owner of The End, one of London's best clubs. Allegedly possesses delivery smooth. Like water from a fountain.





DANCE MUSIC, dance music. It's purpose built for the dancefloor with a shelf life shorter than a bloke on stilts in a First World War trench. Right? Nope, all kinds of wrong. After all these years we're still making music, still going to clubs, still getting utterly Cheggered and still enjoying ourselves far too much when by rights we should have hung up our dancing trousers and snuggled into a comfy pair of slacks.

People have always tried to predict the day when dance culture would capsize like a dingy in a disco storm but as we find ourselves in a new millennium, maybe it's about time everyone accepted that it's here to stay. The year 2000 has been another phenomenal year for dance music and club culture, and as the year draws to a close, Muzik has gathered together some of this year's major players – who between them cover production, A&R, national radio, DJing, club promotion and, er, singing whilst looking fit – to chew the phat.

Firstly, if we could be so crude, out of 10, how would you rate the state of dance culture in the year 2000?

Pete Tong: "I'd say it was a nine. I say nine because you hope there can still be a better year, but it's been a very challenging year for me personally. I get excited by change and I think it's been a year when things weren't as predictable as they maybe have been when you start cruising a little."

Wookie: "As one of the people trying to take it elsewhere, with the r&b influence, with the whole song and musicality of it, I'd say about five because its got so much space left to go."

Sophie Ellis-Bextor: "It's been brilliant, I'm really spoilt but I don't know anything about it really. I know about success but not about dance music. Shall I just get my coat and leave now?" (Everyone laughs.)

Mr C: "It's extremely healthy, it's a nine or 10. There's so much good music about, there's loads of good clubs and it's developing all over the world – America's falling in with the culture, which is great. It couldn't be better really, could it?"

Talking of which, what gives with America right now? After the Beatles, it's the invasion of the beats (ha!).

PT: "My American tour was just incredible. I didn't anticipate the reaction and it made me re-evaluate a lot of what I do. America right now has got no irony, no cynicism, nothing – it's just a full-on enjoyment of club culture, in the way we did in the late Eighties."

Last year was supposedly the year of trance and this year the meeja scratched their backsides and decided it would be the year of hard house. Did it pan out that way?

Mr C: "What's the difference? Both are a load of cheese. Whoops, did I say that?" PT: "You couldn't really put your finger on this year and say it was hard house or it was this or it was that, because it was different things for different people at different times. In terms of style I wouldn't look back on it as a vintage year for other people's music, but it's been a very interesting year. It wasn't so much albums, it was moments, it was records." SEB: "I'd say there's more disco stuff, like Modjo." Mr C: "The disco loop rules!"

Mr C: "The disco loop rules!" W: "Jazzie B keeps telling me that the Eighties are back, everything's Eighties." SEB: "The Eighties ARE back, it's

not a myth!" **Mr C:** "Well then roll on acid house – give us some acid house!"

Do you think it was a year when some of the boundaries were broken down, when people figured that the only thing in pigeonholes is pigeon shite? W: "If you get bogged down in a routine it's not going to work any more. You have to shake things up every now and then – an electric shock. People are quite amazed that I used an acoustic guitar and strings on my track 'Back Up...' For me, I'm just doing music; going one step further." Mr C: "It's all about hybrids. The

most successful types of music on the dancefloor today are hybrids - like a hybrid of house and trance and you've got this hard house thing; or house and techno and you've got techhouse; or drum & bass and house and you've got nu skool breaks. I think we're going to end up in the same place where we started, thankfully, Back in the late Eighties it didn't matter - you could play acid, house, techno and it all went together." PT: "I heard a record recently and thought 'this is brilliant - what is it?' I found out what it was, paid for it over the phone and had it sent to my office. I was already in America so I had it sent to LA, opened it up and I couldn't believe my eyes - it was my own fucking record from 10 years ago. It had my sticker on and my handwriting, you know, like you write on records. How weird's that? I dumped it, sold it to someone and ended up buying it back! Moving through the year, Ibiza was still as hooj as Pavarotti's pyjamas. . .

SEB: "This year was my first time in lbiza and I really started to learn about dance music; it was the first time I'd been to a club and just listened, and I was really impressed. People were doing very sophisticated things with the songs they had, using the songs like instruments."

Were you at all aware what a huge track Groovejet would be this summer?

SEB: "I was probably one of the last to realise. When I heard the song I didn't know it had been around as an instrumental, I thought it was like a backing track for someone to write on top of – sorry Spiller. So I thought, 'God, this needs rearranging,' and I started chopping it around. I remember a lot of people saying they liked it, and when it got the BBC advert I thought, 'well that will help and if it goes Top 15 that will be great.' And then it was like, maybe it will go Top 10. I was so absolutely dead certain it would be number two, completely convinced." That battle with Posh Spice to get to the top spot must have been a right old chuckle.

SEB: "It was good fun. I've got really happy memories of it now – of course – because I know the ending it makes it a lot more rosy. I was glad she wasn't nasty about me – I was very aware the way that it could have been with me on the other side."

PT: "I think Ibiza was as good as I can remember it this year, particularly for the Space, Pacha and Privilege experience. People were willing to get different sounds and different experiences from the same DJs." Did Ayia Napa have any impact on Ibiza's dominance?

PT: "It had its own influence but it didn't have a negative influence on Ibiza. It just crystallised the garage scene with its own brand of club culture."

W: "There wasn't really the space for it all to be in Ibiza really, it had to go somewhere else. And the garage scene over here is so big." Has the impact of garage music taken you by surprise?

W: "At first it wasn't really ready yet,

it was still going through a transitional





period where it was borrowing a lot of vocals from American r&b. And then they got bored of using those vocals and made their own vocals, you know, getting MCs and singers on the tracks."

Mr C: "Let's be realistic, the UK garage crowd is gangsters on their night off, d'ya know what I mean. And I don't mean that in a negative way." PT: "Not all!"

W: "I'm not a gangster." (Laughter.)

Mr C: "The people that go to all the really cool parties, the ones that wear the designer suits and drive the flash cars, they're all gangsters and they're doing it on their night off. They're not the sort of people that would drive to Clacton for an all-weekender."

W: "There's ravers and there's clubbers, that's the difference." How do you think things may shape up in the year 2001?

W: "I know where I want it to go. I'd really like to see garage taken more seriously as a genre of music, with artists having their own albums and not just singles and singles recycled on compilations. It is for the record companies to start injecting some belief in the artists and getting them to do album projects and then it's going to get bigger and bigger." PT: "The whole notion of compilation albums, having been very successful doing it for a while, for me the fun of it has gone in England. I'd much rather do an artistic one. This year it has been either Wookie or Artful Dodger or Craig David that's probably had the sway of the artistic statement with records." [Pete has reverted to some semi-English dialect here – Ed.] **Mr C:** "I'm drawing to a close recording my debut Mr C album, which is quite ironic considering I've been recording for 13 years. I'm really excited about that. The album's called 'Change' because of the change that we're going through – the change that I've been going through in my life in the last year has just been paramount, my whole life is completely in a different place to where it was a year ago."

SEB: "I don't know what Spiller's up to but for me I'm going solo. I want to do stuff that acknowledges both Theaudience and Spiller, something that can be played live but you can also have a good dance to. I love disco and that's why I did the 'Groovejet' song because to me it was like contemporary disco and that's where dance music and I meet." Mr C: "It's all good. There's not so much competition between genres, everyone's mates now. In Miami, you'd go out and be hanging out at a bar drinking with, like, some drum & bass boys, some American house boys, some techno boys and we're all together having a right old laugh about what we're doing. And I think that's what's making this scene special and what's making it stronger and more of a global community: we're all respectful of each other." SEB: "Your world sounds brilliant with all these lovely people." Mr C: "Welcome, welcome to the wonderful world of dance!" W: "Come on board!"

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THE TECHNO EVANGELIST AND ERICSSON MUZIK AWARD WINNER RECALLS THE PAST AND LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

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"Go on punk – do you feel lucky?"

SO THINGS ARE finally paying of for Dave Clarke. Maybe sticking to

ns can have a fiscal as your credib While th ant Y2K DJ career-move seen predom to involve a to the latest trendy/market force n ith the indecent, desperate eagernes 1930s starlets queuing for Louis B Mayers, casting couch ('progressive' and 'deep' being the current organs most keenly fellated), there are these who still go their own way and wait for others to catch up. Mr Clarke is one such, a man on a techno mission who's had an excellent year, rounded off with a new record deal and, of course, his Best Radio 1 Essential Mix win at the Ericsson Muzik awards.

Legal wrangles may have derailed Clarke's recording career four years ago but the new father who clambers from a tank-like, mud-covered black Mercedes G-Wagon on Brighton seafront has a grin plastered to his face which seems to say he knows which way the cards are presently stacked. With a trademark cigar clamped between his teeth, he beckons the Muzik team out of the rain and takes us on a tour of what used to be his home town.

He's just driven from his country cottage through the worst flooding the southern counties have seen in years. He appears elated to have been given a chance to demonstrate his vehicle's superiority over even Police Freelanders.

"It was waist-deep," he exclaims enthusiastically. "I thought the red alert on the radio was taking the piss, but. .." He lets the muddy tide-mark around his car do the talking.

We drive around Brighton as Clarke regales us with tales of being expelled from local schools, of once breaking into the plush pad that's now Norman Cook's, of how, aged seven, he was on the front page of the Brighton Evening Argus for a Lego house which was, in reality, built by his father. He talks of the chess club he belonged to as a child, of the geography teachers with leather elbow patches who'd always win, of the ridiculousness of TV documentaries about asteroids because of the whooshing, sizzling noises that accompany animated footage when, in fact, the vacuum of space is silent. He talks and talks. He talks of soap operas being a terrible detriment to people's ideas of their personal horizons.

He is an intelligent man, a man who watches Newsnight every evening, who deals by e-mail with all manner of professorial types, a man who loves technology with a passion and just has to have the latest gadhet. For years he's kept his head above water DJing in locations across the globe where techno a niche music, but as isn't regarded a ential essence, the life-blood of dance. And now, it would Bhtain is ready for Dave Clarke app on to lose it to his extraordinary again. mixing ski has his mixes of Zombie productions s Nation and Laurent Garnier. After parking up and following an anecdote-strewn wander round the Palace Pier, Clarke hauls us into a café for fish and chips. Time to encourage that notoriously opinionated mouth to start jawing. . .

So, Dave, if you had to break your life down into chapters, what would each one be called?

Dave Clarke: "Well, the first would be the 'How The Fuck Did I Get Here' chapter. Then there's 'The Brighton Years' – I've always found that funny because as soon as I gained any amount of fame I suddenly became a 'son of Brighton' rather than a pain in Brighton's arse. Then there were 'The Light Three Months' when I signed to Deconstruction – I had a lot of time and respect for

James Barton who A&Red there but when he left things got much worse. Which leads us to 'The Dark Chapter'. Things were dead against me, people were lying to me, trying to cheat me and now I'm suing them. It was like banging your head on a brick wall except if you turned left, right or behind you there was a brick wall there as well. On the creative side of things the last four years have been very negative, very upsetting, just horrible. I've just read the music lawyer Ann Harrison's new book, which makes the whole thing easier to deal with, because I was taking it personally whereas it happens to everyone, from Elton John to George Michael. I got shafted financially and shafted contractwise, but now I'm going to shaft them back very, very hard, only now I don't have to expend any mental energy because I have a team of solicitors to do that. Now it's 'The Fairytale Chapter' signing to London Records, winning the Muzik award which is even better because it's voted for by the people. I've worked so hard and now things are starting to come to fruition. So much so that I can get very emotional at any given moment."

When and where were you poorest?

Dave Clarke: "Living in Brighton. It brings you to the core value of things and strengthened my relationship with my

"FUCKING HELL, IT WAS INCREDIBLE, AMAZING, AN HONOUR"

Dave Clarke on playing Glastonbury





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wife. We were on $\Sigma 5$ a day including toilet paper, dinner, rent. . . choosing hocky fish rather than cod, finding a pound on Brighton Marina roundabout and thinking, 'We haven't had tea bags for six weeks, let's buy some tea'."

Tell us about your new productions.

Dave Clarke: "'Compass' I signed to International Deejay Gigolos because I've always trusted [label owner] DJ Hell [also Clarke's favourite DJ, fact fans]. The iCrunch thing [Clarke's MP3-only release] happened because they came to my manager Paul with an offer that made a lot of sense. I was talking to my wife about how it had been so long since I'd had to think up names for tracks and she just suggested 'Before I Was So Rudely Interrupted'. The other side - is there such a thing as a B-side on an MP3? - is called 'Logic Bomb' because that's what hacker agents use to bring down enemy government systems. I thought it'd be funny as every e-mail request with the words 'Logic Bomb' will have to pass through . and be scanned by GCHQ."

How about remixes?

Dave Clarke: "Obviously L things which aren't suitable but if someone said to me, 'How do you fancy remixing Korn or Ministry or Metallica?' I'd say, 'Yeah!' because it would be interesting. I've done two that didn't come out. One was the Super Furry Animals, which I was a bit disappointed about. They didn't want to come to my studio so I had to do it at Orinoco studios. I came up with something rather good but they didn't use it, and I think they templated their own mix around mine, which I was a bit pissed off about. I did a mix I was really happy with of Electronic but that didn't come out either."

How about Zombie Nation?

Dave Clarke: "That was good fun. Again it was down to DJ Hell. People say Germans don't have a sense of humour, people say I don't have a sense of humour, but we both found it funny. It was a pisstake of trance. I mean, 'Zombie Nation' – it's self-explanatory, but I had a few flak-filled e-mails. They missed the point. These so-called trance ambassadors who are apparently at the forefront of things came to the track about two years after it was released, and they won't play my mix out of spite. It wasn't trance then but it is now, it's hard to explain. . ."

It's even doing the rounds as a mobile phone ring-tone. . .

Dave Clarke: "I want 'Blackadder' for mine but I'm waiting for sample-dialling so I can get my mastiff to bark in there, then I can be in the middle of a BA goldcard lounge awaiting my flight when WOOOF! (does extended dog impression). I could have different sounds for different people, like having a pig snorting for your manager and so on."

You're a sick man. Dave Clarke: "I am, I am."

Still into the electro?

Dave Clarke: "On my show I try and play the most upfront electro out there. I'll have a double CD compilation out next year and one side will be club and the other electro. Electro is much more interesting to listen to in the car, for example. I'd have liked to continue the 'Electro Boogie' series for Studio K7 [he did two] but it didn't happen. A bit of a shame, but there's no animosity there."

The response to you at Glastonbury took you by surprise, didn't it? Dave Clarke: "It took me by surprise how bloody long it took to get there. Five house near west Sussex to Glastonbury, I thought that would be enough but seven and a half hours later I'm in a country lane with no reception on my mobile and a pregnant wife at my side. But, fucking Hell, it was incredible, amazing. I've played bigger tents but there I was on home ground, the whole vibe. It was an absolute honour."

So how is the new addition to the Clarke family?

Dave Clarke: "Bruno Joseph, boy, does he fart. But it just feels incredible, to look into his eyes and see his soul – amazing. I always felt cheated that I was born of a generation where space travel really isn't going to happen, but I feel that maybe he's of a generation where it will. I bought him his first toy the other day, a Yamaha DJX, I'll plug it in, in the car and he'll be able to jam along."

How are you going to celebrate your Ericsson Muzik Award win?

Dave Clarke: "Hard to say as life's a total celebration at the moment and I do champagne and cigars every day. I'm just content to know what I do is starting to be understood as opposed to being resisted."

So there you have it. Dave Clarke is back. Not that he ever went away.



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IT WAS HARDLY the most auspicious of starts. After a seven-year assault course of setbacks and delays – everything from uncooperative officials to blocked drains – Keith Reilly's long-dreamed-of superclub finally threw open its doors on a damp evening late last October. Despite the wait and the magnificence of the venue, gossip columns in the press the next day were fixated on the Hoxton launch of a range of, er, JCB clothing hosted by Sophie Rhys-Jones' glitzy PR company. So far, so unlucky.

But ah, how sweet Mother Time redresses wrongs and returns the unworthy to obscurity! One year down the line and, while the PR girl is now some no-mark called the Countess Of Wessex, beard by royal appointment, the club in question is glowing with rude health. Take a walk down Farringdon's Charterhouse Street late on Friday or Saturday evening and you'll see, come wind, hail or rain, a vast and varied queue of people diligently waiting their turn to get in. Like a Ministry Of Sound without the house fixation or a vast, labyrinthine version of The End, Fabric is the club that London has been longing for. It may not be the first place to combine lavish surroundings with a love





of proper underground dance music, but never before has it been done so wholeheartedly and with such aplomb.

A year ago, as two new superclubs waited to burst onto the scene, there were legions of doubters – people who'd tell you that such places would have all the atmosphere and innovation of a night spent locked in Superdrug. Yet Fabric, more than Home perhaps, has soared clear of all such accusations of corporate banality. Two factors are significant here. Firstly, the club's design is such that you never feel overwhelmed by the size of the place. The maze of rooms and secret levels that link the two main dancefloors give the impression of a series of intimate venues.

Second, and crucially, founder Keith Reilly's passion for music (this is a man who regularly spends two grand a month on records) means that the club is never likely to become some space-age version of the Hippodrome. It's a cliché to say so, but Fabric really is a place where the music comes first. As Keith says, the music is what truly makes it a club and not just another disco. The line-ups for their two main nights – everything from drum &



→ bass to live techno to Asian dub for Fabric Live and a deeper, housier vibe on Saturday's eponymous night – are consistently the most varied and progressive in town. Nevertheless, as Keith is quick to point out, all this quality programming is far from being just a style thing.

"The only credentials I am interested in come from making sure we play good music and the music we love. I don't care what people call it or indeed whether they deem it to be underground." Standing on the main dancefloor late on a Friday night, drum & bass filling the air like a live broadcast from the Earth's core, it's hard to imagine that this place was once a meat freezer. Come to think of it, what would some red-faced Victorian butcher think if he could see the scene now? Tell him that it's a temple for a strange new religion – one which only worships at night, in which electronic sound has replaced sermons and hymns – and you might freak him out, but you wouldn't be far wrong. Songs of praise – long may it continue.



Fabulous Fabric

THE LOCATION

Come out of Fabric in the small hours and your chances of stumbling over a gaggle of tourists or a busker playing 'Imagine' are mercifully slim. Handily central but away from the schmaltz of the West End, Charterhouse Street is an oasis of genteel calm.

THE LAYOUT

Fabric knows the importance of a dramatic entrance. A wide, curving staircase sweeps you down towards a distant throb of sound. Inside, two main dancefloors and a maze of smaller rooms and hidden levels give ample opportunity for getting lost. Perfect!

THE LINE-UPS

From the breakbeat-orientated Fabric Live on Fridays to the deeper, more progressive sounds of Saturday via guest slots such as Big Beat Boutique meets Bugged Out!, the quality and sheer variety of music on offer is quite simply second to none.

THE LOUDNESS

That much-vaunted BodySonic dancefloor really does seem to work. The feeling of 400 bass-transducing speakers shooting subsonic frequencies up your trousers is wonderful. As for the rest of the system – if they cranked it up to full power no one would be left standing.

THE LICENCE

Considering the problems others have had, Fabric's 24hour, seven-day music and dance licence is a real coup. "It doesn't mean were about to start operating a 24-hour disco," says MD Cameron Leslie – but the opportunities are there for the taking.

THE LINKS

40 cameras inside the club for satellite link-ups, an ISDN line, plasma screens, internal e-mailing – they have the technology. And all just so you can make silly faces at equally wrecked people the other side of the world. Ahh, they think of everything. . .

THE LOVELY FLYERS

Artless yet sophisticated, Fabric's seasonally changing flyers and ads have been a breath of fresh air. You want bleak townscapes (March), inner-city rainbows (May), mysterious summer gardens (June), immense autumn skies (October)? They've done it all.

THE LOOS

The first unisex loos in the country saw us all peeing together in sweet harmony. While the boys get to see what goes on in the inner sanctum of the ladies' room, the girls get to powder their noses while surrounded by drunken, sweaty louts. That's progress!

Touching Cloth: DJs on Fabric

TERRY FRANCIS "I took the residency because of the music policy. At the time in London there was Subterrain and Wiggle and a couple of other small parties playing a more cutting-edge style of house music, so a weekly big club where I could play what I wanted was fucking great! The club is going from strength to strength – the systems are all tuned up to the rooms and the crowds are getting better and better at just getting into the music. The staff are polite and together the whole lot just creates a good atmosphere."

BILL BREWSTER "When they first asked me to become a resident – although I was excited at the prospect – I don't think I believed it would turn out to be as good as it has. I'm very cynical about these things and I've heard so many people in the past claiming that their new club was going to be the Paradise Garage/Studio 54/Warehouse (delete as applicable) of London. In fact, Fabric's turned out to be better than I could ever have imagined it would be, and that's a lot to do with how faithfully they've stuck with their original ideas. Very little has changed in the past, because very little needed changing. Nowadays, when I play somewhere else I tend to compare it with Fabric, which has become a benchmark – at least for me – of what a good club should be like."

KEVIN SAUNDERSON "Fabric has a quality sound system, with good design. It's a great environment to try things that I would not normally do. The club gives me a chance to play the music I want. The crowd has a fantastic energy and are really up for it."

DEEP DISH "We loved Fabric. The design of the room and the sound system are incredible, the crowd is enthusiastic and we love the brickwork – it feels like you are DJing in someone's basement."

DJ HYPE "Once you get past the Gestapo security – who turned me away once, the night I was meant to be playing – it's a PHAT club, with a PHAT system and an up for it crowd."

DOC MARTIN "Fabric is more than a club, it's the acid house party ethic at its best."

Att B "The thing which never fails to impress me about Fabric is their attention to detail, from the DJ line ups to the decor to the stylewise unisex toilets, which are always a laugh. Every time you go in there, you're guaranteed to find some pissed up person stood by the hand basin desperately trying to work out how to get the water running. Because they're in this high-tech club, they're convinced there's some sophisticated infrared beam system you've got to crack to get the water on. Of course there isn't, it's just a foot pedal underneath. But still, hours of amusement!"

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HE'S CANER OF THE YEAR, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT CANING. EXCEPT MAYBE THAT STORY ABOUT DOING A DOUBLE DROP. AND GETTING SUCKED OFF IN HOSPITAL. OH, AND KILLING A MOUSE WITH A SEX AID...

HE DOESN'T know it yet, but Mark Spoon is about to be crowned Muzik's Caner Of The Year. The jet-setting German DJ looks comfortable in the bar of London's obsessively hip Sanderson Hotel. Too comfortable, perhaps – he's a picture of health, his pregnant girlfriend is with him and he's drinking nothing stronger than Coke. Only two things are troubling him – every so often, he'll make a call on his Nokia Communicator in a quest to find supplies for that evening's Muzik Awards. And he's made it abundantly clear that he's completely unwilling to talk about anything to do with caning. In fact, he's not entirely sure what it means.

Good job, then, that he's got plenty of other stuff to talk about. Like how he's spent the best part of a decade working with studio partner Jam El Mar as Jam And Spoon, and more recently Storm. About how, after more than a decade of producing such seminal trancey house moments as 'Stella', 'The Age Of Love' and 'Follow Me', plus a hectic schedule as a DJ (Spoon plays three or four sets a week around Europe), this Teutonic man mountain has become a fully fledged member of the Continental jet-set. He's happier to talk about that than he is about the booze, birds and Class As,

"There was this time I went from Ibiza to Majorca and back with a very rich friend in our speedboats, We were just going to have lunch there and race back. But I discovered I had to play at Eden with two lip-synching girls with big tits, and I lost the race because I had to leave my boat in Majorca."

Naturally, he once owned a club – XS in Frankfurt – and he sheepishly admits to having once borrowed the keys to Jam El Mar's Ferrari F40, without telling him, only to crash it, drunk, and abandon it. But caning anecdotes are right off the menu. To kill time, Muzik idly enquires if he has any showbiz and gangland mates? Like, say, Roman Polanski or Al Capone's descendants?

"I've been in Ibiza every summer for the last 12 or 13 years and Roman lives there, so I know him. He's a very cool guy – a hardcore caner. He introduced me to Michael Capone, nephew of AI, in



Ibiza this summer. He owns most of the clubs in Miami and I'm going to play for him there. If I don't, I'll probably be killed," he laughs.

At last, talk of Ibiza leads Spoon to loosen up and deliver the caning-story goods, albeit in the form of an experience he counts as his worst on the island.

"The owner of Space allowed someone to film me during a set on the terrace at Space taking two E's at once. 15 minutes later I was in handcuffs and an hour later I was in jail. I was sitting there and the E's were hitting, they were typing and my Spanish wasn't so good – this was five or six years ago. I was signing something and wasn't handcuffed, so I stood up and said: 'Thank you and goodbye.' And they said 'Hey, stupid, you're staying.' That was a Thursday and the Friday was a bank holiday. Finally, on Monday at 5pm, they let me out."

Five days in jail for a double drop is unfortunate, but it's nothing compared to his next tale. . .

"I broke my leg in eight places at the closing of Ultraschall, a club owned by DJ Hell in the old Munich Airport. It must have been '92 or '93. In the morning, they'd closed the doors and there were about 100 people left. It had a tiled floor and I was dancing. I slipped, and my left leg was hanging out.

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Everyone was totally on it and this girl called Angela thought I was joking and jumped on me. About 50 people saw this and thought it would be fun to pile on. The leg was broken eight times and the knee once. They brought me to the hotel room and a friend of mine invited all these raving kids to my room and they ordered champagne. After a while, I said 'Okay, I've got to go to hospital,' and threw everybody out except one girl. I told her that if I'm going to have to go to hospital for two weeks, I've got to at least have one blow job before I go. After that, I went to hospital. Two weeks later, I had to play on Rave City. I'm probably the only DJ to have played in a wheelchair in front of 25,000 people."

Spoon undoubtedly has many talents – he's been DJing since the age of 13, managed a top German breakdancing troupe which appeared in the seminal 1985 film Wildstyle, and is about to make his big screen debut in a movie set around Berlin's Love Parade. Mention of a fellow actor – Vinnie Jones, who he met through a love of boxing – triggers another story revealing a less mainstream talent.

"A couple of months ago, I was round at a friend's place watching Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels. Suddenly my friend – he's Turkish and is known as a hardcore guy you don't fuck with – jumped up, saying 'There's a mouse!' I looked under the bed and the first thing I saw was a very large double dildo. Then I saw the mouse running towards me, picked up the dildo and hit it. The Turkish guy threw up because the mouse was in two pieces."

That's Mark Spoon – flash git, top DJ, hit-maker, actor, unconventional rodent exterminator and, of course, caner par excellence. And at last, he thinks he's worked out what the word 'caner' means...

"To me it's supposed to mean that you can party as hard as possible, go out and have a good time with friends and maybe be part of some celebrity scene or whatever. But you must also be able to run your business, and still be functional. As long as it doesn't mean you're just totally shit and stupid, full of drugs and throwing your money out of the window, then I'd be happy to be Caner Of The Year."



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OUTKAST

Stankonia (Arista)

The Atlanta crew open a new chapter in hip hop

IT MAY SEEM like a bizarre thing to say, but Outkast's Big Boi and Dre (yeah, another one) have just destroyed the hip hop underground. That means nearly everyone involved in that enterprise (and it is an enterprise) who rattles on about the creative freedom being 'independent' affords them while pumping out their Primo-alike beats and dull rhymes. Outkast – signed to a major label for almost seven years – just rip up the rulebook. Tear it into tiny soul-pieces. Build something new.

Outkast are from Atlanta, Black America's new cultural touchstone, but back in the early Nineties a negligible force in hip hop. Around 1993, Outkast teamed up with the rising production force, Organized Noise. The resulting album, 'Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik' was a huge, huge hit in the States and put Atlanta on the rap map. Outkast's following two albums ('ATLiens' and 'Aquemeni') revealed a more complex take on life and expanded their musical vision further. 'Stankonia' is their most consistent record yet. Outkast remain lyrically complex because in their continued role as playa-philosopher kings, they can be ultra-political, as on 'B.O.B.', or turn your hair white with a heavy dose of unsoundness with a track like 'We Love Deez Hoes'. They're great rappers, capable of incredible contradictions but also of examining these contradictions. And they can really sing, too. But what makes the album stand out is the music. Outkast make supremely warm, funky and fucked up music. And let's be clear – this is their album. Organised Noise have produced just three tracks, the rest apparently coming from the group themselves. At times, the backing sounds like Aphex Twin in a tuneful mood. At others, it's hot roots-soul (as on 'Slum Beautiful'). Even on the 'straight' tunes, things fit together just a little different – 'Ms Jackson' for instance, is distinguished by the backward drum hits that anchor it. Throughout, gargantuan sung choruses are treated with church-reverb, removing any slickness. Frankly, on tunes like the epic, beautiful 'Toilet Tisha' thoy make most

Frankly, on tunes like the epic, beautiful 'Toilet Tisha' they make most other hip hoppers, in fact most other musicians, look timid. Outkast never falter. They are icy cool and they are remaking the legacy of African-American music. Just buy the album and witness one of the most creative, soulful, amazing records you'll ever hear. Hip hop? Who cares? This is great black music. Will Ashon

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CHRIS MORRIS

Blue Jam (Warp)

Utterly deranged twisted comedy oddity from the 'Cake' man

OK, BEAT FLIES. Feeling a bit out of sync with the world? Then try this trawl through the bland nightmares of 'Blue Jam', as conceived, written and regurgitated by comedy iconoclast Chris Morris.

Assisted by a crack team of blank-voiced acting talent and musical contributions from Propellerheads, Aphex Twin, Brian Eno and Jimi Tenor, Morris floats from sketches to monologues to twisted vignettes against a soundtrack of somnolent but vaguely sinister easy listening.

The overall effect is of a world that has lurched a couple of inches out of register while you were daydreaming. Here's a sample from the small slice of genius, 'Club News': "Loads of noise breaking out over Yorkshire mainly due to DJ Amyl Right Mate, featuring some nice trad garage at the Salty Gob in Leeds. He uses guns by the way and there's no floor in the club at all." Other highlights include 'Bad Sex' ("Cackle my Gladys!"), 'Porn' ("I tried to de-stimulate him with a dog carcass, but he just kept popping the protein") and an interview with a completely baffled Andrew Morton. Listen on headphones for maximum claustrophobia while taking some sound advice from Doc Cock: "Swing it around a bit; make it slap against your thighs." Absolutely bald. Clatre Morgan Jones

MODAJI

Modaji (Laws Of Motion) Soulful stirrings from the nu-jazz London underground

FORMER Restless Soul Collective member Modaji (aka Dominic Jacobson) has a production style characterised by maximum use of melody topped off with plenty of jazzual flourishes and a solid dusting of soul. His first long player calls on the services of a number of guests-including the superb Marcus Begg-for a deep, passionate exploration of 21st century cyber-soul, as on the introspective skank of 'Shook Up', the mellow house groove of 'See The Changes' or the soft-focus muted trumpet shuffle of 'Shocka's Joint'. A perfectly spiced lazy, hazy collection of heartfelt funk. Cal Gibson

ANJALI

Anjali (Wilja) Ex-Voodoo Queen dumps the indie for good and embraces technology

AFTER A series of brilliantly inventive and warmly received EPs, producer, DJ and multiinstrumentalist Anjali has mustered her talents to impressive effect in this debut long player. A kaleidoscopic swirl of pop, electronica and folk from all corners of the globe underpins Anjali's cooing vocals, with beats swinging from the ambling to the elastic with ease. A strong cinematic flavour is balanced with dashes of kitsch and the occasional cheese garnish to ensure that Anjali never drifts into head-up-butt territory. Overall, a complex but disciplined first outing. Claire Morgan Jones

GABRIELLE

Rise Underground (Go Beat) Occasionally entertaining re-rub of Gabrielle's last album

ESSENTIALLY a UK garage version of her best-selling 'Rise' album, the idea for 'Rise Underground' came about when the first two singles were given the two-step treatment by Wookie and Artful Dodger last year. Gabrielle's voice sounds curiously disembodied on most of these tracks, adrift in a limbo of smooth basslines and cute drums. While the best of them - Wookie's version of 'Sunshine', say, or the 'Sunship Vocal Mix' of '5 O'Clock' thrive on that tension between soulful voice and slick backing, too many sound simply overpackaged. Shrinkwrapped Gabrielle, if you like. Ned Denny



ALBUMS

MADISON AVENUE Polyester Embassy

(VC Recordings) Forgettable disco-pop from here today, gone tomorrow Aussies

THIS IS the debut album from Melbourne DJ/producer Andy Van and Cheyne Coates, she of the machine-perfect vocals and Ally McBeal frame. The form is slickly produced pop-dance of the discohouse and faux-funk variety, featuring the interchangeable singles 'Don't Call Me Baby' ("Yew an' me/We have an opper-tew-nadee") and 'Who The Hell Are You'. The remainder is a series of inoffensive chunks tailor-made for cars, bars and boutiques. And that's about it. But with Christmas just around the corner, it's an excellent stocking filler for your pre-teen sister. **Claire Morgan Jones**

JAZZANOVA

The Remixes 1997-2000 (Compost) Tech-jazz from Germany

GERMANY'S very own space-jazz funk machine, the mighty Jazzanova, round up all 20 of their spectacular remixes from the last three years. which means everyone from MJ Cole and 4 Hero to lan Pooley and Ursula Rucker. All your kickass 'Nova favourites are here, including their superbad tweaking of Marschmellows' 'Soulpower', the way-deep break-house of Har-You Percussion Group's 'Welcome To The Party' and Tate Place's 'Burnin". plus the Latino sex-slink of Soul Bossa Trio's 'Words Of Love' - all sounding as fresh as the day they were released. For the jazzuallyinclined, Jazzanova are at the top of the tree-you can't buy better. Cal Gibson

KREIDLER

Kreidler (Wonder) New look noise-mongers mind their manners

KREIDLER'S greatest strength has always lain in the wonderfully offensive noises that they manage to muster from the catacombs of their keyboards. So it's unfortunate that there approach here is, at times, a little over-polite. Obscure indie-fave Momus pops up for a rather bland reading on 'Mnemorex' while the collaboration with Argentine Leo Garcia conjures images of Richard James covering 'Sign O' The Times'. Mainly, it's just another electronica album, one that's been done bigger, bolder and, quite frankly, better before. Still hardly shit, but not the squirming monster it should have been. Will Scarlett

SPACE RAIDERS

Hot Cakes (Skint) A welcome return for the best band in the world named after a packet of maize snacks

WHAT WITH Norman Cook returning for another of his flirts with the Top 10 and Midfield General hitting the charts with 'Reach Out', Skint are enjoying a post big beat renaissance of late. Space Raiders' second long-player is a fantastically fuzzy, funky hybrid of an album that echoes everything from dancehall to disco. If Fatboy's 'Sunset' is the sound of Jim Morrison being resurrected, then 'Hot Cakes' is what would happen if Spiritualized, Giorgio Moroder, Sly and Van Morrison recreated the Easy Rider campfire scene on Brighton beach. 'Hot Cakes' is packed with the right ingredients! Will Scarlett

ARTFUL DODGER

It's All About The Stragglers (ffrr) Dodger duo drop annoyingly

catchy, patchy debut

CONFUSED, unsure and needing mental guidance. No, this isn't the opening from the new Samaritans campaign, it's our initial thoughts on Mark Hill and Pete Devereaux aka Artful Dodger's debut album.

On the one hand we feel credibility-compelled to be cynical about this album and don't want to be classed as poptastic sellouts. But on the other-who cares? Some of

the right buttons, particularly 'Please Don't Turn Me On' which showcases the desperate pleas of a young man battling in vain against the evil curse of infidelity (our hearts bleed - poor thing). All the family favourites that turned (ahem) the Dodger into a household name make their well-earned presence felt, from 'Rewind' to 'Movin' Too Fast', and these young-ish guys have an undeniable knack for creating catchy Top 40 tunes. The more unforgiving

these tunes actually press all

hardcore UK garage-heads may be less than enthusiastic about this debut, however. Funke Kugbola

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UTAH SAINTS : Two

Utah Saints return with their first album for 7 years in the form of the aptly titled Two. Includes the singles 'Funky Music', 'Love Song' and 'Power To The Beats' as well as including vocal collaborations from Edwin Star, Chuck D and Michael Stipe,



UNDERWORLD : Everything, Everything

After years of constant praise and feverish adulation for their live performances, Underworld have released their long awaited live album - an eight track set recorded at a variety of venues over the last two years.



BOB SINCLAR : Champs Elysees

BENT : Programmed To Love

Following on from the success of Paradise, this the second album from Bob Sinclar contains big dancefloor moments, girlie-garage, 90s streetsoul and chillout ambience, all coming together to form one absolutely wicked listen.

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features tracks ready to twitch their electronic legs

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Palates

ST GERMAIN : Tourist 'Tourist' marks the long awaited return of Ludovic Navarre alias St Germain. His unique talent for mixing samples and electonic sounds with live musicians makes this much praised album compulsive listening.



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AUGUSTUS PABLO

Dub, Reggae & Roots From The Melodica King (Ocho) An unmissable retrospective masterclass from the dub pioneer

WHEN THE great Jamaican dub specialist Augustus Pablo died in 1999, the world lost one of the most influential soundshapers and foundation-shakers of the last 30 years. Augustus Pablo helped to change the way we hear music, transforming his musical weapon of choice, the child-like melodica, into a space-age mind-fuck of a machine. As Lee Perry or King Tubby stretched the bass and beats like elastic, Pablo's mournful, melancholic melodies skittered beguilingly within the chaos, as tracks like his signature tune 'East Of The River Nile' cut deep to the bone. This collection, then, is a fitting tribute to an immense talent, a valuable summation of a life devoted to dub – the source of all modern dance music, lest we forget. Check the gorgeous hook-up with Jacob Miller, 'Baby I Love You So', for radical, rootsical soul of the highest order. Or, if you feel like skanking, try and resist the booty-twitching power of cuts like 'Rockers Rock', 'New Style' or 'Skanking Easy'.

This is timeless, soul-satisfying stuff, the blueprint for all dubwise modern producers, from Kruder & Dorfmeister to Massive Attack and everyone in between, who's ever lovingly looped up a tape delay. It is music from a higher plane, the absolute essence of mankind's primal need to express itself in rhythm and sound, and it simply can't be recommended enough. The genius of Augustus Pablo lives on. Gal @bson



SADE

Lovers Rock (Epic) Lacklustre return of soul queen Sade Adu

YOU CAN SCOFF 'coffee-table' all you like, but without 'Smooth Operator' and 'Sweetest Taboo' the world would undoubtedly be a bleaker place. Sure, we've had to suffer painful remakes from Shola Ama and - yikes! - Glamma Kid, but in the mid-Eighties, Sade Adu was the epitome of urban chic. But eight years on from 'Love Deluxe' and that legendary mermaid vid, the world now swings to stacatto beats from Darkchild, Timbaland et al. Hell, even La Houston is in on the act with Q-Tip these days. So slick as it is, 'Lovers Rock' suffers from a belief that the timehonoured Sade formula doesn't need fixing. 'By Your Side' is a case in point, a gentle murmur in search of a melody. 'King Of Sorrow' and 'Somebody Already Broke My Heart' retread past glories, but too often there's only a glimmer instead of a gold nugget. A shame. **Ralph Moore**



BIG YOUTH

Natty Dread Universal 1973-79 (Blood And Fire) The real musical Youth on triple CD

ANOTHER ONE to counter the

notion of reggae as fall-asleep music, Big Youth's music was always full of an urgent dancing energy that compelled his words to tumble the faster. Blood And Fire's collection gathers together some of his mightiest moments and places them on three CDs. All of these are worth lending an ear to, although probably not all at once unless you're a long term fan. Once again, a lesson in how much those old West Indian dudes have to teach us. **Thomas II Green**

JAFFA

Elevator (Stereo Deluxe) Summery porn film music in a class well beyond kitsch

LIKE SILVER Planet progressive production prodigy James Holden, Jaffa's David Kakon is a classically trained pianist with a degree in mathematics, but there the similarities end. Kakon is a 24-yearold Canadian collector of old synths and keyboards who, with the backing of Nude, has managed to put together a wonderfully lethargic collection of organ grooves. His sound is reminiscent of classic Motown, and although there's the occasional spoken vocal or whispered sweet nothing, Kakon's most definitely concentrating on his organ (cue obvious titter). Before you know it, his tinklings sweep you to a Love Lee-ish Playboy Mansion. As instrumental fun-funk goes,

'Elevator' is recommended for those who appreciate a late-night hammock, an iced strawberry dacquiri, that special someone in their arms, and a slick stereophonic backdrop just this side of sleazy. Thomas H Green

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ALBUMS

MARK B & BLADE

The Unknown (Wordplay) The south London veteran and his youthful sidekick strike gold again

TWO YEARS down the line from their underrated 'Hitmen For Hire' on DJ Vadim's Jazz Fudge imprint, London hip hop's finest, producer Mark B and Armenian rapper Blade, reconvene on the increasingly necessary Wordplay label (responsible for the excellent 'Word Lab' compilation earlier this year) for another quality assortment.

Having never (yet) reached the pinnacles they aspire to and deserve to reach, 'The Unknown' focuses on their eternal frustration and struggle to be heard. Many of the lyrical concerns refer to the ignorance of the UK record industry – as Blade rhymes on the tilte track, "To them it's a game/ To us it's life and death" – and the complacency of some of the American high rollers. But the overall mood is positive rather than bitter and twisted. The self-confessed odd couple of hip hop complement each other perfectly, Mark B's precision-tooled production, encyclopaedic beat knowledge and exemplary scratching are matched punch for punch by Blade's deep and sonorous delivery.

Mixing old skool breaks with fine cameos from Rodney P and Chester P (no relation) and longtime associate Lewis Parker on the firing 'Long Awaited', there's never been a better time to buy British. When expectations for home grown hip hop have never been higher (and let's face it, few people in the UK took Derek B



a game of 'hip hop scrabble'

seriously in the Eighties, let alone anywhere else) 'The Unknown' is a call to arms that should ensure they'll be extremely well known very soon. Neil Gardner

TRUE STEPPERS

True Stepping (NuLife) Poo stepping? No!

FORMER junglist and True Steppers main man Jonny Lisa shrewd guy. Not content with finding an unlikely two-step star in The Dane Bowers, he's taken Posh Spice 'up the charts' with 'Out Of Your Mind', hilariously described on the press release here as "one of the biggest number twos ever". And against the odds, he's followed the slightly naff singles with a tuff, sophisticated album. Canny beatmangling, strong songs and help from the likes of Kele Le Roc and Top Cat make this a corker, only sullied by repeated use of the Cher electronic voice-wibbler. Duncan Bell

JUNO REACTOR

Shango (M.E.L.T.) Posh boys' techno sure to be enjoyed by trustafarians along with some 'really wicked hash'

BLIMEY. We don't know where to start with this one. Let us count the ways in which it sucks. Horrid digitally manipulated packaging. Intros that go on forever. Cod-'world music' bollocks. Hispanic disco monstrosities. The fact that Juno Reactor could no more write a memorable tune than a camel could pass through the arse of a rich man.

"ONE OF THE BIGGEST NUMBER TWOS EVER"

High praise indeed for True Steppers' 'Out Of Your Mind'

JEFF MILLS

Metropolis (Axis/Tresor) The mysterious Detroit DJ and self-styled enigma goes back to the future. Again

TAKING TIME off from a hectic DJing schedule (a schedule, incidentally, which never seems to take in the UK these days, due to his past problems at passport control) Jeff Mills has created a soundtrack for Fritz Lang's 1926 dystopian sci-fi classic 'Metropolis', whose innovative design has movies, notably Blade Runner and The Fifth Element. This being Millsy (as he's not known), it's all very serious. The film's theme is one of socialist uprising after all. But it has inspired him to make his best record for ages. The warm, measured ambience and minimal motorik rhythms (think his 'Rings of Saturn' period) fit the striking visuals so well it almost wipes away the memory of Giorgio Moroder's disastrous disco version from the Eighties. Neil Gardner

influenced many subsequent

The group have been oft derided as up-their-arse Tarquin Techno dilettantes, and we always thought that a little unfair. But not any more. **Duncan Bell**

SOUL DRUMMERS

Medicine Man (Afro Art) New age housey bollocks which is the bollocks rather than bollocks

SOMETIMES, a piece of music wheedles its way into your affections to such an extent that you're almost incapable of talking about it objectively. Like Aim's 'Cold Water Music' or Faze Action's 'Moving Cities', 'Medicine Man' is the kind of cobweb-clearing album you'll play every morning for months. It's the fresh take on crystal-wearing muzak that the album's title might suggest on 'Shango Prayer', for example, which sounds like Carl Craig lost deep in the jungle-that makes Soul Drummers' debut such a pleasure. Ned Denny

SATOSHI TOMIIE

'Full Lick' (SMEJ / INCredible) Housemaster general from back in the proverbial makes okay return

"FULL LICK' is like a Hollywood blockbuster: the production is utterly faultess, it's big on thrills, but it's not too straining on the cranium. Still, the opening is impressive enough. "Big Bang' and 'Love In Traffic' are sufficiently dramatic to accompany the finest Detroit car chase, 'Darkness' is a heaving progressive shaker and 'Up In Flames' snakes seductively. So the problem lies in the editing. As the title suggests, 'Full Lick' is just too damn full. See you in the sequel, Satoshi! Ralph Moore

PASCAL & MISTER DAY

High Flying New-found soulful house-funk shuffle from across the pond

AN ALTITUDE-attacking debut from French production duo Pascal & Mister Day that, in the words of Thelma Houston, makes Saturday night feel like it's shining on Sunday morning. Starting with the slow and sultry 'Looking For Your Smile', the album twists and turns around Mister Day's smooth vocals to distribute the feelgood flava. From the tasteful cover of the Isley Brothers' classic 'It's A Disco Night' to the soul-saving 'Salvation', 'High Flying' hits all the right notes. Allan Sams



CHICKEN LIPS

Echoman More adventures from the world beyond big beat

AN UNDULATING intro into Chicken Lips' world of persuasive percussion that, bass-bred, stomps stealthily into the night. Having remixed Bentley Rhythm Ace and the Utah Saints, they deliver an electro-inspired, techtinged album of funk-fuelled finery. From the Eighties-influenced 'You're Not Ready Yet' and the dangerously titled 'Meet Me At The Freezer' to the disco-tendered 'Jerk Chicken', 'Echoman' is an infectious adventure that is certainly far from being fowl. Allan Sams

NICK HOLDER

Underground Alternatives (NRK) One of America's dukes of deep house goes long-form

POLITICS AND AFRO-HOUSE?

Don't switch off just yet. On 'America Eats Its Young', the man they (well, we) call 'Noddy' Holder teams up with an NYC beat poet to talk about the evils of Mayor Giuliani with such funky sincerity that your brain will dance as fast as your feet. The first single from Holder's album, it's a fine pointer to where his head is at. The samba shuffle of 'Summer Daze' does its best to out-Jaxx the Jaxx, 'Back In Time' is soaring Latin lounge and 'Moments In Dub' is as much soulful art as it is noise. Heady house music for thinking hipsters. Ralph Moore



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JONDI & SPESH

We Are Connected (Looq) Two Californians show us what progressive house is about

SAN FRANCISCO. Never mind wearing flowers in your hair, the new West Coast generation wants to knock back a few Adams and wave their arms in the air like they just don't care, and J D Moyer and Stephen 'Spesh' Kay are at the forefront of the Golden Gate city's explorations into dancing lunacy. Working together since 1993, the duo have established a steadily mad repute for their Qool club-nights.

Learning the ropes on the decks has certainly taught them how to keep their production tight and to the point. 'We Are Connected' is the endlessly reverberating Stephen Hawking vocal number many will be familiar with, but there's a pack of similarly entertaining entities on board. Check out the shamanistic 'The Sway', the electro moodiness of 'Beam Me Up', the galloping drums and cyber-didgeridoos of 'Cycle One'. There's even a touch of the old hard house spirit on 'Copenhagen Express', though it never runs into the clichéd waters delved by so much recent British/Dutch business. Roll on. Come DJ to us Brits, boys.

Thomas H Green

PHARCYDE

Plain Rap (Columbia) Labcabinator duo try and try, but never quite reach previous heights

AFTER THE HUGE success of 'Bizarre Ride To The Pharcyde', the follow-up, 'Labcabincalifornia' was treated with much the same indifference as 'De La Soul Is Dead' was when the Daisy Age finished. Since then, both Fat Lip and Slimkid have left and the Pharcyde are a duo. Frankly, they sound bereft. The sheer ebullience of 'Bizarre...' has gone, but their attempts to recapture the visionary soul of 'Labcabincalifornia' also sound forced. Although a few of the beats escape mediocrity, the voices seem to lack energy and direction. In a time when more crap hip hop albums are released every week than sewage is processed in New York, 'Plain Rap' isn't a bad album. But for a group as good as the Pharcyde, the title sums it up - plain. Will Ashon

CINEMA RECORDED

MUSIC LIBRARY Your Introductory Record (Domino) Further cinematic doodlings

BORED, perhaps, of locking elbows with all the other baggypanted breaks-seekers in musty charity shops, Gregor Reid and Crawford Tate evidently decided to create their own. The seven tracks here are a round-up of their efforts to date, soundtracks to the gangland/ martial arts/spy movies no one ever got round to making. With titles like 'Russian Roulette' and 'The Scimitar', you won't be shocked to discover a soupçon of Lalo Schifrin, more than a hint of John Barry and, in the case of the excellent 'They Nicknamed Me Evil', a homage to John Carpenter. It's all pleasingly redolent of a bygone, sharp-suited and cool-shaded cinematic era, but it's one introduction that won't yield many surprises. Tom Mugridge



DUB TREES

Nature Never Did Betray The Heart That Loved Her (Dragonfly) Orb-mate Youth drops some utterly spaced-out tribal dub

LIQUID SOUND DESIGN (LSD, kids!) presents Dub Trees, an aural adventure for the more discerning consumer. Forget standard album conventions, this eclectic collage of sound adheres only to the whims of the producer, Youth - a man who has many avenues of exploration to share with the listener. After almost chaotic beginnings, deep eerie samples amid softly phased basslines induce a gentle trance-like state. As we progress, the surreal and spiritual collide and blend, making strange new wonders. A superb album to chill to after a manic weekend, but for God's sake don't slip it on before a night at Gatecrasher, or you'll end up in the toilets talking to the Durex machines. Lee Foster



ALBUMS

BARBARA MORGENSTERN

Fjorden (Monika) Berlin resident gets arty and electronic. Fancy!

BARBARA Morgenstern is from Berlin. And while, as we've pointed out elsewhere in this issue, it seems that you can't light a fag there without toasting the eyebrows of an avant-garde musician or artist doing something 'interesting' with video, 'Fjorden' harks back to a time when making music was less a glossy magazine lifestyle option than a heartfelt response to an uncertain future. Morgenstern has called in a few of Berlin's underground celebs for production duties - Pole, Robert Lippok of To Rococo Rot and Sun Electric's Thomas Fehlmann - and the electronic influences of all three bubble beneath the surface. But the emphasis throughout is on the songs themselves, with Barbara's melancholy minor key vocals strangely reminiscent of Nico without the gothic melodrama. The whole lot's in German, though, so Christ knows what she's on about. Tom Mugridge

FINGATHING

The Main Event (Grand Central) Top British hip hop

DJPETER PARKER and

bassmeister Sneaky return from their earlier EP to wreak yet more havoc. Y'see, when this pair aren't playing live as part of the Rae & Christian set-up, they're making epic little tunes, occasionally with Manc chums such as Veba and peachy-faced fella Mr Scruff or Danish DJ Noize, but mostly just with the two of 'em. The beats are consistently interesting and wellexecuted and Parker is an excellent DJ who never overdoes it. It's Sneaky's bass, though, that makes this special. Plucked, bowed or strummed, the double basslines mean this excellent package leaves most other instrumental hip hop bits you'll hear seeming shoddy. Lovely. Will Ashon

ED RUSH & OPTICAL

The Creeps (Virus) Tech-step headbangers broaden their palette

TWO YEARS on from the universally lauded 'Wormholes', one of drum & bass' best loved double acts return with the less sinister but more rounded 'The Creeps'. Age has mellowed their traditionally abrasive sound slightly, bringing in MC Rhyme Tyme on vocals and injecting a certain quirky funkiness to their frenetic beats, as well as adding a notch or two in the production stakes. Don't panic, they certainly haven't lost their edge, as the addictive electric swarm of 'Rock Da House' or the house-shaking sub-bass of 'Syringe' actively prove. Still in a class of their own. Neil Gardner



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MPILATION THE MONT



PETE TONG ESSENTIAL MIX (London) What's it all about? The Emperor of the airwaves flexes his digits, caresses his crossfader and unleashes the

ollow-up to his summer smash 'Essential Selection Ibiza 2000' However, Mr Tong opts for a somewhat 'cooler' direction in this latest installment. What's on it? Today's hils and omorrow's essentials. Datar, Garnier, Sasha & Emerson and Steve Lawler are just some of the heavyweights on offe Any cop then? This is a different ball game to the previous Essential Mix. Pete Tong is showing his versatility, no 'Billy big tunes', instead a well organised voyage with deep tribal influences. Very cool. (LT)



REACTIVATE 17 (React)

What's it all about? After 16 compilations, React have sold over 500,000 units of this trademark series. James Horrocks and Darren Pearce knock heads as they lovingly compile number 17, Atracklisting fit for a king is guaranteed What's on it? Lordy, a CD fit to burst! Featured artists include Airwave ('Above The Sky'), Andy Ling ('Fixation'), Tyrell Corp ('Running 2.0'), Blue Alphabet ('Musical Crime Killers') and the outstanding Meridian ('Reach For The Stars'). The range is diverse and thoughtful.

Any cop then? Being an unmixed series, the listener can enjoy the fullness of each track as the artist intended. This is pure unadulterated luxury-worthy of any collection. (LF)





SOLESIDES GREATEST BUMPS (Ninja Tune/Quannum)

What's it all about? Quannum, the label-formerlyknown-as-Solesides, gets together all its rarities, obscurities and much-betterknownities to remind us what they've been up to since they started in September 1992. What's on it? Rare classics like DJ Shadow's 'Entropy', the 'Audition' tapes, various live excerpts of freestyles from Gift Of Gab, Lateef and Lyrics Born, plus the finest moments from Blackalicious' first album and the classic Latyrx package. Any cop then? Of course, fool, Shadow, X-Cel and Lyrics Born are all distinctive beatmakers and you can't argue with the lyricists. Mainly, though, you should just get it because it's dope. (WA)

PHUTURESOLE -A COLLECTION OF LEFT-OF-CENTRE CONTEMPORARY DANCE GROOVES

(Solemusic)

What's it all about? Slinky, sassy 21st Century funk, embellished with Latin, jazz and electro trimmings, from Glasgow's Solemusic stable. What's on it? The smooth, jazzedged swank of Bugs In The Attic, the bubbling growl of Ne-Grove, the delicious twitch of Count Zero, the headlong dancefloor burn of Homecookn', the full-bodied boogie of Tate's Place, the ethereal electro of Truby Trio-need Loo on? Any cop then? If you like your funk as thick, sweet and nourishing as molasses, then prepare to shell out the hardearned post haste. (CMJ)



(Boxed) What's it all about? Nautical Nick Warren delivers his fourth mix for Global Underground as we trace his last known movements from city of seduction, Amsterdam What's on it? A jaunt through the deep from the maestro of minimal manipulation. Without pausing for breath it flies from Fluke's 'Bullet (Cannonball)' towards Futureshock's forceful 'Sparc' then descends into the

deep with Heckman & Romboy's 'Ultra Vixens'. Any cop then? It builds and builds without ever reaching a signposted destination.

Everything you'd expect from one of the experts. (AS)

RHYTHM METHOD

Part One (Mosaic) What's it all about? Mosaic boss Steve O'Sullivan selects his personal Top 11 from his low-key but always spot-on imprint. What's on it? Dean Dacosta's gentle 'Paper Hat', the Freaks' mix of 'X-Rated President', Jorge Zamacona's ocean-deep 'Efforts 1 & 2' and Mr C's remix of 'Stop 'N' Search'. Elsewhere there's electronica from Tejada, Mark Broom's unique style of techno and a few of Steve O'Sullivan's trademark 430-West-meets-Studio-One deep house grooves Any cop then? Totaly. This is a great album for anyone

into deep, clean-cut house and techno. Like modernist architecture, its strength lies in the minimal purity of its design. (DM) 電電電管



EXCURSIONS 02: PATRICK FORGE (Obsessive)

What's it all about? Following Kerri Chandler's excellent first

offering, Patrick Forge steps up to show ya how he does it right with a cool blend of eclectic jazzshaped classics and phuture-phunk missiles. What's on it? Francine McGee's seminal disco screamup 'Delirium', Blaze's housetastic Wishing You Were Here', Carl Craig's typically adroit rub of Yennek's 'Serena X' and Friends From Rio's version of the anthemic 'Escravos De Jo' Any cop then? In goalkeeping parlance, Patrick Forge is a safe pair of hands if you're after a broadminded, far-ranging rummage through those funkedup leftfield pastures. He's crap at coming for crosses though. (CG)



TRIBAL FUTURES: THE WAY AHEAD (Yombo)

What's it all about? A collaborative project between some of dance music's great and good and Survival, a global organisation campaigning for the rights of tribal people. What's on it? Artists including Leftfield, Banco De Gaia, The Orb, Zion Train and Juno Reactor remix and re-interpret traditional tribal music from communities such as the Kalahari Bushmen. Australian Aborigines and Amazonian Indians. The results are dub-heavy and deeply chilled. Any cop then? Having nicked the tribal tag for its own purposes, its refreshing to see the dance community acknowledge the source. A vivid palette of sounds that's upstanding in execution and unpatronising in tone. (CMJ)





a winter wake-up call. What's on it? The dark old skool fury of Perimeter's 'The Fifth Assassin' sets the scene perfectly for storming, menacing appearances from the likes of Decoder

('Defender'), Total Science ('Fallout') and DJ Surreal and Parameter ('Kuttle Fish'). Any cop then? Are airhorns irritating? Sure to be required listening on the sound system in any adrenaline junkie's soupedup Escort. (WS)

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STUDIO ONE ROCKERS (Soul Jazz) What's it all about? The Soul Jazz crew take an overv

moments from Coxsone Dodd's

Studio One label What's on it? A number of absolute classics from the likes of Marcia Griffiths, Horace Andy, Freddie MacGregor, Prince Jazzbo, the Skatalites, Dawn Penn, Jackie Mittoo and on and on, spanning the huge history of Studio One since its launch in 1963. Also some Any cop then? Oh yes. If music, you may have a good few of these tunes, but it's a well put together compilation of unbelievable quality. Awesome stuff, in short. (WA)



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SLAM

Past Lessons/ Future Theories (Soma)

What's it all about? Need a snappy one-liner? A soundbite for the masses? Try this -Scottish rockers Soma meet San Francisco in a seedy sweatbox uptown. What's on it? 'Deep Down' by Wambonix, 'Heavenly' by E Dancer, 'Right On, Right On' by the glorious Silicone Soul, 'Frisco Beats' by Onionz & Tony, 'Knights Of The Jaguar' by DJ Rolando and 'Healer' by Endboy Matthew Bushwacka! B. You may have heard of him... Any cop then? A late-night lesson taught by Scots masters Orde Meikle and Stuart McMillan. Two CDs that sum up all that's great about the underground - and we don't mean the Central line. (RM)

SOMA COMPILATION SEVEN (Soma)

What's it all about? A round up of the biggest and best tracks to have graced the Soma label in the last 12 months. What's on it? The Abacus mix of Blue Planet, E.B.E's beautifully understated 'Serenity', Silicone Soul's deep house anthem 'Right On' and Hutton Drive's marvellously old school 'Push It' are the highlights, but with people like Hipp -E & Tony, Mass and Marco Carola filling in the gaps. it's all pretty damn good. Any cop then? Yeah, of course it is: it's Soma, innit? Everyone knows they don't put out crap records. (DM)





THE ANNUAL 2000

(Ministry Of Sound) What's it all about? A large, successful corporation with sufficient cash to purchase the rights to the last 12 months' dance-related 'Top Of The Pops'-battering releases haul in Tall Paul and Judge Jules to provide 'big name' focus. What's on it? Julesey heads for a harder-edged selection of the God's Kitchen variety while the Mr Newman goes everwhere from Modjo to Darude, DJ Rolando to Bob Sinclar. Don't worry, though, nothing unexpected happens to frighten folk of nervous disposition Any cop then? It's hardly challenging, but then it's not meant to be. Basic thrills for part-time dabblers and strange girls your mates 'accidentally pick up over a Bacardi. (THG)

MATTHEW HERBERT – LET'S ALL MAKE MISTAKES

(Tresor)

What's it all about? Matthew 'man of many monikers' Herbert makes his debut on Tresor with a selection of wondrous bleeps and sneaky alter-egos. What's on it? 'Alarmed' by Lost Weight is a stone-cold Repap classic, Herbert's mix of Moloko's 'Sing It Back' takes the record to places you've never dreamed of, 'Rockers' by Isolée is another beautiful bleepfest, 'Pepperpot' by Wishmountain would be welcome on any avant-garde coffee table and 'A Glimpse' by Pantytec is downright sexy.

downtempo house. So there. Any cop then? 22 tracks of melodious mistakes and fantastic faux-pas. (RM)

THE SOUND OF MISS MONEYPENNY'S

(Miss Moneypenny's) What's it all about? Compy number seven from Brum's premier glitzy nightspot, programmed and mixed up by co-founder Jim 'Shaft' Ryan. What's on it? What's not! It's a double CD of shouty bouncers favouring the divatastic vocal. Gamier's 'Man With The Red Face' starts proceedings but before long we're knee deep in Sonique, Romina Johnson and Sabrynaah Pope while CD2 favours Barbara Tucker, ATFC and Robbie Rivera. Dalaydeez will not be afraid to dance! Any cop then? A snapshot of the disco-house moment rather than a progressive sonic document but quite fun if you disengage your brain. (THG)

disco net disco

DISCO NOT DISCO (Strut)

What's it all about? Currently in vogue punk-funk sounds from early Eighties New York. What's on it? Some very cool moments, like Yoko Ono's barking but propulsive 'Walking On Thin Ice' and the five minutes or so of fader 'n' echo-box action that concludes Steve 'pompertus of love' Miller's 'Macho City'. Once Miler himself has shut up and fucked off, that is. The horrid Eighties production values mean this does feel at times rather like slow death by slap-bass and cod-African percussion, though. Any cop then? Avaluable historical document for sample hunters, nostaloists and newcomers alke, but less interesting than the British punkfunk axis found on Weatherall's 'Nine O'Clock Drop'. (DB)



HED KANDI – BACK TO LOVE 2 (Hed Kandi)

What's it all about? Hed Kandi dropping a second rare gem of a compilation into the ever-saturated sea of scul, disco and dance albums. What's on it? A beautiful trip down funky memory lane soundtracked by the vintage vocals of Regina Belle in 'Good Lover', Driza Bone Featuring Dee Heron's in 'Real Love'...

shall I go on? Soul II Soul's classic club anthem 'Back To Life' and Lil' Louis's 'French Kiss' are also on here for your delectation.

Any cop then? Yes, yes, yes with a double dosage of 'Godbless-you-sir' topped off with an extra copious coating of extreme gratitude with a capital F-U-N-K-YI (FK)

DAVID MANCUSO PRESENTS THE LOFT 2

(Nuphonic)

What's it all about? Pioneering Seventies sounds that were spun in the exclusive, not to mention seminal New York club, The Loft. What's on it? What can only be described as harmonically perfect floor-fodder, deserving of its place into modern musical history. The people responsible include Fred Wesley with 'House Party', Barrabas with 'Woman' and Tomiko Jones' stormer 'Can't Live Without Your Love'. Any cop then? Whether you only caught the back end of the Seventies but received a hefty serving of this magical vibe in the Eighties thanks to the likes of Mr Knuckles, or you're a founding member of the old skool, you'll be blown away. (FK)



RELEASES

h:foundation

San Diego's Leaders of the Nu School. HiFoundation AKA Hipp-e & Halo Varga, present their stunning debut mix CD showcasing their own brand of dubby, tribal house sounds. A continuous DJ double mix CD & unmixed double LP, their selection takes in tracks & remixes from Plastic Avengers, Tony, Tom Middleton & Jacques Lu Cont & represents labels such as Paper, Siesta, Tango, Low Pressings & Toko.

"Every hythm gives off tribal energy, the dub overtones are outstandingyou need this mix (D." 5/5 - 7 magazine



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miguel 'migs'

San Francisco's deep house don, Miguel 'Migs', compiles & mixes a soothing selection of the finest house music. The man behind many of Naked Music's calibre productions effortlessly mixes tracks & remixes from Toko Project, Romanthony, Inland Knights as well as some of Mig's own tracks and remixes. Cuts on leading labels large, 2020 Vision, Drop & Glosgow Underground are also included. The perfect soundtrack for deep house lovers.

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nick holder

underground alternatives

Canadian house guru, Nick Holder, follows up last years awesome "From Within" album with a new selection of minimal yet powerful house cuts, drawing influences from the jazz, afrobeat, reggae and latin genres. Includes the massive underground hit "Summer Daze" and the latest single "America Eats Its Young" along with seven brand new tracks.

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REACT 10 – FORMER GLORIES & FUTURE CT.ASSTCS What's it all about? React classics old and new, here to thrill you, with a bargain price, tool

What's on it? The 'Classics' disc (Age Of Love, Candi Staton GTO, et cetera) is a must-have for the 11 people who don't already own the familiar faves therein. The 'Future' disc (Blu Peter, Subterfuge and more) waves goodbye to the trademark nu hardbag NRG sound in favour of something more 'progressive and 'tribal'. Both are excellent. Any cop then? At £2,99, it's ect if you want an introduction to the label's past and present. But please, chaps - this must surely be the last outing for some of the tracks on the 'Classics' hall of the set, hmmm? (DB)

(Nukleuz/Virgin)

What's it all about? Was this

the year of hard house? The third

the Nukleuz stable in what seems

volume of bangin' choons from

like as many months would

suggest not, as the number of

classic anthems has dropped

considerably. Mixed once more

by in-house producers and DJs,

What's on it? Some tunes that

aren't hard house at all, quite a

that owe more to happy

but it's not a patch on its

hardcore than house

few that are, and plenty of tunes

Any cop then? As major label

compilations go, this isn't bad,

predecessors. The kids might

left asking "where's all the

house gone?" (MIK)

well love it, but the rest of us are

RKandEdReal



THE NEW SPIRITS OF JAZZ

(X:Treme) What's it all about? Something rather original for once. A mix and mash of soundtrack-ish. string-laden attention-grabbers. leftfield ear-pleasers and classically composed songs, all pulled into one location by one Sean McAuliffe What's on it? Proceedings open with the 'American Beauty' theme, otherwise known as Thomas Newman's 'Dead Already'. Along the way we meet everyone from Muzik Downtempo page favourites Jimpster and Baby Mammoth to European songstresses such as Valerie Etienne and Ollano. Any cop then? A low key selection with moody blues at its heart, but a light at the end of the tunnel. Maudin gear. (THG)

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(Moving Shadow) What's it all about? Seminal drum & bass label Moving Shadow celebrate 10 years of breakbeat science with a rapidfire medley of some of their greatest hits. Label boss Rob Playford selects and mixes What's on it? Everything from the littery joy of early jungle (Cosmo & Dibs' 'Oh So Nice') through percussive mid-Nineties anthems (Deep Blue's 'The Helicopter Tune') to premillennial tech-step blues (Dom & Roland's 'Thunder'). And all the grey areas in between. Any cop then? If it's a tour of the last 10 years of hardcore/ jungle/drum & bass that you're after, Rob Playford is as good a guide as you're likely to get. They even chuck in a CD-ROM with a full discography. Bless! (ND)

HIP HOP ASSASSINS

(Beechwood) What's it all about? Anicely packaged rap sheet of hip hop's killer cuts' from godfather Afrika Bambaataa to vouno offenders People Under the Stairs via old lags Prince Paul and Digital Underground. What's on it? A double dose of stone cold classics - 'Planet Rock', and 'How I Could Just Kill A Man', Gravediggaz' awesome 1-800 Suicide', the evergreen Funkmaster Flex and hits from the hungry new breed - Slum Village, Dilated Peoples and Roots Manuva.

Any cop then? At times the concept seems a bit arbitrary but you can't argue with the quality of the selection and it's cool to hear KRS One's 'Sound Of Da Police' again. Murderously good. (NG)







operating table and invites leading hard house professors to cut, dissect and sew them back together as they see fit. What's on it? All 12 of this summer's limited edition M Vinyl series - The Tidy Boys on 'Cuz The House Gets Warm', OD404 on 'Nuclear Shower

and Jon Doe on 'Samsara', et al -plus the CD-only M13 cut, Jon Whiteman and Indo's remix of 'Just Do It'. Any cop then? The House Of

CORROSIVE BREAKS

What's it all about? Firstina

breakbeaty new compilation

series from a Brighton label

to psychedelic trance.

N-Tropic are present and correct but the sound is an

previously painted entirely into a

corner by their undying devotion

What's on it? Psy-trance old-

hands such as Total Eclipse and

echoey, shimmering concoction

full of twisting effects and lysergic mood-swings. Children

Of Stone's 'Incandescent' is

Any cop then? A pleasant

surprise. Atomic succeed in

intelligently giving an old idea a

new lick of paint by combining

the sonic freakiness which is

their stock in trade with a new

What's it all about? Tidy lays 13 old favourites on the

beatsy, ballsy suss. (THG)

MILKED

(Tidy Trax)

especially noteworthy.

(Atomic)

Tidy has milked its catalogue in style, creating this year's most talked about remix series in the process, DJs will queue all day for the vinvl version, while clubbers will party all night to Lee Haslam's tight CD mix. (MIK)

MIXMASTER MORRIS PRESENTS ABSTRACT FUNK THEORY (Obsessive)

What's it all about? Ambient loon Morris curates his first ever non-chill out selection, this time delving in to the netherworld of jazz breaks and future funk. What's on it? Disappointing, low temperature grooves from the likes of Neon Phusion and Extended Spirit, although King Britt's pretty Jazzanova remix, Fila Brazilia and Fink's superb 'Ever Since I Was A Kid' almost save the day.

Any cop then? Less off the wall than Morris' previous efforts, this suffers in comparison to Ross Allen's earlier selection in the series. Too much theory and not enough funk. (NG)



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(React)

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PEACE DIVISION: PEACE PROCESS (Tide)

What's it all about? Following their well-received 'Lee Burridge: Metropolis' and 'Steve Lawler: Dark Drums', Tide Records go for another feast of progressive house featuring an upcoming artist/DJ and a colon in the title What's on it? Gentler than you might expect from the PD boys and none of their own releases either (bar one remix). Clive Henry and Justin Drake keep things rolling and softly-softly tribal, which means material from the likes of. .. er, loads of people we've never heard of. Plus Kenneth Graham and MrG. Any cop then? Not as good as Lawler's one, but if smooth techthrobbery is your bag you may want to investigate further. (THG)



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SINGLES

MAIN ELEMENT

Hedfuk/Delta Of Venus (Silver Planet)

A cracking example of 'nu' progressive on a label in its prime. Hypnotic house brilliance flipped with leaden-footed dulness to keep the deep house bores happy. In other words, 'Hedfuk' is a bass-addied roller of the first order, while 'Delta' is at home doing the ironing on valum.

Pete Tong: "New release from one of my favourite labels of the moment, Silver Planet, who are on a roll with all things dark, moody and progressive. 'Hedfuk' is a moody, percussive journey with a big fat bassline that's more likely to set the night up than be its punchline."

NEON HEIGHTS

16 Again (Glasgow Underground)

A wonderfully intentioned label, whose output may be starting to consistently match the standards of those it obviously admires. The original is Hugo Nicholsonstyle blissful strummingness (with Muzik's Cal Gibson on the frets) with a minimal electro-ish mixby Only Child and generic deep house from Crazy Penis.

Pete Tong: "A cool EP from another label trying to do the right thing. The Neon Heights remix evokes memories of Boys Own, One Dove and St Etienne – happy, I've-had-too-many-pills style."

SNIPER

I Wanna Be Your Dog (Recognition)

A trance cover of The Stooges' seminal 'I Wanna Be Your Dog'? One always tries to Isten with open ears but this chopped liver abortion doesn't deserve to be heard. Fuck it off your decks for everyone's sake. Rubbish.

Pete Tong: "Mike Koglin does his best to save this sad-looking pooch but unfortunately we'll have to put it down."

PIGSNORTER

Los Rocos/International Rescue (Routemaster)

Tasty newe from London underground free party kingpin Lawrie Immersion (unless you're part of the squat party massive, in which case you'll probably prefer 'artist-Dus' only five dour Hackney combat-clads have heard of). Acid mayhem built around 909s, 303s and old Thunderbirds samples. Top hard (and funny) shit.



Pete Tong on Sniper's 'I Wanna Be Your Dog'



SINGLES FRESH-FACED NEWCOMER PETE TONG REVIEW THE SINGLES





DILLINJA PRESENTS CYBOTRON

I Wanna Know/Nasty Ways (Valve)

We at Muzik reckon drum & bass is as healthy as it's ever been, but no one's looking. This is a perfect example – vicious as a wasp-afflicted cobra, funky as Bootsy, and precise as Hawking's black hole blueprints.

Pete Tong: "People might have a go because it's on my label but if you ask any of the leading drum & bass protagonists I think you'll find they agree Dillinja's new project screams personality, soul and dirty, lowdown funk. I'm not suggesting it'll rescue drum & bass from the doldrums but it stands more chance with this on board."

ASHTRAX

Helsinki (Devlant)

Bedrock associate Ashley Casselle appears to be the missing link between the aforementioned club and Paul Van Dyk. In a good way. Both 'Helsinki' and flipside 'Diversion' don't tailor themselves to 4/4 handsaloft oblivion but ride a righteous euphoria over an electro-ish rhythm. Buy it.

Pete Tong: "One of the finer progressive house records of the year. Full of breaks, not just straightforward."

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Pete Tong: "Top notch tech-house release with drums and percussion sharper than Freddy Krueger's knife collection. Looks pretty handsome amongst this bunch."

AQUASKY

Ghost (Sonix)

After vanishing for a while, apart from a dark breakz moment on Botchit, the formerly mellow, post-Bukem junglists are back, and suddenly ready for fast and fierce drum & bass action. Good too.

Pete Tong: "A tidy release from Aquasky's new Sonix label. Infuriatingly, drum & bass seems to have the same problem as the England football team when it comes to finding a new tactical way forward. As good as it is, it still relies on old values."

JORI HULKKONEN

We Are Invisible (F-Comm) More sweetly slothful offerings from F-Comm which no one will ever dance to but which will ight up the backrooms of extralaidback, cosmopolitan club morkeys. Hulkonnen deals in a deep house so civilised it won't offend your gran if she pops round unexpectedly. Is this a good thing?

Pete Tong: "Fine tech-funk EP from me old mate Jori. If he'd rock out a bit more like his labelmate Laurent Garnier, maybe his musical talents would get the recognition they deserve."

SISTER SUCK

Clone Ranger/Suck This (Friction Burns)

In an arid zone of dodgy hard house Rob Burns stands out, but many revite the style too much to even recognise the difference. Wayne G provides a "Iwsted Mix" but the rap-happy flip is equally upfront. Nastly battering with a Trade-educated filthy heart – "Do you wish you could take a filt?" No, at Muzik we know we can!

Pete Tong: (reading from sleeve) "'Friction Burns Recordings, 1A Kings Road, Westcliffe-On-Sea, Essex' – that says it all. Staple diet hard house that lacks any originality or personality."

THE AMALGAMATION OF SOUNDZ

Melons/Latmo (Airtight)

Hooj's cooler-than-a-perguin sister labellets rip, Gently. 'Melons' is a classic house rerun, altwarm, cuddly US synth-lines from 1989. 'Latmo', mearwhile, is a breakbeat noodler which will relax the E-wrecked and fearful. Just go down to Elements – believe us, it's the best club in London.

Pete Tong: "Big sumptuous bassline, nice waistline and long, long legs. . . but I can't remember her face!"

DONNA DEE FEATURING RHALLIA

Lurvin' You (Clockwork)

Call us old-fashioned but by far the best mix

on this female vocal outing appears to be the EZ Rollers' drum & bass one. Okay, not current enough. Let's turn on the James Lavonz, Genius Crew and Dee Kine & Pixie mixes. Hmmm –it appears that unless you're Wooke, doing something new with the two-step formula is a step too far. Back to EZ Rollers, then.

Pete Tong: "EZ Rollers rehash all the bits you've heard before on millions of other drum & bass records with expected results. The two-step mixes just pass me by, I'm afraid."

LOLEATTA HOLLOWAY

Dreamin' (Defected)

Chunky house of the Subliminal variety (hardly surprising from Defected). Satisfie Tomie and Hatiras get filtered and slam the beats to the fore for an obvious conocction which will be at the top of a lot of DJ charts for about 30 minutes but will be 10 feet under in an hour's time. But, Hell, that's dance music.

Pete Tong: "A good EP. Pumpin', pumpin' and featuring one of the top remixes since the summer, where Hatiras almost give away the crown jewels and nearly top their own forthcoming release on Defected."

MATTHEW HERBERT

Mistakes (Tresor)

The doyen of leftfield house has just dropped a magnificent mix CD for Tresor called 'Lef's AIM Ake Mistakes', a perfect example to all those dreadful follow-thisyear's-trend DJs of how to do things. This single, mind you, is an acquired taste as – even in its 'Housey House' form – it's fucked up, challenging shit full of weird noises. We love it.

Pete Tong: "Much as I have warm feelings towards Mr Herbert and all things experimental, this release is perfectly loony and probably better listened to after five cans of Red Bull. I'll get back to you on this one, Matt."

PABLO GARGANO

Vintage/Perpetual Motion (Eve) Touting Pablo Gargano from the off, Eve (and more particularly sister label Telica) have turned out some thriving trancers and grungey hard house in their time. Nalling their colours to the progressive mast, however, may prove a mistake in the longterm. Forgettable prog-bring back Hooligans On Acid!!!

Pete Tong: "Cool progressive release from the top of the first division."

M-DUBS

Burmp 'N' Grind (Telstar) Telstar? How can we take them seriously? Truth is, though, that on this particular occasion they're more on it than most. The combination of Sherelle's sweet echoing vocal, bashment queen Lady Saw's rude-girl demands for sexual satisfaction, MC Secret Agent's hip raps and M-Dubs' own reggaeinfluenced two-step production proves pretty irresistible. Surship on the remix.



Pete Tong: "The honeymoon period's over for UK garage and two-step. We're now flooded with records that fill the thousands of DJ sets and radio shows out there. This is okay but nothing special."

ATOMIC HOOLIGAN

Servin' It Up EP (Botchit Breaks)

The Botchit & Scarper empire is one of the best musical launch-sites Britain has to offer at present. Watch these pages. Atomic Hooligan are two mid-twenties home-studio dudes from Watford. The noise they make is a sleazily brilliant mash-up of breakbeat with bassgarging attitude.

Pete Tong: "Admirably noisy EP from another label I have good vibes about. Botchit continue to attempt to combine the best of the breaks scene with the nastiest drum & bass basslines and tech strings."

WU-TANG CLAN

Protect Ya Neck (The Jump Off) (Loud/Epic)

Because of the way hip hop moves forward at light speed and throws away the past without regard for taient, it's tempting to say, "but what about the crews who were there a blnk ago? They were yeah boyeeeee last year!" Then you hear the new Wu Tang. It's okay. But check out last year's ODB abum again instead. Nothing too special. Sadly.

Pete Tong: "Cool street release from the Clan that'll have the Westwood faithful jumpin' in the aisles. Personally, I'm not feelin' this as much as recent releases from the likes of Mystikal and Big Scoob."

PREFUSE 73

Estrocaro EP (WARP)

In contrast to the lackadaisical Wu-Tang release this feast of intensely organised hip hop beat-chopping from Atlanta's Scott Herren (vocals from Company Flow among others) demonstrates new ways forward. Taking its cues from electronica, it mashes lyrics and beatz without a care. Funky as James Brown and (typical Warp) bang on the future.

Pete Tong: "Fine experimental hip hop EP that will probably keep the journalists happier than the hordes on the dancefloor."

JASON JINX

Bring Back The Feeling (Subliminal)

Subliminal has had an unarguably fine time of it of late and even this formulaic track does them no disfavours. Cleverly conjured piano riffing meets sax and slick spoken vocal with the beats estimated just so. It could be argued that a touch of darkness might do them no harm, but this is sunshiny Subliminal, so that seems highly unlikely. Quality control intact.

Pete Tong: "After a brilliant, brilliant run Subliminal's form seems to have levelled off of late in terms of producing essential records. This is usable, a fine soulful bouncing club track, but it won't be a classic."

Muzik's gorgeous, pouting page 112 fella. Woof!



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VARIOUS ARTISTS Gang Of Four EP (Phat Plastic)

Anyone able to smile should dig this. Four eager, hippity hoppity/downtempo-type labels drop an ace tune each. This is pop music, like aural Lichtenstein (the artist, not the small country). Catskills' Pepe Deluxe, Tummy Touch's Tutto Matto, Ultimate Dilemma's Runaways and Tru Thoughts' Bonobo are the maestros in question. It is, quite literally, all good.

Pete Tong: "A tasty EP. Music for the head as well as the feet. The Tummy Touch track by Tutto Matto is my favourite."



STORM

Storm Animal (Data) Much as we admire Marc Spoon's ability to keep caning it when all around are going to coffee bars and health clubs rather than giving their minds a good leathering, this piece of studio wreckage is a poor excuse for a follow up to the epic 'Time To Bum'.

Pete Tong: "Faced with the task of following up one of the hard house moments of the year, Storm fail as dismally as you'd expect. This is music for the unattended ride at the fairground accompanied by a terribly naff vocal. Darude have made the same mistake."

FACE

Cocktails (Independiente) Once you're got over the sexism (and when did that ever stop a hip hop tune being any good?) there's a bot of fun to be had from this British rap ode to the pleasure of growing woozy on the title slush and checkin' out the laydeez. Mixes from Ed Case and Dub

Conspiracy. A real grower.

Pete Tong: "Despite the fact that one of the rappers must have entered 'Stars In Their Eyes' as Doug E Fresh this has to be commended as it's a solid British production and pretty damn good."

URBAN TAKEOVER

What You See (Urban Takeover) We're not actually sure this is by Mickey Finn and Aphrodite as the biro-taden white label doesn't make matters very clear, but in any case they've most certainly had a hand in the production. One side's innovative, jazzy drum & bass with a beatnik male vocal and the other's just totally mental amphetamine shit. We like.

Pete Tong: "Loads of energy, talking loud but not saying very much."

CHARLIE BROWN

Good Thing (Telstar) Pain old-fashioned dog turd (Telstar lose M-Dubs brownie ponis) featuring a shouty diva vocal snippet. Ptiful mixes that range from trance to two-step help matters not at al. Nothing to do with anything groovy, this is a First Leisure spunk-fart. Pete Tong: "Noodly, synth-laden bouncy disco thang with Angie Stone on vocals, though I'm sure it's an old Loleatta Holloway line. Good DJ fodder, but not a hit."

DJ HITCH HIKER PRESENTS LUNATIC ASYLUM

Cabal (Energy Flow) (Nebula) What's he on about? 'Cabal'? 'A committee of five ministers under Charles II's how our dictionary describes the term. Bolocks to such Iterary pretensions on our part though, this is 'Crasher trance at its most magnificent. The DJ Tiesto mixin particular sends shivers to the correct pleasure centres and will destroy E-head composure faster than a rabbit gets fucked.

Pete Tong: "One of this year's finer trance records suitably championed by Paul Van Dyk, but cunningly, on the press release it says it was championed by me, which it wasn't."

ROBBIE CRAIG AND GERIDEAU

Who's The Better Man? (ffrr/Public Demand)

The rightly acclaimed house/soul vocalist Gerideau lends his indisputable talents to a sick, choppy chunk of two-step nothingness that should dovery well, thank you. Two-step is the new Brit r&b, without a doubt and, on this occasion – as on so many – it brings with it all the cod-sexiness of MN8 telling you that they've "got all title something for you."

Pete Tong: "I can hardly say bad things about it because it's on my label. Mixes by the most fashionable remixers of the week, The Wideboys, but the only controversial thing I can say is that I think the original's even better."

DEEP IMAGE

All We See EP (Continual) If ever there was place less likely to replicate the success of post-Motown, post car factory Detroit in all list techno glory it must be Acton. Yet the Acton/Ealing techno mafia continue to hurl out four-track missives such as this by Rob Alcock, which shout to the hils that looping machine grooves are alive and well in west London.

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Pete Tong: "Worthy tech EP of dark energy and tasty percussion that you'd expect to feature in the boxes of Sven Vath and Carl Cox during their six-hour marathons. My only problem is that I couldn't remember a note as soon as I took it off. A DJ's percussive tool."

THE TONE SELECTOR

Russian Roulette (Digidance) Frankly it seems Dutch hard house label Digidance have no shame, but they have a lot of fun along the way. This whole tune revolves around an old extended film sample of the titular gun-related fun. "Ha, ha, you lose," runs the line after the inevitable gunshot and we're straight into Julesy territory. Pure silliness, and why not?

Pete Tong: "If you've just arrived from Planet Jupiter and have never heard of Trade or Tony de Vit then this might mildly amuse you. Unfortunately I was a big fan of that scene and what Tony did, so I just find we're going round in circles with this sort of music. Nothing going on at all-music to get you from A to C if you like that sort of thing."

TWIN

A New Day (Pepper)

"A new day is coming, and things will be better, so keep your head up high." Fuck off, Twin. First off, we don't need two Swedes to tell us how to live our disorganised little lives, and second, your poor slice of over-cheeny filter disco pap is boring the arse off the nation. Take it away.

Pete Tong: "A follower, not a leader. Generic, French-style filtered funky disco thang with a pidgin-English vocal. Not in the Daft Punk class."



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TRAINSPOTTING REVIEWS by TERRY FARLEY &

VITAL RELEASE



JASON JINX Bring Back The Feeling (Subliminal)

Man of the moment Jason turns out Subliminal's finest release this year, a cool filtered groove with spoken, soulful vocals and a high energy factor (without ever resorting to cheese). A multitude of mixes are provided by the man himself - all are funky, all are cool and all real big room house. (TF)

VITAL VINYL

1) Deep Sensation Can't Give You Up/Get Up (Guidance) 2) Papa Washington Rio **Calling All Dancers** (Paper) **3)** Natural Rhythms Orange Marmalade (Large) 4) Groove Assassins City Lights EP (Black Vinyl) 5) Tuomos Salmela Presents Phonogenic (20:20 Vision) 6) Lith De Lanka Dreamz (Deep Touch) 7) Onionz & Tony Frisco's Latinos (Tango) 8) Ten Bar Hi-Jackin' (20:20 Vision) 9) Mimosa Windchime (Deep Touch) 10) And Day Side Saddle Funk (Moto)

Compiled by Billy Woods, 23rd Precinct, 23 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 1HU. Tel: 0141-332-4806.



10 OF THE BEST

SHIE

The Chicago original tells us what's pressing his buttons

1) Scooters. Though people says it's dangerous riding in Manhattan, it's fun and sometime much faster than Yellow Cab.

2) The Usual Suspects. Not from the radio show, it's THE cinema. This is my favourite movie, I own tape and DVD and never got tired of watching it, and still slammin'! I even travel with it. 3) Urei 1620. Still the best sounding music mixer for DJs. Warmer than new Rane mixer. 4) Decks. Well you can't expect me being DJ without them, eh?? 5) Austin Powers. My only collections of toy are from this movie. The collections are getting bigger and bigger. 6) The Sopranos. What I really like is it's not about typical gang stuff. I can't wait next season,

7) Rhodes 73 Electric Piano. From Lonnie Liston Smith to LTJ Bukem, the sound of this piano inspires everybody (including me!). 8) My ProTools rig. This is the professional audio editing software and hardware, and I love it. 9) Boeing. Am I running out of the idea? 10) Judy Weinstein. She is THE godmother of house music!

Satoshie Tomiie's 'Full Lick' LP is out now on INCredible

SINCLES

DJD

The Flow/Music's Got Me (Paper)

Paper ditch the real house of Norwegian trawler men or the jazzy grooves of Romanian bear trainers for some dramatic. straight up dancefloor dynamite - out of London. DJD works an old Eighties warehouse anthem into a sublime slice of driving funk. (TF)

KYD AND KANGO PRESENT MOJAVE

Good Vibrations (Influence) Great new label that's really firing, with yet another of those Boogie samples that's now getting worked into so much more than tired old filter disco. Fat tribal beats and a solid bassline topped by a 'Good Vibrations' sample. Quality shit. (TF)

KENNY BOBIEN AND MOSES LAPORTE

Father (Soundman On Wax) There's only so much tacky stuff you can

handle before you have to return to some roots vocals. 'Father' is pure Timmy Regisford at Shelter: soulful black vocals. great keys and a fab remix by the underrated Frankie Feliciano. Play this and see how housey your floor really is. (TF)

FUTURE SHOCK

The Question (Fuju) From the soulful to the hard, deep progressive sounds of Future Shock. One step up from H Foundation/Peace Division in the energy stakes, but with enough funk in the grooves to fit into any open-minded house set. (TF)

PQM FEATURING CICA Flying Song (Yoshitoshi)

US remixes of an overrated vocal are redeemed by that man Jason Jinxx. His 'Dirty Old Joystick Dub' is a lesson in how far you can take hard, harsh sounds while keeping the funk - dirty, dark trackhead heaven, just avoid the vocal. (TF)

MASTERS AT WORK

When You Are A Woman (white label, US)

One of those never to be released booties/ company promotional tools, this sees some quality soulful vocals sitting on a classic MAW rhythm section. Middle class hacks on pop dance magazines would call it dad house. Those who love African-American house music will just know. (TF)

DEEP SENSATION Get Up (Guidance)

Glasgow's Deep Sensation return to Guidance with a classic three-tracker that should be straight to the front of everyone's box. 'Get Up' revisits the 1997 anthem and works some floor-filling magic through its killer vocal refrain. 'Just Can't Give You



Up' sees Hunter & Gate dropping more vocal wonders and firing synth lines over a tough Toko-style backing while 'Don't Stop' finishes off the package with a remix of Space Jam's monster. Buy this 12inch, you will not be disappointed. (KINI)

FREAKS

Discorobot (Remixes) (MMF) For DJs who aren't afraid to mix up their tempos, there's a bit of a result here. Our favourite New Yorkers, Mateo & Matos, take Freaks' loopy groove and uplift it, working string stabs and a funky organ over their typically tight NY beats to create a refreshing, early Ballhu-style groove. And if that doesn't sound hard enough for you, Rob Melio takes you on a ride through the dark side on the flip. (KMI)

MASTER H

The Mayflower (Soma)

Soma continues its fine run of releases with a twelve from Parisian disc jockey Master H. 'Mayflower' is the main cut - a real anthem in the making with its cool vocal loops, slick guitar licks and huge disco bassline. 'Magic K' - our personal favourite - is a touch deeper, with H using his disco skills in a more hypnotic fashion, twisting and looping a combination of horns, guitar and warm pads into a perfect crowd-locking groove. (KM)

THE AMALGAMATION OF SOUNDZ

Melons/Latmo (Airtight) Airtight continue to impress with this contrasting double-header from Filter's Amalgamation Of Soundz. 'Melons' weighs in with the kind of tough, meaty groove that would have clubs like The End jacking ad infinitum. Imagine Circulation at their best and you're there. 'Latmo', on the other hand, rubs up with the kind of break-funk that Jazzanova or Rainer Truby would be happy to put their

name to. Another fine notch in the bedpost of Airtight. (KM)

BOUGIE SOLITERRE

Beside You (Flipside)

If you've ever wondered what George Clinton would have sounded like if he had hung out at The Loft then check this latest production from Bettina Costanzo. Featuring former Clinton backing vocalist Stef Frank, 'Beside You' works pristine. disco production under a vocal that could have been recorded in one of the early Funkadelic sessions. Classic stuff. (KM)

NEEDS

So Many Things (Needs, Germany)

If you checked Taxi's twelve on Infracom last month then this latest production from Needs should be high on your shopping list this time around. Taking its inspiration from the deep disco world of Migs, Attaboy et al, 'So Many Things' offers a luscious groove full of cool pads, subtle beats and lazy, hooky vocals. Perfect warm up or late night gear. (KIVI)

FREEFORM FIVE

Break Me (Remixes)

WOOLPH

The Woolph EP (both Classic)

The two latest fat ones from Classic see Freeform Five getting the remix treatment from Derrick Carter and Jackson while Phil Asher pops up (along with Mark de Clive-Lowe) as Woolph and rolls a jazz joint or two. 'Break Me (D's Freestyle Restyle)' sees Carter transforming Anu Pillai's Daft Punk-style monster into one huge party groove, while Phlasher shines with the wondrous 'UME2ME', showing that when it comes to smoky deep house grooves, he's the best in the business. (HCIVI)



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MJ COLE FEATURING ELIZABETH TROY

Hold On To Me (Talkin' Loud)

MJ Cole's smooth follow up to 'Sincere' features Elizabeth Troy, the stylish, beautiful female lead he always uses (don't know why), and is a track, in its radio form, that is all about chillin', relaxing at home, cruising in the car and bubblin' to the radio. The usual masterclass in keyboard playing, chords and funky bassline from MJ, all still evident in the dub mix for the clubs. MJ Cole: the M stands for 'Midas'. **(B)**

VITAL VINYL

1 Dub Conspiracy Ghetto Heaven (white label) 2 De La Soul Good (MJ Cole Remix) (Tommy Boy) 3 Nicky P Take Your Body To The Dancefloor (Disco Dudes Remix) (Smokin' Beats) **4 D.J.H Featuring Stefy** I Like It (2nd Protocol Mix) (white label) **5 First Choice** The Player (Fluential) 6 Changing Faces That Other Woman (Ruff 'N' Tumble Mix) (white label) 7 Antoine Clamaran Presents D-Plac Get Up (Slip 'N' Slide) 8 DJ Principle Thinkin' 2000 (Sidewinder) 9 Loleatta Holloway Dreamin' (Satoshi Mix) (Defected) 10 Ali Do Your Thing (Sweet P Remix)

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1) Burberry threequarter length leather coat. My favourite item of

clothing. I couldn't face the cold without it.

2) My BMW. The nicest, fastest and most expensive car I've ever bought – it beats the shit out of my first one!

3) Deacon Blue's 'Rain Town' album. My Number 1 driving album.

4) Marlboro Lights. I couldn't get through the day without them!

5) DJ booths with monitor speakers. They're a must for a smooth live mix.

6) Southampton Football Club. The best team in the world!

7) Jaegermeister. Tastes lovely and it's good for a hangover.

8) Ibiza. So good I can see why people go and then never come back.

9) Sushi – because it smells like lap dancers' knickers! [Charming – Ed.]

10) Tea – because you can't have a JD and coke every morning.

Artful Dodger's album, 'It's All About The Stragglers' is out now on ffrr

SINCHES

TODD GARDNER FEATURING STEPHANIE QUICK

It's The Music (Solemusic) The New Jersey producer comes up with a soulful vocal number that's more for specialists really, but flip over for his dub and you'll find something a little more dancelloo-friendly. A hyportic groove that builds nicely and though it has shades of Stardust about it that's not a bad thing, as he's taken it somewhere else. **(SIF)**

KENNY BOBIEN

Father (Soundmen On Wax, US) Taken from Mr Bobien's album and given a well deserved Rican-struction (Ouch – Ed.) by Frankie Feliciano, who's provided a beautiful backing with added harmonica, keys and live guitar for this delghtful song. His 'Broken Down' mixes are also pretty slammin' on a driving gospel piano tip. One for the purists! **(BH)**

KING UNIQUE

Love Is What You Need (Look Ahead) (Defected) Matthew Roberts & The Wrexham Collective have produced this faithful cover of the old Aquarium Dream classic, with Faye Simpson (Nu Colours) on impressive vocal duties. They add lots of energy to their vocal mix and a storming dub. Knee Deep (can they do no wrong?) also provide some class vocal and dub mixes. **(SH)**

DOUG WILLIS

Skate Dancer (Z)

Disco dolly Dave Lee back once again with some self indulgent, tongue in cheek dancefloor tunes featuring vocal hooks by Taka Boom and others. 'Skate Dancer' is very Seventies and has a similar bassline to Idris Muhammed's 'Could Heaven Ever Be Like This' while flip 'Begun 2 Love U' is a cool Eighties boogie groove. **(SH)**

8**B**

It's Alright, It's Alright (Yellorange, USA)

Todd Gardner on production, this time for a funky groover on his home town's label. Avoid the original mix with what sounds



like a badly tuned plano and head to the dub mix with its addictive vocal hook. Happy disco and boogle vibes.**(SH)**

FIRST CHOICE

The Player (Fluential) One of the Salscul trio's earlier songs on Philly Groove has been re-worked by Olav Basoski over three different mixes that all rock in their own way. As boincluded are the more faithful, earlier Mousse T & Boris Dlugosch mixes. A must have if you missed out last timel **(BH)**

HOUSE II HOUSE

Latin Soul Thing (Strictly Rhythm, USA)

Henry Maldonado is back under his old guise with something very, well. . . Latin! His 'Carribean Soul' mix is very solid and effective with lush strings, warm pads and brass stabs accompanied by some Cuban sounding vocal chants. Or fip over for the 'Latin Jazz' mix with added live guitar noodling. Nice! (SH)

AFROPEANS

No 1 (Prog City, Germany) Two untitled tracks by Mousse T on an underground tracky vibe. Both cuts are unreleased dubs that only ever made it on to promo and both are really useful tracks (one Latin and the other more funky) that will have a good home in yer box. (SH)

AMIRA

My Desire (Slip 'N' Side) Take a classic, and give it a new mix three years later. . . Bad idea? Sony folks, in this instance, booococool! Remixer Sovereign keeps that coh so rare consistency up with a corker of a rub. The vocals are stil sassy and deep, but the beats are raw, nasty and blowing clubland to bits. This version has everything. **(S)**

WOOKIE

Backup, Backup, Backup (Soul II Soul)

I don't know where to start! Taken from his debut album, 'Wookie', this is a Merc Sports on viny!! OH MY GOD, I'm in love! The drum programming is tight, strong and all the other adjectives used to describe Wookie's beats, but over the top of them is the most beautiful gutar arrangement EVER heard on a UK garage tune. Poneering, groundbreaking music from one of our brightest talents. **(B)**

SO SOLID CREW

Oh No (Sentimental) (Relentless)

As far as I'm concerned, those astute people over at Relentless are sitting on a Top 10 hitt 'Oh No' will be all over a legal radio near you scon. Legal? Yeah, the pirates have been on this for ages, but until now, it hasn't been widely available. If you are not an MC lover, this will convert you because done correctly it's an art form, perfectly displayed here. **(S)**

GENIUS PRODUCTIONS FEATURING FIZZI AND MC KEFLON

Boom Selection (Kronik) Here is another baaaad tune. Doing the rounds in Ayia Napa over summer, this was one of the most requested tracks. A defnite floorfiller, it's loved by MCs and DJs alike and is a must for any record box. The music production allows the MCs to breathe. If you thought classical music and UK garage don't mix, Isten dosely! (S)

LUCY PEARL

Don't Mess With My Man (Virgin) UK garage goes head to head with r&b, with Wockie reworking one of my favourite tracks from across the pond. It may not be the greatest Wooke production I've ever heard, but something has to come in second place. As remixes of r&b records go, this is a good one. **(S)**

KATHY YOO

Stay Out Of My Way (Leisureride)

First promoed a while ago with commercial garage and r&b mixes, these welcome remixes from the Ruff & Turnble boys are cropping up on dancefloors nationwide. With a catchy vocal, burnpy beats and phat bassline, it has all the right ingredients to go far, **(S)**

AMIRA

My Desire (Sovereign Mix) (V:C) Yes I know I reviewed this a couple of months ago, but this new mix from Sovereign is so bad it was worth a separate mention! It's in the harder style he's becoming very famous for and causes dancefloor mayhem every time. If this doesn't guarantee a chart position, I'll eat my record box! **(S)**

JAYSON TORRES

Slow Hand (Radar Rough) So this will test your age – who remembers the old scul classic 'Slow Hand'? Revocaled by US singer Jayson Torres and given the remix treatment by none other than Sovereign (busy boyl) and The Stamp Crew, copies are few and far between, but well worth digging out. This new Warner label looks full of promise. **(B)**



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Saurus (Tune Inn) Need a 'tune up'? Selby supershop Tune Inn has had a phenomenal response to the last three tracks on this relatively new label. While each track differs, they all share a remix by Mark Shimmon and Bernie Hurst. 'Saurus' could well be their finest release to date. This progressive tech-monster slips and slides around the listener. building, yet never breaking into the predictable. (LF)

VITAL VINYL

1) Junkie XL Bon Voyage (Manifesto) 2) Way Out West The Fall (Bedrock Mix) (WOW) 3) Schiller Das Glockenspiel (Data) 4) Brothers Loves Dubs 1-800 Ming (Decode) 5) Christian West Rotation (Fluid) 6) Ariane Eternity (Hope) 7) Drumscape Peptide Bass (Steelyard) 8) Blakstone One Thing (Vapour) 9) SPX Straight To The Heart (Inversus) 10) ASAP Heavy Water (Fire)

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SINGLES

QUIRK

Soft Focus (Automatic) Ouirk, aka Mark Allen and Tim Healy, enter the fray with this cracking debut for Automatic. Considering this is their first release, it's very impressive. Flip over to Barry Gilbey's 'Hyperion' remix, and you'll probably telephone your employer and ask for the next day off! Head for your nearest vinyl vendor and buy this track. (LF)

ADAM DIVED

Deep Inside (Additive)

I always enjoy my Additives (hal) and 'Deep Inside' is no exception. Dino Lenny has teamed up with Andrea Doria. and his progressive influence blends skilfully with Andrea's electronica to create an atmospheric, orchestral trancer. Remix bodies include Stephan Bodzin (Condor) and Oliver Moldan, so there's a mix for everyone's tastes. (LF)

DATAR

Be (Hooj)

The 100th Hooj release is something people will talk about for years. Danny Tenaglia works his magic with Tarrantella on a stunning piece of progressive tribal house. We kid you not - this is unbelievable. Closely following Danny's 'Love Parade 2000 Dub' is the Tarrantella & Redanka NYSC mix, and you're spoilt for choice. Tenaglia at his very best. (LF)

SOURCE OF GRAVITY

Futuristic Visions (white label) S.O.G, an Isle Of Man-based trio, have their sights set firmly on the future. Bearing in mind that this is only their second release, the level of professionalism is exceedingly high. If you are lucky enough to find one of the 250 whites. treasure it! Two mixes are included, with a slightly harder flip side. (LF)

MOTORCRAFT

When Time Will Come (Spot On) The thunder from Deutschland is never far away. Motorcraft is a funky tech project laced with trance and if dirty, throbbing music is your cup of tea, then you've just stumbled into a secret warehouse stuffed full of PG's finest! Tiesto will remix on the finished version, making it, for some, easier to swallow. (LF)

BLANK & JONES

DJ Culture (Kontor)

'Cream' was one of the most recognisable trance tracks from last year, but none of the follow-ups have been quite as dynamic. So prepare to be smashed into tiny bits, jiggled about like confetti and then strewn randomly over the dancefloor (in a nice way). 'DJ Culture' is awesome; it will probably be snapped up in the UK immediately. Trust us: DO NOT MISS THIS ONE. (LF)

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THE LEXICON

Loop Of Love (white label)

It doesn't get any cheekier than this. Sporting the main hock from ABC's 'The Look Of Love', this pumper has already attracted the likes of Dave Pearce and Boy George. Feel that nostalgia rush as this, um, 'unique' record works its magic. Dust off those loafers, roll up your sleeves and party like it's 1982. (LF)

MARK SHIMMON VERSUS 3RD DEGREE

Interstella (Decipher) Showcasing the deeper, more tribal, side of Decipher, 'Interstella' has already made its mark on Nick Warren, who's licensed it for his latest Global Underground compilation. It's a dark and eerie journey through a pulsating landscape, and Luis Paris And Josh's 'Innervisions' remix will leave you breathless. (LF)

FRAGMA FEATURING MARIA RUBIA

Every Time You Need Me (Positiva) Fragma return after smashing the world

to bits with 'Toca's Miracle'. Combining the brains of Dirc and Marco Duderstadt with the legendary Ramon Zenker, you can expect another amazing crossover hit. For your information, Maria speaks French, German, Spanish, Italian, Scandinavian and Dutch. Wow! (LF)

12 MOONS

Back 2 Basics (Flying Rhino) A 17-minute classic from Michael Andresen is the latest release from the

rhino in the sky, and it's possibly their best for some time. Flip 'Into Oblivion' is a more driving track that makes for a killer crossover morning slice, perfectly balancing toughness and bounce. (DF)

HAL STUCKER

Aftershock (Telica) Glaswegian producer David Forbes serves up a powerful display of distorted kicks, filtered acid and wild snares. For a milder version, check the flip, and also



seek out Dave's forthcoming material on Limbo and Eve. Quality production and dancefloor awareness abound. (DF)

DJ HITCH HIKER

Cabal (Nebula)

Tong and Van Dyk got right behind this one first time around, and now DJ Tiesto gets to grips with the remix duties on this acid-trance stompathon. Further reworkings come courtesy of Pulser and Spice Melange. A must-spin slice. (DF)

SLOBODAN

Adroit Saviour (Compound) More techno than trance (in the non-noodly sense, that is) Slobber's early Nineties-style, UR-style work-out is the perfect antidote to endless cheesy riffs. 'Mine' offers skilfully sculptured drum sounds, while the experimentation of 'Industri' is lightened by a vocal snippet. Check. (DF)

CONTACT

Signs Of Life (React)

Long-time quality jock Blu Peter joins forces with Doug Osbourne of 'Sourmash' fame to create a pulsating liquid groove. Big with Sasha in its 'Underground Mix' format, this stunning track also benefits from reworkings by Jaimy & Kenny D and Lee Coombes. (DF)

BUS

Let's Go (Flying Rhino) Gus Till, who has worked with everyone from Andrew Lloyd Webber to Slinky Wizard (I) displays his, ahem, driving bottom end in a trademark trance samplefest. Flip 'Sweetness' is in a more Teutonic vein, but retains a sense of fun nonetheless. A quality outing. (DF)

STEVE GIBBS

The Big Picture (Middle Ground) Steve presents a progressive-ish workout with a smidgin of tech. Both 'The Big Picture' and its two reworkings on the flip are finding favour with superjocks Coxy, Fonty and Oakey. A cross-genre hit, in other words. (DF)

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PLANETS IN TRANSIT

Planets in Transit (React) No idea who Planets In Transit are, but this is a tough workout with a touch of Juno Reactor, a smattering of Adam Bever and an astonishing effect on any open-minded dancefloor. The Funk D'Void mix on the A-side is the one to go for. (DF)

PABLO GARGANO Vintage (Eve)

The prolific Pablo knocks out the proghouse, bubbly basslined 'Vintage', flipped by the darker, dirtier sounds of 'Perpetual Motion'. As ever, eminently playable and dancefloor-directed. (DF)

projects include Quo Vadis' 'Sonic Boom (Life's Too Short)', and Safri Duo's 'Played Alive In Ibiza', which is being released in association with AM:PM. We also have the follow up to 'It's My Tum', and an exciting Steve Dante single with an album to follow." Are you always so Serious? "We're the most

Serious label in the world. . . probably!"

Nadam Featuring Lloyd Da Cleaner's 'Fruits' can be tasted on Serious now. Mmmm. So good.

BREAKS & BEATS

VITAL RELEASE



PMT

Gyromancer (acetate) Mad, moody and dangerous to know, PMT is like a woman in a bad mood, prowling round the edges of the dancefloor, as funky as fuck and attractive as Hell. Following on from the quirky genius of 'Deeper Water' comes this stop-start, brooding progressive stormer with stunning 4/4 mixes to match. A release to enhance this fledgling label's already growing profile.

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VITAL VINYL

1) Tokamak Teroidalnaya (Plank) 2) artist unknown Zero 1/ ATC (Tree) 3) PMT Gyromancer (acetate) 4) Walkner Mostl Walking On Clouds (G-Stone) 5) Mekon What's Going Off? (white label) 6) Dave Clarke Before I Was So Rudely Interrupted (iCrunch) 7) La Liga Black Russian (white label) 8) Precision Cuts Thrillah (Octagon) 9)Terminalhead The Vibe (white label) 10) Clone Theory Electrollennium (Qube)

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SINCHES

BLAKJAX & DA VOID

I Like To Funk (Stompaphunk) Slap bass broodiness abounds with this hybrid of electro, boogie and house, which sounds better on viny! than it does on paper. Stompaphunk have been injecting Brighton with party vibes for a while now. I Like To Funk' will ensure that continues.

FEELER

Skim Fly Drifter (DJZ Music) It's fair to say that the world doesn't need any more odd tempo, quasi drum & bass antics with wailing women over the top and guilars thrashing mindlessly in the distance. Luckily, Certificate 18's Pilote makes amends, using the vocal to perfection in a dubby, spacious remix. That's more I ke it.

RED SNAPPER

Some Kind Of Kink (Warp) The Snapper redeem themselves by inviting Two Lone Swordsmen out to play on the excellent remix. As you'd expect from anything to do with Weatherall and Tenniswood, it starts out as an impenetrable wall of noise before developing into genius, twisted electro by the fourth time you play it.

2SINNERS

Of This Feeling (TCR) First release on TCR for 2Sinners, who also double up as Teked for Botchil & Scarper. Vocals abound on the title track, backed by atmospheric, Bukem-esque synth sounds and an electro breakbeat. Flipside 'Shatter' will appeal to only the hardcore, but this is their best work to date.

ASAP

Fire Bird (Fire)

Andy Page helped Sasha produce the avesome 'Xpander', worked with BT on his last album, and is currently applying his magic to Adam Freeland's debut opus on the south coast. Little surprise, then, that his progressive breaks number manages to keep the funk as well as the electronic toughness required for the late night dancefloor. A first and essential breaks outing for Cass' Fire label.

DJ DEE KLINE

Check This (white label) Showing there's more to him than comedy hits, Kline pushes further the tougher garage sound that has found its way onto breakbeat dancefloors via DJs like Freq Nasty and Stanton Warriors. The approach on 'Oheck This' is as subtle as a hand up the skirt, while 'Lickle Rolat' flows in a not dissimilar fashion to Zinc's '138 Trek'. Will rock the dance.

EGO

Tekstep (51 st Recordings) Garage statwarts 51 st release this quirky offering with enough heavy bass and

PISTOL GRIP sell that shit:light that shit

SO WHO THE HELL IS. . .

PISTOL GRIP?

... It's Rafiq, a 23year-old beat mangler from Manchester. He's been marinating for a number of years now, only ready to release his material when the time was right. Luckily for us, that time is now.

Influenced by a lot of Seventies music and New York MCs and producers, in 1994 Rafiq decided to hook up with a Sequential Circuits Studio 440, "a drum machine from back in the day with a reputation for thoroughness when it comes to kicks and snares."

It wasn't an overnight journey perfecting his beat programming skillz, but with time and patience he started to get it right. In 1995, after completing his B-TEC National in Professional Audio Systems, Rafiq headed out on an inspirational trip to New York.

Hanging out at rap seminars and Rock Steady Park in the Bronx armed with a demo tape full of beats, he bumped heads with JuJu (Beatnuts) and Mad Skills, and made a lot of friends on the NY hip hop scene.

With his debut, 'Roll That Shit, Light That Shit' blowing up with DJs as disparate as Touché, Freddy Fresh and Cream's Les Ryder and plenty of bangin' joints to come, we're going to be hearing a lot more from the fella known as Pistol Grip.

'Roll That Shit' is out now on Deph Tone punchy snares on the main mix to keep the breakbeat police at bay, and enough electronic scul to stop the garage heads feeling left out. The 'Terrace Mix' mellows things out for those of us who are too knackered to jump from genre to genre.

SUBTROPIC VERSUS BEN BURNS Never Drink Again

(Fused & Bruised)

Very minimal, very repetitive, twisted electro breaks. Subtropic has always been one of the deverer, dancefloor orientated artists on FAB and this is something specially crafted for the big system. The flipside 'Trampoline Machine' shows he isn't incapable of nonsense noise dressed up as experimental either. Which is nice.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Whole Nine Yards sampler (Whole Nine Yards)

From the scon-come album showcase comes a track from bossman Mark Pember, alongside the presently label-free BLIM, and Rhythm Division, authors of 'Uzi', one of W9Y's best moments to date. Interestingly, the Division's contribution is a breaks track with the percussive edge and warm bassline of a house track, whereas Pember and BLIM hit a 4/4 note with all the sensibilities of a breaks track. Whatever next?

SPEC X RAY

Not Children Of God (Plastic Raygun)

Curious release that is neither dancefloor fish, nor home listening fowl. The Plastic Raygun stable is enigmatic at the best of times, and it's only the understated acid and dubbed out percussion of the ever excellent Spoon Wizard's mix that saves this from the 'return to sender' pile.

GOD WITHIN

Raincry (Dorigen Music) Very, very good remix of Hardkiss by Koma & Bones, and one worthy of many a dancefloor. Keeping the recognisable riff of the original was the first very smart move, and razor sharp beats, progressive

funk and synth growls worthy of Beber will keep this in the boxes of Tyrant and Friction DJs alike.

TOKAMAK

Toroidalnaya Kamera Magnitaya (Plank)

A Tokamak is a fireball of hot gas inside an electromagnet, if my physics GCSE (ch aright, the press release) is correct, and the original track is as cluttered and busy as the name suggests. Luckily, label boss Matthew B promptly empties it all out for his stripped down, spacious, tech breaks wobbler par excellence.

SPOON WIZARD

(FUNctional Breaks)

Second release from the Spoon Wizard, alongside local rapper Neil, and it's another belter. Like the man says, "low key and churky" is the name of the game here, as the West Country flow floats in and out of the lo-fi, minimal production, stripped further on the 'BlueEffect' remix. A fellow and a label improving on every outing.

Big Mouth (Second II None)

Cheeky as you like release from Bournemouth's b-boy breakdancing crew. 'Big Mouth' incorporates the Whodini rap of the same name over a lazy Amen-like break, while the brooding B-side steals equally casually from Cool G Rap and other head-spinnin' classics. The hip hop samples included for scratching will make you feel fly too.

PLUMP DJS

A Plump Night Out (Finger Lickin')

Things have moved pretty quickly for Lee and Andy Plump, with the right amount of patronage from the breaks community and – crucially – the music world at large. Presented here is a round up of some of their recent highlights (including the awesome "Scram") as well as two new tracks "fever" and 'I'll Get You'. Buy now to avoid embarrassment later.





SINGLES

SCOTT MAC

Avia 260 (Southeast)

pile-driving kicks. (WIK)

BASE GRAFFITI

LA Crunch (Casa Dura)

Hot on the heels of Jas Van Houten's

Dom Sweeten with the third salvo from

Crunch' comes in two equally essential

shaking bass and funky loops, and the

more driving 'Submarine Mix', a sparser

A German classic from the mid-Nineties,

with sharp hoover stabs, cheeky samples

and a big and uplifting hock crying out for

attention it deserves. The remix honours

former doing a thunderous job that rivals

his Joe Inferno effort, the latter going for

a remix or two, now set for the mass

go to Karim and Pete Wardman, the

a subtler, funkier and more melodic

Rock To The Rhythm

(Rudeboy Recordings)

One of the most infectious tracks you'll

hear this year. It's funky as fuck in its

original mix, propelled by tough beats and

a driving bass and layered with an off-the-

wall riff with plenty of twists and turns and

nagging rap bites. Champion Burns strip it

back, take the hock from the breakdown

and lay it a dark and groovy bed where it's

just as comfortable. Massive. (MIK)

JOHN WHITEMAN

Can't Beat The System

One of the most eagerly sought cuts

since it surfaced in limited quantities on

Hotwax a couple of months back, John

Whiteman's manic, pounding, "can't beat

with the ridiculously large breakdown is in-yer-face and proud of it. Also includes

the system, go with the flow" anthem

a rubber bass-boomed Ingo remix that

rocks in its own way. (NIK)

Damn House (Stimulant)

Not the work of the Stimulant boys themselves, 'Damn House' is a pumping

150bpm offbeat animal crammed full of familiar samples and choice vocal shippets, not to mention a memorable riff. 'Friction' rides a tougher groove, lots of hissing

new Tripoli offshoot Casa Dura. 'La

mixes: the quirkier 'Dubmarine Mix',

driven by rattling percussion, booty-

and darker workout. (MK)

LUXOR

Hypnotica (DP)

approach. (MIK)

SMAK

(Tidy Trax)

CARNAGE

divine Netherman single comes OD404's

Two tough tracks that are ideal for the

mid-set groove. 'Avia 260' is a dark and funky dub with twisted analogue effects,

that won't appeal to everyone. But with

'Ultimate High', Scott turns the lights

back on with driving Dutch-flavoured

rhythms, freshly filtered guitar licks and



12-INCH THUMPERS

Don't Cross The Line (12-inch Thumpers) One of the best old skool tracks from 1999 given a deserved second crack of the whip. In the wrong hands, a remix was a potential disaster, but thankfully Paul Janes has done the decent thing and left the irresistible original pretty much intact, just adding contemporary, kick-ass beats and giving it a more floorfriendly arrangement. Santa has come early this year. (MK)

VITAL VINYL

1) Fergie & BK Hoovers And Horns (Ingo Remix) (Nukleuz) 2) Cyberdrive 2 For Da Time/Firewire (Stimulant) 3) Joff Roach & Tim J Tables Turning (Big Buckz) 4) Samuel E Reeve It Picks Me Up (Hotwax Traxx) 5) Phatt 2 untitled (white label) 6) 0D404 Digitalis (Kaktai) 7) The D.O.N.S Drop The Gun (Part 182) (Tripoli Trax) 8) Ingo Ready 4 Dis/Repeat (Rated) 9) Chris C & TJ Motivator/Drop The Bass (Aztec)

10) Allnighters Black Is Black (Tidy Trax)

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STATE OF THE ARTIST

CHAMPION BURNS

"THE FUTURE OF HARD HOUSE IS SAFE IN OUR HANDS" SAYS ROB BURNS

NIGEL Champion and Rob Burns forged one of the hard house anthems of the year with 'Rock Hard 2000'. And with four more singles upcoming on Nukleuz, as well as singles and remixes surfacing on DP and Cleveland City, not to mention Rob's labels Third Degree Burns and Suck Discs, it looks like the pair have spent most of the year chained to a PC and mixing desk.

"We had set ourselves a target of recording 50 tracks this year. It was the only way we could kick down the door in our market in the way that, say, BK did," claims Rob - whose last studio partner was the same BK. But he was keen to move away from the hoover-led pumpathons that have dominated this year's dancefloors. "The kids today might like it but I'm a bit long in the tooth and prefer stuff that's groovier, and quirkier," Rob says.

With radio big guns such as Jules showing support, Champion Burns are well on the road to achieving their initial aims. Right now the pair plan to take Champion Burns on the road. A hard house live show? "Definitely. We'll be out there in the New Year, giving it loads."

Champion Burns' remix of Smak's 'Rock To The Rhythm' is out now on Rudeboy hi-hat action and fierce stabs before the hook from DOP's 'Lion' rears its head and lifts it through the roof. (MCH)

MARK TYLER

The City (Re-Entry) Always liable to inject fresh madness into proceedings, Mark Tyler teams up with Dynamic Intervention's Mik Cree for a storming remake of 'The City' which throws techno, trance and hard house elements into a seething melting pot. Canadian hero Android reworks 'Rush' on the flip into a dark, percussive affair with plenty of attitude. **(MIK)**

DYNAMIC INTERVENTION & PRANKSTERZ

Mother Fucka DJ (Akid Traxx) Mik Cree's on top form again, teaming up here with Pranksterz for a brisk and banging double-header with razor-sharp production. The 'Fucka Mix' builds superby, with contagious rap loops atop offbeat bass and punchy percussion that leads to a tough-as-nails clmax. The 'Mother Mix' takes the same elements and rearranges them in a less overpowering fashion. (MIK)

DONS

Drop The Gun (Tripoli Trax) Another German classic, from Kontor circa. 1997, returns. One of three old gems due from this stable utilising the same rap vocal, 'Drop The Gun' gets a fabulous Dutch groove treatment from Netherman, and a well playable, dark DJ Ziad mix. The big dsappointment is Steve Blake's mix – this was made for a big, banging Euro treatment, but his isn't it. **(MIK)**

BB TEAM

Revolution (Enriched)

This Spanish, 'Don't Cal Me Baby'esque Ibiza classic, produced by Kiko VanIo from Barcelona, is the follow-up to the massive 'Drop It' on Enriched. This time around, label honcho Rich B knocks out a tuff UK hard house mix with a full vocal for radio. Should ignite the majors' interest – and yours! (DF)

ERASURE

Freedom (Mute) The first single to be lifted from their forthcoming "Loveboat" long-player sees Ouake and the Untidy Dubs boys serve up two peak-time pumpers that should do Erasure's return a world of good. Destined

to become hard floor must-spins. (DF)

DEAN PETERS VERSUS THE EDISON FACTOR

The Beginning (Freezing Point)

Edison Factor are rising hard house stars James Lawson and Matt Williams. Here they knock out a banging hard house screamer that's already in the must-hammer selection of Messrs Andy Farley and BK. Dean Peters, of course, is the London-based jock from Twisted. A great pairing for a top track. (**DF**)

CRW

Lovin' (Nukleuz)

Fresh from reworking York's Top Five smash 'The Awakening' and 'I Feel Love' on Nukleuz, CRW are back with a cheeky-riffed, vocal-hooked monster. Remixes are from the Nukleuz boys and the ever-hard Pulsar. Don't miss! (**DF**)

666

Devil (Echo)

BK and Michael Woods (of Warrior fame) turn their black magic on the original Dave Pearce-championed Club Caviar mixes from earlier this year. Unsurprisingly, the result is a full 10 on the bangometer, with the cut set to be a tougher-floors smash. (DF)

DAVE AUSTIN

Say Cheese (Central Station) One of Sydney's toughest hard house jocks bangs out four energy-driven cuts that are apparently going down a storm down under. If you were wondering about musical direction, look no further than the title, which is as honest as this music is fun. Nothing wrong with that, mind. (DF)

BANGA MATT

Time And Space (DP)

Fresh from his stint co-producing with Tinnb Alstar Karim, Banga Matt unsurprisingly serves up a furious Captain Tinnb-esque hard house blazer. Described by the label as "cosmic nihilism", you may want to be careful where you drop it. A

quality workout. (DF)

SKYBOX

True (Rosenberg) A classic Eighties riff, wicked synth patterns and a double hard b-line combine to make an eminently playable crowd-pleaser from Rosenberg. Perhaps not quite for the hard house purist, but a great mid-set banger nonetheless. (DF)



HARD HOUSE Reviews by MARK KAVANAGH & DAVE FOWLER



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DIGITAL

Deadline (31 Records) Those who say drum & bass is dead simply because it no longer merits features in style magazines should be held down and given a shot of this. Mention was made last issue of the Lee Scratch Perryon-PCP genius of 'Deadline', but it's flipside 'Fix Up' that carries the crown. Consisting of little more than a dread intoning "too much war and too much blood" over tough drums and a spelibinding bass melody, it's a track that's destined to bring out the beast in people. The most visceral music on the planet, no contest.

VITAL VINYL

1) J Majik & Cathy Brown Love Is Not A Game (white label) 2) Marcus Intalex & ST Files Love & Happiness (31 Records) 3) Digital Trauma (Timeless) 4) Alpha V & Hellen Sound Witch Project (Sheebeen) 5) The Kraft Stab 2 Def (BLD Recordings) 6) artist unknown Metro #7 (Metro) 7) John B Hold It Down (Creative Source) 8) artist unknown You Don't Try (Life) 9) Ruffige Cru Beachdrifter (Metalheadz) 10) Calibre title unknown (Creative Source)

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STATE OF THE ARTIST DEFUNKED

JUICE RECORDS CO-FOUNDER DARREN HICKEY (AKA FELLOWSHIP) TALKS US THROUGH HIS NEW LABEL

What's the philosophy

How do you see yourself in relation to

the legions of darkside

producers? "I'm certainly

complement it. I can see the appeal of darkside, but I do feel that some of

funky again? "Yes, definitely. The vocal and more musical style of d&b

time. You need to have

What's next? "On

forthcoming singles from Subject 13, Ego Trippin', DJ TeeBee and myself [Fellowship], I'm also working on an EP for True

Supergrass' by Carlito &

Addiction is out now on

Defunked

behind the label?

DIGITAL & SPIRIT

SINGLES

Cool Out EP (Phantom Audio) In the wake of the sublime 'Phantom Force', much is expected of this pairing. The four tracks collected here - one solo effort each and two collaborations - have the same dark radiance that made their predecessor so compelling. The bristling energy and steely textures of cuts like 'Highway' and 'Sudden Death' are, quite simply, a wonder to behold. Hymns to the power of light.

CARLITO & ADDICTION

Supergrass (Defunked) Still only on their third release, Defunked are fast shaping up as key players in the new school of soulful drum & bass. 'Supergrass' is a glowing vocal number, all disco shimmers and Ibidinous sighs, with a bassline pulsing deep in the mix. On the flip, 'Nothing Better' is the aural equivalent of that first stretch of the morning. Plush.

TOTAL SCIENCE

Get It On (31 Records)

It's so good to hear some proper breaks making their presence felt once more. 'Get It On' is the kind of thing people used to call 'intelligent' drum & bass, a simple enough blend of funky drums and Detroit-style wistfulness. Turn over for the extraordinary 'Altered States', a track that sounds like it was recorded in the lion enclosure at London Zoo. Can a piece of music eat you? This comes close.

NATURAL MYSTIC

Tuff Talkin' (Global Thang)

Donning his Natural Mystic guise once more, Digital comes with another piece of awesomely neurotic dub. This kind of inventiveness is just what's needed at the moment - tracks in which a sense of foreboding is more than matched by a dense, tangled undergrowth of beats. Truly fresh, truly fierce.

FOURPLY

Cvanide (Tiamat)

At the opposite end of the spectrum from Digital, Fourply make up with sheer force of persuasion what they lack in rhythmic complexity. Compelling attention with its dusky onward surge, 'Cyanide' evokes a coal-black river sweeping through some Godforsaken continent. Turn over for Amity 2's DMX-sampling '4 My Dogz'.

THE PEDGE

What's Up Now Remix EP (Penny Black)

Four new locks at Pedro's psychodub smash 'What's Up Now'. Nookie, Future Cut and Pedro himself contribute inventive re-rubs but the real screamer is Ray Keith's stripped-down, souped-up version. In a similar vein to Dillinja's recent 'Babylon' remix, it's the most compulsive Amen roller to have graced this page for some time.



VARIOUS ARTISTS

Through The Eyes Part 2 (Full Cycle)

The second Full Cycle triple-pack and six new cuts, all with the glacial demeancur that's become the label's hallmark. Highlights are Die's 'Lost Days', a sparse drum track with the epic sweep of a space-western, and the Orpheus In The Underworld eeriness of Krust and Die's 'Right Now'. Cool, crisp and compelling.

GHETTOBLASTERS

Replay (Home Style Cooking, US) Reprazent aren't the only ones forging closer links between drum & bass and hip hop. New York's Ghettoblasters - producer DJ What alongside MC Kinetic, co-founder of The Arsonists - have delivered a superbly nervy fusion track, What's brittle-but-tough beats and aqueous tones the perfect foil for Kinetic's tense backwards flow.

DONNA DEE FEATURING RHALLIA

Lurvin' You (E-Z Rollers Remix) (Clockwork)

Though rhythmically less involving than whisper it - the slinky speed garage original, E-Z Rollers' Donna Dee remix is an object lesson in the construction of gorgeous vocal drum & bass. Rhalia's delivery, rising and falling over a tight funk break, is enough to melt the hardest of hearts. An anthem in the making.

AQUASKY

Ghost (Sonix)

The first release on their own new label, Aquasky's 'Ghost' carves a sombre path with rattling drums and doomy technoid stabs. But the real deal's to be found with 'Lords Of Motion', a sparse stepper built around a hardcore-tinged groundswell of electronic euphoria. Luscious.

DIGITAL

Fool Bwoy (Sheebeen, Italy) Yet more dancehall pressure from the current king of the beats. 'Fool Bwoy' is a cascade of dub-inflected rhythms that's as dense, dark and menacing as a fairytale wood. Praise must also go to Alpha V & Hellen's 'Sound Witch Project' on the

flip. The work of two Italian ladies, it's a surging drum track with the synthesised grandeur of Larry Heard. Flawless.

ALBUMS

JUSTICE Modern Retro

(Hydrogen Dukebox)

Justice has long been one of the scene's most interesting artists, fusing militaristic beats with the cool romanticism of secondwave Detroit producers like Kenny Larkin and Carl Craig. Highlights on this collection of remixes and rarities are a new version of the seminal 'Feverish' and a tough Matrix reworking of 'Mauve Flow'. Excellent.

SOLID STATE

Point Of No Return (Renegade Recordings)

Slipping deftly from sweetly-flowing hip hop ('Life Of Riley') to minimalist space-funk ('Celestial Sphere') via, er, dinner party disco ('Continental Breakfast'), Solid State's debut album is nothing if not versatile. The highlight for many will be the finely-tooled Marcus Intalex remix of 'Just A Vision', the dopest love song of the year. Coming soon to every coal dive you know.

SHERE KHAN Age (Petrol)

Shere Khan's ambitious debut makes most

drum & bass albums look positively halfhearted. The first disc, 'Technology', is hard, dark and funky as fuck. The second, 'Destination', is like a healing balm to soothe the damage done by the first with the kind of ambience-with-beats that Omni Trio pioneered. Highly impressive.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Fire (Hardleaders)

Hardleaders' sixth compilation represents a fiercer side of the drum & bass spectrum than that heard on their recent 'Listen Up' album. Total Science's hardcore-tinged 'Fallout', Tech Level 2's incendiary 'Tracker' and Andy B's sparse and hypnotic 'Presence' are the high points on yet another sterling collection.

JUNGLE Reviews by NED DENI

TECHNO Reviews by DAVE MOTHERSOLE & JONAS STONE

VITAL RELEASE



EASTERN STRATEGY

Adventures In Blue (Suburbia) There aren't many techno artists who can achieve the perfect balance between rhythm and melody. UR, Derrick May, David Alvarado and a few others have managed it, but they remain a small minority. And while we're not suggesting that these guys have guite reached those dizzy heights yet, they've certainly hit the right buttons here. Magnificently soulful, sky high, ultra-kinetic melancholia - you don't get many like of these in a biscuit tin. (DIM)

VITAL VINYL

1) Halcyon Daze Sidewinder (Mr G's Dub) (Tag Recordings) 2) Blu Muse Versus Studio Nova Instinctual (Zodiac) 3) The Reaver Potion No6 (Glyph) 4) Funk 198 Pillhead (Stickman) 5) Sasse Deeper (Mood Music) 6) Rockliffe Versus Baxter Visions Of You (SLS Remix) (In-Tec) 7) Gaetek untitled (Southsoul) 8) Mark Ambrose Creepy Crawly (Fine Funk) 9) Jay Denham Dreamworld EP (Sector 616) 10 Freaks Discorobot (Mellow Dub) (MFF) Compiled by Tag Records,

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SINGLES

OMNI AM AND MARK AMBROSE

Untitled (Euphoria, USA) Ambrose productions are always good. Occasionally though, they're awesome and the B1 cut here is one of those occasions. Tough, hooky and seriously rolling, it's one of the best rhythm tracks we've heard this year. Omni's obviously brought the best out in him. **(DMC)**

PAUL NAZCA AND ULTRACOLOR

Gather EP (Scandium, France) We've been barging on about this and a few other French labels for a while now and this is further proof that some of the funkiest, spunkiest, most exciting techno around right now is coming from La France. Tough without being too banging and more that than deep – it's all in the balance. **(DM)**

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Il Est Cing Heures (Leitmotiv, France) Even though this a bit of a mixed bag, the inclusion of one of Oxa's conga-powered bass grooves makes it worth tracking down. Okay, all it does is chug along for six minutes, but it does so splendidly and sounds wicked in the mix. (DMC)

CIRCULATION

White (Circulation) One of the highlights from their 'Colours' album, 'White' sees the Kingston duo moving in a more stripped down direction. The big strings and hocky chord stabs are still there, but they're dropped far more sparingly around an arrangement that's tailor-made for long, flowing mixes. (DMC)

OUT OF THE BLUE

The Rhythm (Pagan) Out Of The Blue's Gideon and Rob H have always had a certain way with trippy sounds and heady atmospherics. The



difference this time round is their more subtle use of rhythm and the cheeky, but highly effective sampled loop on the flipside. Not as kicking perhaps, but in its own way, every bit as rocking. (DMC)

E.B.E.

Square Four (Solid Trax, USA) More dreamy textures, deep b-lines and smooth, funky beats from the consistent Lucas Rodenbush. The four tracks here balance prime time, floor-shuffling techno with lush, otherworldly electronica and as you might expect, it's all delivered in the best possible taste. **CDM()**

SENSE

Digital Spirituality (Casa Del Sol, USA) By the time you reed this, 'Digital Spirituality' wil have been around for a while, but with DJs like Craig Richards and Terry Francis giving the label plenty of arplay it'll still be heard on many of the nation's better dancelloors. Floor-rocking tech-house with soul and feeling. (DMC)

TECHNO TOURIST

Follow The Beat (Techno Tourist, Holland) Once upon a time, way back in the early Nineties, a handful of techno producers ralled against the all pervasive hardcore sound by creating heart-wrenching, machine-driven symphonies. The four tracks here recreate that era perfectly, so if you're curious about 'amchair' techno this is as good a place to start as any. **(DIM)**

UNDERGROUND SOUND OF LISBON AND SMART ALEX

Chinz Ninja (Eukahouse) As the production team behind Get Fucked and Housey Doingz, Dave Coker and Laurent Webb (Smart Alex) know a thing or two about making dancefloors rock and this bass-heavy groover does just that. On the flip, USOL deliver a more subdued, slightly proggy remix. Big tune, **(DINC)**



HEART OF THE PLATTER

MICHEL DE HEY

THE DUTCH MASTER TAKES US THROUGH HIS NEW MIX ALBUM

"The album is a mix of the best stuff from my label EC. We're up to more than 40 releases now and as a lot of our stuff gets licensed to other labels we thought it would be nice to put out our own CD. Also there's a lot of new material on there.

"I tried to use every artist who has been involved with the label. It was quite difficult to combine all the different styles together but my personal taste is also quite varied so I'm used to mixing styles.

"I used Mr C's version of 'Afterglow' and Steve Rachmad's mix of 'Greylock' because I think they're the best remixes we've had on the label. Secret Cinema have been on EC from the start and I chose 'Rebounce' because it's a new track I really like that hasn't been on that many compilations yet. Eyes Up Movement is Sensurreal, who I'm a huge fan of, they've also been on the label for a long time. Coming Soon are two new guys who are developing a very individual style -'Be Squared' is a heavy, tribally breakbeat track, but it's also very different. That's what we're aiming at, we like producers who have their own sound.

Michel De Hey's 'Syntec' album is out now on EC

PURE SCIENCE

Move Your Body Pump (B+ Positive) Any label that puts out a Pure Science record as its first release is definitely on the right track and unsurprisingly the former Muzik award winner has risen to the occasion. Balancing his stripped down, bottom heavy rhythms with old school vocal samples, ethereal voices and fabulously warm pads, he's done it again. (DMC)

DJ ROLANDO

Jaguar (Mayday Mix) (430 West) By now you're probably sick of hearing about this tune, but as this is the first proper Derick May recording to see the light of day in about 10 years it had to go in. And we must say it's an absolute joy to hear those magical organ stabs and that mad funky percussion again. C'mon Derick, give us some new stuff, you're still the boss in our eyes. **(DM)**

DJ PIERRE

Matrix Chamber Remixes (COD)

Pierre tums it nasty with Chi-town heavyweights Spanky, Professor Trax and Robert Armani whipping up some more solid techno and jacking handclap action. Pierre even lobs in a Martin Luther King Jr speech à la Green Velvets 'Preacher Man' to devastating effect, but top marks go to the throbbing bass wallop of Phuture 303's 'Deep Underground' mix. Spankin'! (JB)

BIG CHIEF ELECTRIC

Raygum And Bubblegun (Pagoda) Stefan Schrom, member of the Cologne school of weirdhess and part-time Beige collaborator, whips up some new old skool

electro machesis in the Shannon twisted upside down vein and some maverick sonic addity to cap the show off. More interesting than user friendly and that's just the way we like it. (JB)

RINO CERRONE

Optical Way EP (Relentless) Rino Cerrone's name might suggest a career in hairdressing, but thankfully, he's enjoying some hair raising action of a different rinsing variety. With a repertoire of class releases behind him, Cerrone combs back for some lustrous peak time action and some cool, deeper head nodders, although the main track disappoints with its lack of sartonial elegance. Cox and company should cane it. **(JB)**

T-KITANI

It's All About Freedom (Reel Musiq) Banging minimalism gone scarily wrong is one way to describe this sheer noise terror offering from T-Kitani. Coming on like Vogel, Rush and a train wreck in hyperspace this one will either clear or cheer depending on whether nails down blackboards is currently running up your flagpole. Frightening. (JB)



THE DOORS

Riders On The Storm 2000 (white label) Ignore the trance mixes and head straight for the second half of this double pack, which features a series of more interesting, chilled reworkings of this all-time classic mellow rock tune. Nightmares On Wax deliver two similar but fine interpretations that use bits of the vocals and some of the melodies but little else from the original. Ibizarre's mix is much more faithful, looping up big chunks of the groove and keeping the lovely stormy noises too. (CC)

VITAL VINYL

1) Jazzanova The Remixes 1997-2000 (Compost/JCR) 2) Tosca In Dub (Mixes) (G-Stone) 3) Frank D'Jojo Turn Off The Lights (Fluid Ounce) 4) Yonderboi Shallow And Profound (Listening Pearls) 5) Shelter Avenue Shelter (Nylon) 6) Native Force The Chase (Compost) 7) Various Artists **Dimension 2 Sampler** (Ascension) 8) Fenomenon Pacific Memories (Nuphonic) 9) Butt149 Brazilicum (Guidance) 10) NYA Sampan Weissmuller Dub (Flora)

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PRODUCER PROFILE

STEVE

AKA AFTERLIFE – THE MAN WHO SOUNDTRACKS THE BALEARIC SUNSET. NOT "THE POMPETUS OF LOVE'

Who's in Afterlife?

name featuring vocalists Rachel Lloyd and also occasionally Hermione." Is it a band? "Not in the normal sense but we have played gigs at Glastonbury and the year including a headline gig at Café Del Mar's 20th anniversary party.' Tell us about working with Hed Kandi - I thought it was a compilations label. "So did II I called them a couple of years ago when I heard they were doing a chill out compilation and sent them some Afterlife material. Mark Doyle rang me and said 'We like all of it, we want to put an album out'. Is what you do 'Balearic'? "I think so. José Padilla has been a great source of and Ibiza was the inspiration for a number of tunes on the album. Balearic music, to me, is eclectic, spiritually uplifting, passionate, sexy music that doesn't rely on fashion or chart placing - because of that it has created its own status and is becoming very popular."

Afterlife's 'Simplicity 2000' is out now on Hed Kandi. For more information, check out www.subatomicuk.com

SINGLES

PREFUSE 73 Estrocaro EP (Warp)

Warp continue to confuse with an EP of supremely chilled hip hop beats. Prefuse 73 is Scott Herren from Atlanta, part of the Schematic Recordings crew. He takes his American influences and mixes them with a little Euro electronica to create some rather funky grooves that will work in back rooms as well as bedrooms. **(CO)**

ATJAZZ

Harmony (Mantis Recordings) A nice melow tune that sits somewhere between deep house and chill out. Dawne B on vocals keeps things relaxed and makes you feel like she really is floating in harmony with the musc. On this twelve there's a re-edit from the Swag boys (better known for their harder gear) and a more housey, but still very deep, remix from Little Bg Bee. Melow and lovely. (CC)

MENU B

Morgam (Twentysomething Tunes, Austria)

The A-side of this single is experimental electronica that is a little discordant without going far enough to be noisy, nasty and energising. Fip over though and you'll find a rather fabulous remix of the main cut that bears little resemblance to the original from the downbeat masters, Dzihan & Kamien. It's typical of their style and we always need more of that stuff. **(CO)**

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Invisible Soundtracks (Leaf) Four tracks of abstraction, melody and strangeness from Sofa Surfers, P'Tang (aka Chris 'Wamdue' Brann), Faultine and Gorodisch. It ranges from cocktail experimental to bass-heavy noise, which is no less than we would expect from Leaf. Some of their records may be virtually unlistenable but they are always interesting and always pushing the boundaries. This abum sampler is no exception. (CO)

FENOMENON

Pacific Memories E (Nuphonic) Nuphonic venture into chill out territory with this fine four track EP. 'Awake' and 'Out Of Control' are jazzy, downbeat vocal tracks, while 'Solara' is a warm, uptempo groove. But it's 'Pacific Memories' which is the standout, with mellow chords and chilled piano worked around drifting guitars and vocals to breezy effect. (**PIM**)

RUI DA SILVA

The Four Elements (Kismet) Kismet are usually known for their dark, percussive house grooves, but tucked away on this is a sublime piece of spaced out ambience. 'Water' sounds like a twisted mix of Wim Mertens, Paco De Lucia and Brian Erro with atmospheric chords, classical piano and warped Spanish guitars. A fine record. (**PM**)

LOS CHICHARRONS

East Meets West (Voodoo) Starting with sitar, 'East Meets West' builds with an ethnic sounding breakbeat and Indian vocals into a midlempo percussive groove, although some rather nasty shouting at the end pushes it a Ittle too far into big beat territory. **(PM)**

ALBUMS

TOSCA

Suzuki In Dub (G-Stone) Richard Dorfmeister and Rupert Huber's magnificent album gets remixed and dubbed up by a selection of the lounge/beat/dub scene's style leaders. Bunt Friedman, label mates Walkner compendium is music and work on the move, so you are invited to upload this music into your computer and listen to it as you type on the train. We've rail-tested it and it works a treat. It features Laurent Garnier slowing the machines down as well as the unbeatable 'Ambrosia' from A Reminiscent Drive. Very n.ce. (CO)

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Ambient Ibiza Volume 3 (Music For Dreams, Denmark)

Sergio and the Music For Dreams crew are back with another eclectic, atmospheric complation ideal for sunset junkies. It features sublime moments from Infernal, Waldock (cioing a Balearic version of 'The Age Of Aquatius'), Ntin Sawhney and Phil Mison in his Cantoma guise. Sure to get you dreaming of endless days on Mediterranean beaches. **(CC)**



Mostl, Dzihan & Kamien, Deadbeats and Baby Mammoth are all in there. So expect much goodness. (CC)

OVER DREAM

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Over Dream (Milan, France) 'Over Dream' is all the work of Pimpi Arroyo and it ranges from drum & bass to ambient to deep house to mellow trance, all shot through with a dreamy feel created by some great use of pads and samples over some well constructed beats. Space made digital (**GC**)

IBIZARRE

The Ambient Collection Volume 4 (lbizarre, lbiza)

Lenart Krarup aka Lenny Ibizare runs and records for the only permanently functioning label on Ibiza, so he should know a thing or two about knocking out that Balearic shit. Standout tracks here are 'Universal Unfolding', a collaboration with Pacha's DJ Pipi and Marrumssion Motel vocalist Gramma Funk and 'Underwater World', a wonderful piece of mood music. One day this man is going to sel as many records as Mike Oldfield. (CC)

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Megasoft Office 2000 (F Communications) The theme of F Comm's latest chill out

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Jazzanova – The Remixes 1997-2000 (JCR, Germany) Yes, It's a selection of remix work from the jazy Jazzanova collective. Included are fine reworkings of 4 Hero, Truby Trio, Ian Pooley and United Future Organisation. It's all top quality, if a little heavy on the nocides and the bongos at times. **(CO)**

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Select Cuts From Blood & Fire (Select Cuts, Germany)

Classics from the UK reggae reissue label Blood & Fire get remixed by a bunch of contemporary artists. Remixers include The Orb, Stereo MCs, Smith & Mighty and Groove Corporation; artists include Horace Andy, I Roy, King Tubby and Yabby U. Say no more. **(CO)**

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Café Del Mar 1980-2000 (Café Del Mar)

A double CD compiled by resident Bruno and café owner Ramon. Bruno's CD is a more contemporary collection, the highlights being Single Cell Orchestra's 'Transmit Liberation' and Truby Trio's 'Prima Vera', Ramon's selection of Ibiza classics features Jon & Vangelis, Jean Michel Jarre and Andreas Vollenweider. A worthy addition to the series. **(PMC)**

Reviews by CHRIS COCO & PHIL MISON



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Try it with lemonade and ice after dancing.

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THE PHAT CAT PLAYERS

Make It Phat Baby! (Parlane)

Word is that this collection of beats and rhymes were due for bigger things across the pond, but something didn't quite go according to plan. I can honestly say that this is so fresh, you can smell the real deal Production and lyrics are far beyond anything around today, and this is so smooth it slides right down the back of your throat and hits the spot with incredible feelin' - and it hurts! Old skool, nu skool and future soul all rolled into one. Superbly cool, unbelievably phat!

VITAL VINYL

1) 3LW Featuring Naz No More (Remix) (Epic) 2) Talent Celebrity/ Breaking Up (Interscope) 3) Chante Moore Straight Up (MCA/ Universal) 4) Usher Pop Ya Colla (LaFace) 5) Damozel You Don't Know Me Like That (MCA) 6) Sunday I Know (Capitol) 7) Common Featuring Erykah Badu The Light (Remix) (Motown) 8) Derrick Dickson Got To Get Her (Stonegroove) 9) Michael Bohannon Make Love Last Forever (Cafe De Soul) 10) Product GB Freak Freak (Columbia)

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SINGLES

SUGARBABES

Overload/Lush Life (London) 'Overload' is the latest tune on the street, but fipside 'Lush Life' puts that slightly in the shade. Its suitry vocal over simple, but extremely tough bass and beats makes this the cut most wanted. Produced with love from London's south side and although these gits are apparently in their early teens, they wall the seasoned divas. A wonderful slice of future sout.

JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET

Senouci (Blow It Hard) That rockabilly lockalike and Essex funkster Snowboy produced this fine Hammond organ lifter from the Quartet, and it's been quile a while since JT pre-released anything that cuts it quite like this fast and furious foot tapper. Welcome home James – you know how to rock the house!

ARNOLD JARVIS

Life Goes On (MAW) Another hard to find single that's got completely different mixes from the official release. This time, Louie and Kenny tum this already soulful monster into a mellow, laid back, haunting ballad. It oozes quality from start to finish, and also joins the dots between the old school soul boys and the vibes on today's street. These guys know the real deal and respect it and that's what makes them so special.

BUTTI 49

Brazilikum EP (Guidance) Guidance, Chicago's purveyor of all things deep and black have been totally together over the past few years and always deliver the goods – quaity soulful dance music with a twist. As the tille suggests, this is Latino-influenced, and is a very infectious piece of jazy furk, full of all the things that that make you smile.

JILL SCOTT

Getting' In The Way (Hidden Beach)

Now we all know the secret (unless you've had your head in the sand for the last six months!) we get right down to the nitty gritty of what this major talent is about. Smooth and sweet on the harmony front, but stripped and minimal on the backbeat, this completes another chapter in the book of soul music. Faultless.

NATHAN HAINES

Surprising (Chili Funk) As a taster for the new maxi 'Sound Travels', the multi-talented Mr Hanes delvers one of the tunes of the year. Put together by the evergreen Phil Asher, it's gushing with cool harmonies, infectious soprano sax and piano and soulful walling from Marcus Begg and Vanessa Freeman. Delivering the word from Ladbroke Grove this is deep, warm and very, very special.

STATE OF THE ARTIST

MAXINE BRAHAM ON HOW WHERE YOU'RE FROM SHAPES WHERE YOU'RE AT

When it comes to musical roots, your dad's career can be important. Happily for Maxine Braham, hers was a reggae promoter in the Seventies.

"It certainly helped having such a strong musical heritage," says the Luton-born singer/ songwriter, now based in West London. "The first thing I got involved with was session work; I opened at some of the Sounds of Blackness shows, and I've done backing vocals for everyone from Ray Simpson to Nesha." However, it was

Maxine's writing skills which led her to a deal with Sony. But it wasn't long before she got another offer, from the small, but highly-revered London indie, Props.

"Martin Lascelles, the proprietor, had been a friend for a while," she explains, "and the prospects for me being a part of the label looked really good." "My first record on Props is currently on promo, and it's a cover of the Thelma Houston track 'You Used To Hold Me So Tight', which was an Eighties soul anthem. It's unusual for me to do a cover, but I have quite a mature vocal style, owing to the vast amount of stuff I grew up listening to -Jean Carne is my alltime favourite." (MD)

Maxine Braham's debut album will be out next year

OMAR

Something Real (Oyster Music) Pulled from his latest opus 'Best By Far', this finds the UK's premier soulster still quite rightly riding a wave. He's never last it to these ears, but at this time he is producing, writing and voicing his best music to date. If you prefer him slow and low then check the 'Midnight Mix' – it's such a groove, and is a surefire winner with the laydeez in the house, no problem at all

ALISON DAVID

One Last Look (Bittasweet) The UK diva who has provided many a great vocal for others at last gets the chance to step into the spotlight. This is a real mixture of songs, put together to show the many sides of this lady's ability and released on one of London's finest. If there's any justice in this game, Alson should score a top deal with this. She gives the listener something to think about and her vocal range just blows you away.

EAST WEST CONNECTION

East West (Souicamp Records) Berlin's major underground players get busy rewashing this classic UK club cut from a few years back. The Souicamp orew prove once and for all that you can take a good song and move the vibes in a different direction and still maintain the soulful groove of the original. Faultiess and so stripped, but totally refreshed.

ALBUMS

LAMONT DOZIER

The ABC Years & Lost Sessions (Expansion)

Amid all the confusion surrounding his pulled Jazz Cafe gig, and the cancelled anniversary box set of possibly all his abums, Expansion have beaten everyone to the punch. His ABC years are considered by some to be his most soulful and The best of 'Black Bach' and 'Out Here On My Own' are all here, plus the mega-rare, unreleased 'Prophecy' project. Another unrivaled Expansion winner.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Pulp Fusion Evolution (Harmless)

This is volume five in the highly collectable 'Pulp Fusion' series and as with the previous four, contains highly desirable, funky, rare anthems sitting comfortably alongside pure jazz dance grooves. How many more wanted and undiscovered gems are jving there waiting to be resurrected? Well just dip into this pot of gold and you'll be well and truly satisfied.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Real Fidelity (Division One)

Most of the cuts contained here would be more at home in the alternative rock press, but there is a valid reason for 'Real Fidelity' gracing the soul pages of the UK's numero uno dance mag. Put together by the extremely knowledgable Johnny Chandler, it contains a couple of right corkers from the black side of the tracks: The Exits' 'Got To Have Money' is a funk-laced mover, and Dan Penn's gorgeous' if Love Was Money' is classic, sought-after, blue-eyed soul. Definitely worth searching for!

BE BE WINANS

Love And Freedom (Motown) The Winans' music comes straight from the church, and is extremely inspirational. Be Be's latest offering switches to Motown, and like his previous Atlantic album has Masters At Work producing one of the most soulful voices on this planet. Hs 'Brand New Dance' takes over where 'Thank You' left off, and 'For The Rest Of America', features Stevie Wonder and brother Marvin Winans to full effect. Further contributions from Stephanie Mills and Ce Ce Winans make this an album to savour for many years to come.

COOLY'S HOT BOX

Album (Cooly's Hot Box) These guys are actually looking for a deal on this and judging by its amazing contents, I don't think they will be out in the widemess for too long. Everything you want in black gold is included here – the songs are full of meaning about life's highs and lows while the production cozes class. If the suits don't pick up on this then they must be totally deaf.

JONATHAN BUTLER

The Source (N-Coded Music) African born Butler was one of the first black artists to be played by white radio stations in South Africa. Now, having just completed his third maxi for N-Coded, he is an established artist in his homeland and has been honoured with a Sarie Award, his country's equivalent of a Grammy. This album features Rahsaan Patterson and is co-produced and mixed by Booker T III, so its credibility goes without saying.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Rare Groove Mastercuts (Beechwood)

Peter Adarkwah from BBE Records is probably the hardest working guy in the music business. Here he excels in his own right, presenting us with some soulful, funky slices of all things rare and beautiful. Melba Moore, The Delts, Flora Purim and Coke Escovedo are just a few names to drop at your rare groove party. Essential, full-length 12-inch floorfillers for the more discerning palate... Oh yes.

AZYMUTH

Before We Forget (Farout) Back in the mid-Seventies, jazz-funk was heard on the more open-minded dancefloors in the UK, heralding the start of our premier jaz dance sessions. Back then, Azymuth persuaded the youth of the day to get down to their Brazlian jazz vibes. Move on 20 odd years and they still cut it, with uplifting sounds from down South America way. No doubt about it – these guys cook.





FACE

Cocktails (Ignorants Remix) (Independiente)

A really classy UK party rap track in which rappers Ben Grim and Peter Parker compare girls to cocktails and leave us in no doubt how they'd like them served. Top marks to the Ignorants crew for one of their best mixes to date which pretty much turns the track around. The video's slick as well. ک کا کا کا ک

VITAL VINYL

1) Usher Pop Ya Collar (La Face) 2) Destiny's Child Independent Woman (Sony) 3) Chante Moore Straight Up (MCA) 4) Derrick Dixon Gotta Get Her (Stonegroove, UK) 5) Royce Da 5 9 Boom (Game, US) 6) Lucy Pearl Don't Mess With My Man (Virgin) 7) Omar Featuring Kele Le Roc Come On (Oyster) 8) Changing Faces That Other Woman (Atlantic) 9) R Kelly I Wish (Jive UK) 10) Guru's Jazzmatazz

Featuring Donell Jones Hustlin' Daze (Virgin)

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SINGLES

DERRICK DIXON Gotta Get Her (Stonegroove)

Another classy UK track from a new male singer deservedly picking up lot of radio play. A nagging, hip hoppy guitar sample is the backing for a simple but effective song and vocal hook. Meanwhile, Derrick shows his versatility by putting a couple of slow jams on the flip.

USHER

Pop Ya Colla (LaFace) A timely return for Usher, given his obvious influence on the currently allconquering Craig David. This new single sees him team up with Shekspere for a typically slick slice of pop r&b. Strong, but not as immediate as his previous hits. 101 101 101

SADE

By Your Side (Epic) Given that it's been nearly eight years since her last alburn, this first release from Sade's forthcoming new LP is something of a disappointment. A so-so song which in its original album form sounds almost like a demo with some truly lame drum programming. The Neptunes' remix at least sorts out the beats. The only reminder of past glories is Sade's still magnificent voice.

MYSTIKAL

Shake Ya Ass (Jive) The Neptunes produce this downtempo rap track which is currently absolutely huge in the US. It mixes typically leftfield beats with a James Brown-style pastiche rap. Nice enough, but to these ears it's by no means obvious why it's quite as popular as it is in the States.

DE LA SOUL FEATURING CHAKA KHAN

Ain't All Good (Tommy Boy) Good to see De La Soul following up their summer anthem 'Och' with an equally strong track. Featuring veteran diva Chaka Khan, this is a real grower with an infecticus, shuffling backing track and forceful but not overbearing vocal. A really good strong DJ track for warming things up.

CHRISTINA AGUILERA

Come On Over Baby (All I Want Is You) (Blacksmith Remix) (RCA) For most r&b fans, 'Genie In A Bottle' alone made Aquilera the most palatable of all the blonde pop queens clogging up the airwaves at present. This is the diminutive singer's third single and in its original form sounds like Mariah Carey singing a 'Control'-era Janet Jackson track. However, Blacksmith have turned in a tasty mix with a very classy backing track indeed. It sounds a bit as if the song's just been plonked on top, but never mind.



SO WHO THE HELL ARE. .

3LW

SIM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THREE LITTLE WOMEN, ARE MADE UP OF... WAIT FOR IT... THREE YOUNG LADLES GALLED KIELY, NATURI AND ADDRENNE AND ADRIENNE

3LW ARE the latest female teenage r&b offering from our transatlantic cousins at Epic, who've packaged them together superbly. America, at least for the moment, has a talent for producing female groups at the same rate we produce boy bands.

Closer inspection of this youthful trio makes it apparent that one of the members - namely Kiely - bears more than a passing resemblance both vocally and visually to Destiny's Child Beyonce. Was this coincidence, or planned perchance?

No matter, the celebrity production on their debut is tight as a gnat's chuff, due to the expertise of people like Tony Nicholas (Gerald Levert), Sean Hall (Escape and Aaron Hall) and Joe P (Mya).

So they've got the names, the style, the God-given good looks and, most importantly, the vocal ability not to get flushed down the dumper of the highly competitive urban market. With their selftitled album hitting our streets imminently you will be able to judge for yourself whether they've got the attitude of TLC, the resilience of Destiny's Child and the lyrical delivery of Kandi.

3LW's '3LW' album is out now on Epic



JA RULE FEATURING CHRISTINA MILLIAN

Between Me And You (Def Jam)

JA Rule returns with the first single from his new album '3:36'. The already very popular A-side is a rap/r&b cut with some Timbaland-style production and a strong female chorus. JA Rule keeps it real on the flip with a posse cut called 'Die' featuring Tah Murdah, Black Child and Dave Bing.

PRODIGY OF MOBB DEEP

Keep It Thoro (Loud) Taken from Prodigy's forthcoming solo album, the track which is doing it for me is actually the B-side 'Do It' featuring Mike Delorian. With a typically driving samplebased backing, Prodigy cuts to the chase with a dark and menacing rap. Quality.

ROYCE DA 5 9

Boom (Game)

Presumably those measurements after Royce's name is his height. Anyway, a typically tasty backing from DJ Premier allows Royce to do his thing to great effect and this will be lapped up by any Primo fans out there.

NICOLE AND REDMAN/ TANYA BLOUNT

Mama Used To Say/ Love Him (United Entertainment)

A slowed down sample from Teena Marie's 'Behind The Groove' provides the backing for this Rockwilder produced rap/r&b duet. Redman is as good as ever and there are nice sung interludes from Nicole. The Bside is a full on r&b party track from Tanva Blount (remember her?) who sings her lungs out over a raucous hip hop beat.

CHANTE MOORE

Straight Up (MCA/Universal) Last heard of with Jam & Lewis, veteran r&b singer Chante Moore here falls into the hands of Jermaine Du Pris for a typically infectious piece of party r&b. A safe bet for any r&b DJ's money.



(Dream Team Presents)

There's obviously a US Dream Team as well as our Dreem Team and judging by this you wouldn't want to mess with them. Real street rap with AZ bang on the money as he weaves in and out of the sampled song that provides the track's hock.

INDIA T

Keep It Up (Deminted Entertainment)

Produced by Darryl James and Fred McFarlane, the veteran producers who made Dennis Taylor's 'Enough Is Enough'. this is almost a female variation on that theme. A very club-friendly intro breaks into a full on, slightly Eighties sounding song. Not as good as 'Enough Is Enough', but still pretty good.

MARY J BLIGE EATURING **GHOSTFACE KILLAH**

Your Child (MCA)

Yet another remix taken from Mary J's last album rather than the new material we were promised would be out shortly. She's said that she's going to be returning to more street-friendly material, so maybe this is an appetiser. The beats are definitely heavy (if not always in the right key) and as always Mary gives it her all.



COMPANY FLOW/ CANNIBAL OX

DPA (As Seen On TV) (Def Jux)

CoFlow are back! Freed up from Rawkus, EI-P has launched his Def Jux label with a double-hander with the mighty Cannibal Ox (just about the freshest group to appear in New York in the last couple of years). It is, however, the Company who take the biscuit, stuff it down your throat and make you choke on it. All three tracks here are blinding, painful, psychedelic hip hop, but the opener, 'DPA', is a masterpiece. Six minutes of madness and one of the tunes of the year.

VITAL VINYL

1) Jurassic 5 W.O.E. Is Me (Interscope) 2) Pharcyde Frontline (Four Music) 3) Brass Munk Rise Up (Audio Research) 4) Lewis Parker Sunflight (Melankolic) 5) Wu-Tang Clan The Jump Off (RCA) 6) Common/Erykah Badu The Light (Remix) (Motown) 7) Kamillion Antibiotic (LB Recordings) 8) Mic T Michael Wallstreet (Heratik) 9) Planet Asia The Last Stand (Mona Hip Hop) 10) Kazi Down With The Kaz (Stones Throw)

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AKIEM PRODUCER AND DJ FOR ATLANTA-BASED DUO MICRANOTS, EKPLAINS THEIR NEW ALBUM, 'OBELISK MOVEMENTS'

"I-SELF and I have been together as a group for 10 years. A lot of what we do is basically our expression of struggle. It's not necessarily a particular struggle – we don't align ourselves with any political organisations or agendas. Our struggle's basically within hip hop and it has a lot to do with ourselves.

"This album is about the appropriation of cultures specifically hip hop culture. But in general, cultures are taken over by corporations and commercialism and business in general. So we're dealing with taking hip hop culture back for itself, fighting against it being sold and utilised only for money and not for the sake of culture. Obelisks are monoliths created in ancient Egypt and a lot of the western nations took them as prizes and used them so we're saying the obelisk is a sort of metaphor for that culture. "But it's like on

'Balance' – the lyrics deal with our different struggles in dealing with this culture and how it's been commercialised, but also how we fit in it.

"We also try and deal with allegations of hypocrisy that might be levelled at us. After all, here we are talking about culture but we're also trying to sell records to live off. So we try and address that duality..."

Micranots' 'Obelisk Movements' is out now on Sub Verse

SINGLES

BLU RUM 13

Sleep Speechless (Jazz Fudge) US/Canadian MC Blu Rum gets together with Vadim and Mr Thing to bring us the first taster from the forthcoming 'Vaguely Familia' LP. He's an intelligent rhymer with a suitably skewed mind, but Vads hasn't laced him with the best beat he's ever done and the whole sounds a little flat. Still, the excellent Mr Thing number, 'On Course' hints at better trings to come.

MONSTER ISLAND CZARS

Run The Sphere (B-9, Belgium) Belgium's Brick-9000 crew continue to put out fine records with an international cast. Production here is taken care of by our own Mr Greedy and the legendary Grazhoppa, while the Czars do their NY underground thing. Really an extended posse cut, it's funky, nasty and funny.

TECHNO ANIMAL VERSUS DALEK

Megalon/Classical Homicide (Matador)

Matador give the world a proper chance to hear the brain-meiting nastiness of Dalek, combined with our own post-everything noise merchants, Techno Animal. All of them get sonically dirk, with digital interference slapped all over the place. If there's a winner, it's Dalek, as they've got an MC in-house and you've got to have standards in this day and age. Punishing.

RED CLOUD

In My Hands (Bad Magic) Bronx-born, London-based Red Cloud is set to release his debut album. With production from the Nextmen and the Creators you know the beats will be quality and the Cloud holds his own, dropping his own take on hip hop history: "Mathematics is the key to the universe y'al".

MR LIF

Front On This. . . (Def Jux, USA) The Boston mic strangier comes back on EI-P's new label with a grinding blues of a tune. Lif is basically a straight-up horrible, lines-keep-flooding, MC's MC. He doesn't do anything flash or complicated, but he's like a rock. And we need rocks.

J-ZONE

Zone For President (Stonegroove) J-Zone is currently the absolute dahling of the worldwide underground and, for once, you can see what they're getting at. A beat laced with Sidies guitar atmospherics and accordian serves as a fine base for Zone's striky-funny lyrics. About as good as straight 'indie' hip hop gets.

PRIMERIDIAN

Reverse Angles (Guidance) Primeridian return with their understated take on the Native Tongues vibe new-milly



style. 'Reverse Angles' is nice enough but it's on 'Ring Around The Lyrical' that they hit the spiritual jackpot, a trumpet sample turning the tune into something special.

KAZI

Down For The Kaz (Stones Throw, USA) Mallb laces one of his trademark lazy-ass, swinging beats and Kaz sets forth on his suicidal mission, matching the deliberately fractured beat with flow. It comes off, Kazi may not have be as distinctive as the music, but he holds it together well.

DJ PRESTO

Breakin' Concrete (Concrete Grooves, USA)

An EP of instrumentals from cut west that develop a fairly laid-back and soulful mood, with moments reminiscent of Tribe. Watch for Presto's curve-balls, though. Sty and funky beats.

MR COMPLEX

Do It Up/Visualise Remix (Blindside)

Bongo's very own Beyond There (bad bwoy dem) hock up with the Complex one and make beautiful music. Mr Man don't sound quite so off as he used to and the remix of 'Visualse' is unnecessary, but 'Do It Up' is lovely, melancholy, spocky music, which more than compensates. Mighty.

ALBUMS

VARIOUS

Shiggar Fraggar 2000 (Hip Hop Slam, USA)

The Skratch Picklz' 'Shiggar Fraggar' tapes were some of the brightest hip hop moments of the Ninetes – some of the world's best DJs getting drunk and destroying a whole heap of records. Now most of the same crew are back for the CD version and it still just about keeps that spirit. Some of the spontareity has gone, but it's still a complete sonic headwarp. Ignoramuses have compared this to masturbation. If you could do it this good, you'd be doing it all the time, too. And people would pay to watch.

MICRANOTS

Obelisk Movements (Sub Verse, USA)

Micranots come through with an album of sparse, off-kilter but furkly beats and hard interoiric. There are elements of early Wu Tang and CoFlow in there, but they still sound exactly like themselves rather than any kind of copyist. A fantastic debut.

VARIOUS ARTISTS

The Eyedrops Volume 1 (On-Eye) Edinburgh producers, MCs and DJs in the international house. The beauty of it is that while the label and artists are concerned with place, they're so outward-looking that it's far from parochial. And clever little touches in the production and lyrics elevate proceedings to the highest level.

DJ D

The Workers Union (Massmen) The Massmen come through with some radical hetoric, deep soul and genuine brotherhood-of-MCs-building. The mighty Abstract Rude is most featured here, but there are also names like Aceyalone, Awol One and DK Toon. DJ D mixes the beats up, from skipping abstraction to straight up and beautiful. Workers of the world unite!

MET FLY

Wiggin' Out (Fiendin', USA) Another outpouring from the seemingly endless LA underground, Met Fly combines his distinctive (east coast?) voice with some genuinely interesting production from Paris Zax, a man who seems able to mix famous funk with obscure squekkes and sudden changes of direction like no one else. The whole thing holds together well, and Met's vocals and character grow on you as the album progresses.

FOREIGN LEGION

Kidnapper Van (Insidious Urban)

Okay. So the press release rather overstates it when it says that these are the savcurs of underground hip hop. But they wear silly costumes onstage which is pure Brownie points in this scout troop. They also have some furkly shille going on and they flow alright, with some furny thymes. It isn't going to change your life, but it isn't going to ruin it either.



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YEE-KING

SuperUser (Rephlex) Shaved head, glasses and an MSc in Artificial Intelligence? Hardly what you'd expect from one of these Rephlex/Warp types, is it? But fear not, nerdophobes (why are you reading this page anyway?), Matthew Yee-King's debut album is a boozy mash-up of acidic squelching, clanking metallic breakbeats, catchy tunes and 'proper' science (ie not the kind 'dropped' by moody junglists). Killjoys will say "it's just like Aphex/Squarepusher" but fuck 'em - this is Braindance at its best. Have you forgotten how good it tastes? (TM)

VITAL VINYL

1) Barbara Morgenstern Fjorden (Monika) 2) Geoim/M Caney Blanket (City Centre Offices) 3) Cornelius Cardew The Great Learning (Organ Of Corti) 4) Kreidler Kreidler (Wonder) 5) Terre Thaemlitz Selling (Bottrop-Boy) 6) Prefuse 73 Estrocard (Warp) 7) Hausmeister Hausmeister (Karaoke Kalk) 8) Thomas Brinkmann 6 (Max Ernst) 9) Luomo Vocalcity (Forcetracks) 10) Antonelli Electr Click (Italic)

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LABEL STABLE

SERIES

LABEL CURATOR AND INDIE LEGEND STEPHEN PASTEL SAYS GUITARS ARE RUBBISH. SORT OF

What's the idea behind the label?

"It's very eclectic but a lot of our projects have - it's nice to have an **Electronics have** replaced guitars as the bedroom musician's choice. Discuss. percentage of good moment the balance has definitely tipped in favour were excited about young computers and wanted to What's new?

"We're putting out a St Petersburg. Their English isn't too good and they thought we wanted to put their album out instead of just a single. So we ended up doing the album too. We're going to be seeing a lot more minimal techno coming out of Future plans? "There's no grand design

to Series 500, but we do with [Hamburg electropop eccentric] Felix Kubin. Electronic music can be a little po-faced.

The Remote Viewer's Tormile' EP is out now Fizzarum's 'Microphorus' EP follows on November 14th

SINGLES

EMILIANA TORRINI E-RMX 1-8 (Fat Cat)

An inspired series of eight seven-inch singles comprising remixes of the Icelandic/Italian chanteuse and curated by Fat Cat from their admirably diverse electronic roster. The sleeves don't give much away (you'll need to check the web site at www.e-rmx.com even to find out which one's which), but the numerous highlights include Grain's thumping techno, Smith & Ludlow's twisted lounge-pop and Foehn's cinematic melodrama. Investigate. (TM)



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FIZZARUM

Microphorus (Domino)

A strong EP from a Russian beat combo who may conceivably own a few records by Black Dog, Autechre and Aphex Twin. Okay, the influences are obvious, but this lot, like Solvent (fellow disciples of the genre they're calling nu eclectro) come up trumps because of an awareness that tunes are not just things you use to unblock your sinuses. (DB)

CHIX 52

Chix 52 (Chicksonspeed) Chicks On Speed's beehive-coiffed alteregos Chix 52 relive those long-forgotten, halcyon days when The B52's were considered socially acceptable. The results are mixed, with 'Song For A Future Generation' probably the pick of the bunch with its faintly sarcastic take on singles ads and web culture. "Hi, I'm Julie! I like Mac PowerBooks and electronic music!" Not bad, but get the album before you get this. (DB)

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Too You See (deFocus) Second sampler EP from a label which, refreshingly, seems to have no agenda other than seeking out new artists from all over the world and releasing consistently excellent, melodic, Detroittinged techno that's best suited to those sofa-bound sonic excursions. Perfect moments come from Bulgaria's Esen and

Plaid associate Plus One, while John Tejada ropes in both Divine Styler and his operatic mum for his contribution. (TM)

MANITOBA

People Eating Fruit (Leaf) Pleasantly noodlesome EP from Canadian prodicy Dan Snaith that's cut from similar stick your Dad's jazz collection through the computer and see what happens' cloth as Gilles Peterson fave Four Tet. It's the kind of rarefied luxury you'd only miss if you were stuck in the wilderness for 10 months with only a 'Ministry Annual' CD for company. A bit like decent Chardonnay, for one. (TM)

DUPLO REMOTE/COM.A Split (Fat Cat)

A top month already for Fat Cat, and now this arrives - the latest in their exemplary series of missives from electronica's outer limits. This time it's the turn of two artists recruited directly from demos. Both deal with weaponsgrade software and the resulting heavily processed digital sounds, but strap them down with laser-cut beats, compulsive detail, and, in the case of Duplo Remote's 'Beatbox Blagger', a whopping hardcore hoover. Duck and cover. (TM)

MDK

I Wish I Hadn't Left My Board At Home (Spymania)

A rare vinyl outing for the label that introduced Squarepusher to an eternally grateful world. Even more unusual for them is the fact that only about four or five genres (and quite recognisable ones at that) are thrown into the ring and bellyflopped mercilessly, rather than the usual 19. 'FM' in particular could even be a plea for more deep house on national radio. Give it a whirl, we dare you. . (TM)

NIGO

March Of The General (Mo' Wax) This is in a limited edition of about 12, so is not available to common people (ie, you). Luckily, it is available to the special people (ie, us), so we can tell you that the martial hip hop herein sounds like uniform-wearing Slovenian situationist jokers Laibach in their 'Kapital' period 10 years ago. Mo' Wax at the cutting edge as ever, then. (DB)

ALBUMS

V/VM

Sick Love (V/VM Test) Ever had the feeling those syrupy love song superstars are really morally bankrupt sociopaths, spouting inanities on TV and tossing off strangers in alleyways to feed twin addictions to adulation and crack? V/VM (aka Stockport's James Kirby) has, and accordingly subjects such queasy classics' as 'Lady In Red', 'Perfect Moment', 'Angels' and even 'Imagine' to interrogation and torture by his

'laptop of truth'. Face it you slags, your days are numbered. (TM)

HAIRY BUTTER

Hairy Butter (Lo)

As humourous yet stomach-churning as their name implies, Hairy Butter's eagerly awaited debut bites off the head of UK garage and watches as it runs around with blood spurting out of its neck before keeling over and twitching spasmodically. And laughs. This is genuinely quite unlike anything you've heard before and one of the records of the year for those of us who don't scare easy. (DB) 調査課題

SCHNEIDER TM/ KPT.MICHI.GAN

Binokular (City Slang) With the natural indie-guitar-band constituency decamping in their droves to beatboxes and samplers, it must be gratifying for the elderly that electro-punk upstarts like these can be arsed to pay tribute to The Smiths with their excellent bleep-funk version of 'There Is A Light That Never Goes Out'. Still, as the playful pop-electronica of this mini-album shows, a dodgy past makes for better results than an adolescence listening to nothing but Autechre. (TM)

ROB ELLIS

Music For The Home (Leaf) Music for whose home, exactly? Well, PJ Harvey collaborator Rob Ellis' angular, neo-classical opus for piano, strings and wind-up toys has already found favour with Scott Walker and Brian Eno, but it's safe to say it won't be on heavy rotation round at Blocko's gaff. Music for sombre, seven-hour documentaries on Soviet cosmonautics, more like. (TM)

KID 606

PS I Love You (Mille Plateaux) At last! An album from the 'clicks and cuts' school of PowerBock glitchery that you can listen to for more than 10 minutes without developing a nervous tic or interfering with the old bloke next door's pacemaker. Less snotty and abrasive than his last, DHR-baiting CD 'Down With The Scene' and perhaps less fun, but it's the best introduction yet to the Kid's prodigious talent. (TM)

PRINCE JAZZBO

Mr Funny (Pressure Sounds) The Leftfield page proudly presents another DIY reviews kit. Simply use the following phrases in any order and you too can review dub re-releases. As long as you're white and middle class, of course! Spliff-enhanced, spiritual, timeless, studio manipulation, vibes, irie, Rastaman consciousness. Don't under any circumstances use the phrase 'it all sounds the same', though! Hilarity aside. The legendary' (in the sense that we have no idea who he is) Prince Jazzbo is unusually abrasive in his lyric and similar to Big Youth in his delivery. Righteous fire 'pon Babylon, seen? (advanced phrase.) (DB)

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	() DAET DUNK Ope Mare Time (Virgin)
code 4001	1) DAFT PUNK One More Time (Virgin) Vocoder-voiced anthem from Bangalter, Homem-Christo and Romanthony
	2) LAURENT GARNIER The Man With The Red Face (PIAS)
code 4002	Summer 2000's favourite Parisian techno sax anthem returns
6	3) RUI DA SILVA Touch Me (Kismet)
code 4003	Portuguese hair-of-the-dog for Ibizan love hangovers. Deeper than deep
	4) BEATCHUGGERS FEATURING ERIC CLAPTON Forever Man (ffrr)
code 4004	The man Seventies rockers called God goes to the disco with Richard F on remix duties
1	5) LOLEATTA HOLLOWAY Dreamin' (Defected)
code 4005	Diva scream queen flies back into town assisted by Satoshie Tomile and Hatiras
5	6) FATBOY SLIM Bird Of Prey (Skint)
code 4006	Jim Morrison rides again minus The Doors, but assisted by the Brighton massive
6	7) LUCY PEARL Don't Mess With My Man (Virgin)
code 4007	Mood II Swing and Wookie work their magic on the US trio's r&b anthem
5	8) EVERYTHING BUT THE GIRL VS SOUL VISION Tracey In My Room (Virgin)
ccde 4008	Ben Watt and Tracey Thorn meet Sandy Rivera uptown. Garage heaven
5	9) WAY OUT WEST The Fall (BMG)
code 4009	Jody and Nick make more progressive moves with a little help from Bedrock on the flip
5	10) STEVE LAWLER Rise In (Bedrock)
code 4010	Home's progressive leader continues a successful run with extra 16B remixes
7	11) LOST WITNESS 7 Colours (Data)
code 4011	Moogwai lay down the law on Data's latest progressive trancer
8	12 FUNKSTER DELUXE VS GRACE JONES Pull Up To The Bumper (Club Tools)
code 4012	Jones' rude anthem reworked by the team behind 'Sun Is Shining'
3	13) DINAMYTE 'Dinamyte (Dancehall Queen)' (Incentive)
ccde 4013	New UK duo inject a touch of roots and culture into their two-step concoction
6	14) SUENO LATINO Sueno Latino (Distinctive)
code 4014	Acid house classic receives suitably respectful treatment from Matthew 'Bushwacka!' B
T	15) PAUL VAN DYK We Are Alive (Deviant)
code 4015	The king of 'Crasher is back with another dose of euphoria. Alive indeed
1	16) JASON JINX Bring Back The Feeling (Subliminal)
code 4016	More saxy, soulful house from the Subliminal crew
8	17) YORK Farewell To The Moon (Manifesto)
code 4017	Big bold trance from "The Awakening' boys Torsten & Jorg Stenzel
3	18) 666 Devil (Echo)
code 4018	Stomping hard house nuttiness which will send 'em rabid with glee on the dancefloor
1	19) QT QUARTET Beautiful Inside (Champion)
code 4019	Rifftastic trance monster made for the main room at Passion. Glowsticks were made for this!
code 4020	20) JAMES HOLDEN Horizons (INCredible)

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DAVID HOLMES

1 The Explosions Hip Drop (Goldcup) 2 Voodoo Juju Drug Sound (Barclay) 3 Valentin Mehlers Herbstplatten 69 (GEMA) 4 Fug Sola Sonique (Session) 5 Hot Butter Getting Off (Dynamo) 6 Grasshopper & The Butterfly Mohammed Ali (white label) 7 David Holmes Living Room (Go! Beat) 8 Jujus Sweetsongs (Folkways) 9 Ohester Randell & The Soul Senders Soul Brother's Testify (Anla) 10 Toussant McCall Shimmy (Ronn)

David Holmes will be a guest on XFM's London X-Press show on November 15th from 4-6 PM. London Xpress can be heard on 104.9 Xfm in London, Sky Digital's Channel 924 nationally and on xfm.co.uk



HOME LISTENING CHART

MARK DOYLE FROM HED KANDI

1 Massive Attack Unfinished Sympathy (Circa) "An absolute classic. The strings and Shara Nelson's vocal make it the second greatest record ever made!" 2 Drizahone Real Love (4th & Broadway) "When Universal re-released this they stuck a horrendous female rapper on it. The original has a cool guy doing the biz." 3 Barrie K Sharpe & Diana Brown Masterplan (ffrr) "Whoooh! Original downbeat street soul/acid jazz-that bassline and those vocals! 4 Lisa Shaw Always (Naked Music) "Could have been anything from the Naked label. Great vocals, stunning production." 5 Afterlife Makes Me Feel (Hed Kandi) "Nepotism? Oh yes, but it's a beautiful, haunting track and one of the new ones on the re-released album. Also on 'Winter Chill 2' 6 MAW Featuring Arnold Jarvis Life Goes On (MAW) "Classic honey dripped vocals from Jarvis who recorded the classic 'Take Some Time Out', Perfect production.' 7 Benji Candalerio Learn To Give (Hysteria) More vocals from Arnold Jarvis and production from Bric Kupper. Deep US garage at its best!" 8 Joe Smooth Promised Land (DJ International) "The greatest record ever made for us sad old '89 lovers. Fantastic emotion in the vocal and when that bassline first comes in – hands in the air while on the sofa!"

945 Dip Motorcity (Hed Kandi) "More nepotism! Coming on like Dire Straits and Pink Floyd on acid at 5am."

10 Frankie Knuckles Tears (ffrr) "Classic, classic, classic. I'm just a sucker for those soulful lyrics and that Chicago sound!"

'Back To Love 2' is out now on Hed Kandi. Label founder Mark Doyle also has a show on Jazz FM every Saturday from 1AM-5AM 102.2FM / 100.4 for the North www.hedkandi.com



Stakker Humanoid 2001 (white label) 1 Humanoid 2 Bushwackal The Sound (Oblong) One Last Time (Lee Coombs Mix) (white label) 3 Quivver Smart Bomb (Plump DJs Mix) (white label) 4 BT 5 Red Snapper Some Kind Kink (Two Lone Swordsmen Mix) (Warp) TKM (Plank) 6 Tokamak Brig Groovy Fucker (Fingerlickin') 7 Plump DJs 8 Skybox The Break (Pierre Jay Mix) (Rosenberg) Voodoo Magic (white label) 9 Voodoo Dred 10 Eddie Pleasure Let The Girl Dance (Urban Outrage Mix) (Atlantic)

JUNIOR SANCHEZ NEW JERSEY, USA

1 Richie Hawtin		Orange (Yellow Mix) (Minus)
2 Da Controllers	Noize	Generator (Dis-Functional)
3 Junior Sanchez	& Christian Smith	United (Cube)
4 L'il Devious	Lat	in Thang (Natural Selection)
5 Derrick Carter	One Mc	ore Time To Enjoy It (Classic)
6 Artful Dodger	Woma	n Trouble (Sunkidz Mix) (ffrr)
7 Modjo	Lady (Choo Choo Titan	um Mix) (Sound Of Barclay)
8 G-Flame		Watch It EP (Alpha)
9 New Age Funks	stas	Rock My Body (Cube)
10 Felix & Kitten-	N-Thee Glitz	Silver Screen (Cube)

PRINCE QUICK MIK (YOSHITOSHI) NEW YORK, USA

1 Soul Vision	Tracey In My Room (Virgin)
2 Hatiras	Digital Doom (IHR)
3 A Man Called Quick	They Just Want (Strictly Rhythm)
4 DJ Vitamin D	That Latin Track (IHR)
5 Freddie Lipstick	Pay For Love (La Belle Noire)
6 Halo & Hipp-E	Got The Feeling (Moody Recordings)
7 PQM Featuring Cica	The Flying Song (Yoshitoshi acetate)
8 Holy Ghost	Twister (Superstition)
9 Prince	Quick Mix Rise (Mello Mixes) (white label)
10 Chaser	Tall Stories (Soma Recordings)

RALPH LAWSON (20:20 VISION) LEEDS, UK

1 Trevor Rockliffe	Visions (In-Tec)
2 Phonegenic	Tammer (20:20 Vision)
3 Urban Farmers	Era (20:20 Vision)
4 Inland Knights	Out Of Bounds (Drop)
5 Daniel Ibbotson	Comin' 2 Get You (white label)
6 Circulation	White (Circulation)
7 Trevor Rockliffe	Sound Called House (Mentor)
BKoi	Musk (Doublevision)
9 DJ Pierre	Wet Dreams (NuCamp)
10 Fumakilla	Funk Fumakilla (Woody)

HERNAN CATTANEO ARGENTINA

1 Datar-B	Datar-B (Hooj)
2 Alchemy	Bruiser (Evolution Remix) (white label)
3 Jimmy Van M	ECIPS (Fluid)
45&5	Pushing Too Hard (Futureshock Remix) (white label)
5 Andy Moor	Violent City (Baroque)
6 Base	Twelve Deep (Saeed & Palash Remix) (Sorted)
7 Boom Everyboo	ly Rock It (Peace Division Remix) (white label)
8 Paul Rogers	Rhythm Import (Sumsonic)
9 Sense	Digital Spirituality (Casa De Soul)
10 Ginger	Just Call On Me (Halo Remix) (Moody)

DJ FOOD (NINJA TUNE) CAMBERWELL, UK

1 Circus Campin	g Gaz & Digi	Random (Nevophonic)
2 Mr Chop	The Incredible Po	pcorn Experiment (Stark Reality)
3 Andy Votel	Return of th	ne Spooky Driver (Twisted Nerve)
4 Attica Blues	The Mar	/Test Don't Test Sampler (Sony)
5 Various Artists S	olesides Greatest Bur	nps (Quannum Projects/Ninja Tune)
6 K-Scope	Dawn	Of A New Age (Cookin' Records)
7 Playgroup		Make It Happen (Source)
BT-Love	Long	Way Back (unfinished LP CD-R)
9 Cinematic Orc	hestra	Remixes '98-2000(Ninja Tune)
10 Sporto Kante	s	Nickson (Catalogue)

DJ C1 (IN-TEC BECORDS) LONDON, UK

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Trevor Rockcliffe	Visions Of You (Remixes) (In-Tec)
Gaetano Parisio	title unknown (South Soul)
3 Joshua	Watch The Bass EP (Tweekin')
Barada	tille unknown (Catalyst)
i Minus 8	Badman & Throbin (Compost)
Angel Alanis	Compute Vol 1(IHR)
Brooks	Clix (Mantis)
3 Oxia	Influence EP (In-Tec)
Inland Knights	title unknown (Siesta)
10 Tutto Matto	Take My Hand (Tummy Touch)



1 DJ Pierre		Wet Dreams (X-Press II Mix) (NuCamp)
2 San Jose		Flowing (NRK)
3 Phoenix	IfIEver	Feel Better (Buffalo Bunch Remix) (Virgin)
4 Jason Jinx	Bring Back	That Feeling (Horny LFO Mix) (Subliminal)
5 Mojolators		To The Music (Moody)
6 Joeski		My Groove (Siesta)
7 Roland Clar	ke	I Get Deep (Shelter Records)
8 Hatiras		Spaced Invader (International House)
9 Bobby Peru		Wargames / Octane (20:20 Vision)
10 Organic Au	udio	Play To The Music (Tummy Touch)
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SHOP CHARTS

THE CINEMATIC ORCHESTRA LONDON, UK

1 Alain Goraguer La F	Planete Sauvage Soundtrack (DC Recordings)
2 Hefner	Residue (LP) (Inertia)
3 The Cinematic Orche	stra Remixes 1998-2000 (LP) (Ninja Tune)
4 Neptune	Soul Pride (Ninja Tune)
5 The Allenko Brotherh	ood Ensemble The Drum (IG Mix) (Comet)
6 Tweak	Fathom (Straight Ahead)
7 Arc	Arcane (Ninja Tune)
8 The Forth Way The S	Gun And Moon Have Come Together (Harvest)
9 Neil Norman	Not On This Earth (Crescendo)
10 Jaga Jazzist	Forthcoming LP (white label)



JON MARSH LONDON, UK

1 Urban Farmers	
2 N.A.T.O	
3 Papa Washington Trio	
4 Choc Electrique	
5 Karizma	
6 Circulation	
7 Pure Science	
8 Random Factor	
9 Morgan Page	
10 Playgroup	

Era (20:20 Vision) Uzik Box (4th Floor) Calling All Dancers (Paper) Shadows (Invincis) Shades Of KEP (Basement Boys) White (Circulation) Taste My Vibe (B+ Positive) Ricochet EP (20:20 Vision) Maple Grooves EP (Fiji) Make It Happen (Source)

ANGEL ALANIS (ASQUARED MUZIK) CHICAGO, USA

1 Karin De Ponti	Hypnobounce (Nukleuz)	
2 Peace Division	BeU4T (Low Pressings)	
3 Asquared	Do You Like The Way (Asquared Muzik)	
4 Trevor Rockliffe	A Sound Called House (Mentor)	
5 Umek	The Right Time (Jel)	
6 Angel Alanis	Believe (Catalyst)	
7 Angel Alanis & Smith	Punani (Tronic)	
8 Timo Maas	Ubik (Perfecto)	
9 Barada Barada	Traxx (Catalyst)	
10 Asquared	Our Music Our World (Blue Line)	

TIDY BOYS ROTHERHAM, UK

1 John Whitman	n Can't Beat The System (Ingo Mix) (Hot Wax)
2 M9 UK Gold Cu	uz The House Gets Warm (Tidy Boys Mix) (Tidy white label)
3 Fergie & BK	Hoovers And Horns (Ingo Mix) (Nukleuz)
4 M11 Hyperlog	ic Only Me (Stimulant DJs Mix) (Tidy white label)
5 Hardbeat	15 Bad Ass (Nukleuz)
6 Rachel Aubur	n Bass Keeps Pumpin' (white label)
7 The Grand	Reload (Tidy Trax)
8 Lemon Eight	Bells Of Revolution (Steve Thomas Mix) (Tripoli Trax)
9 Tony De Vit	The Dawn (Paul Janes Mix) (Tidy Trax)
10 D4	D4b (white label)

TERRY FRANCIS LEATHERHEAD, UK

1 Second Hand Satellites	Multiple Mirrors EP (Hallucination)		
2 River People	Red Bridge (Adults Only)		
3 The Reaver	Potion No 6 (Clyph)		
4 Little Louie Vega	Life Goes On (MAW)		
5 Time To Die	Total Spirit (Ahab)		
6 Ground Level	Feel The Beauty (Dialogue)		
7 Dave	Feeling (Decoce)		
8 100HZ	New Spoons (Format006)		
9 Fonk	Scream And Beg (Abstract Dance)		
10 Trevor Loveys	Faralon (Ephemeral)		

BILL BREWSTER GRIMSBY / LONDON, UK

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Super Science (Grayhound)	
Champagne (Creative Music)	
Do It (Groove On)	
Ping Pong (Swayzak)	
Midnight At West 27th Street (Forensic)	
Discorobat (Rob Mello Mix) (MFF)	
Echo Ecru (Beau Monde)	
A Better Way (Loveslap!)	
Right On, Right On (Soma)	
Tammer (20:20 Vision)	

JASON BYE (HOME) LONDON, UK

1 Freak Project	Beat Of A Drum (Jaison Groov Got U In AM	vlix) (white label)
2 Mephisto Od	ssey Sexy Dancer	(Primate Trax)
3 Lucy Pearl	Don't Mess With My Man (Har	rd Dub) (Virgin)
4 Johnny Fiase	Terminal Fusion Reflex Beats (Doubles	down Records)
5 New Phunk	eory Twi	light (Forensic)
6 Katcha	Touched By God (Peace Divis	ion Mix) (Hooj)
7 DJ Dan	ut That Record Back On (H-Foundatio	n Mix) (Kinetic)
8 Jason Groov	Boomera	ng (white label)
9 Devilfish	Man Alive (Past) (Bush Records)
10 Ben Sims	The Ke	y (Dark Horse)

TOTAL SCIENCE (CIA) OXFORD, UK

1 Digital W	aterhouse Dub / Jah Session (Function)
2 Total Science	Rebel Soul / Street Level (Hardware)
3 Marcus Intalex And ST File	s 305 (CIA)
4 Calibre	Vice (white label)
5 Total Science	Bustin' Loose (Timeless)
6 Zinc	Casino Royal (white label)
7 Dylan	Penitentiary (white label)
8 Total Science	Rated X (Prototype)
9 Phantom	Audio K2 (CIA)
10 Total Science	Make Me Feel EP (CIA)

DJ ADDICTION (SWERVE) COVENTRY, UK

1 Carlito & Addiction	Supergrass (Defunked Recordings)
2 MJ Cole	Sincere (Intalex Remix) (Talkin' Loud)
3 Primary Motive	I Got What U Need (white label)
4 Calibre	Our Love (white label)
5 Danny Byrd	Do It Again (Hospital)
6 Carlito & Addiction	U Got Me Thinking (white label)
7 Calibre	Feeder (dub plate)
8 Marcus Intalex	My Soul (Metalheadz)
9 Klute	Phone Call (Matrix Remix) (Certificate 18)
10 Carlito & Addiction	Find A Way (white label)

DEFUNKT RECORDS

- 1 Various Artists Redhook Sampler (Redhook) 2 Stevie Wonder All I Do (white label)
- 3 MAW Tenth Anniversary Part Two (BBE)
- 4 Various Artists Various! (Moton 14)
- 5 J-Zone Music For Tu Madre (Redhook)
- 6 Mindpower Can't Forget You (Deep Sensation
- Remix) (Money)
- 7 King Tubby & Friends Dub Like Dirt (Simply Vinyl) 8 Deep Sensation LP Sampler (Guidance)
- 9 The Imaginary Visions Texas Rumble (Deep Funk) 10 Jerome Sydeham Presents Aro (Ibadan)

Defunct Records, 69 Great Western Road, Glasgow G2 8RE Tel: 0141-579-5034

PURE GROOVE

- 1 DJ Zinc 138 Trek (Remixes) (Phaze One)
- 2 Ruff Cut/Bias Down (D 'N' D Mix) (Locked On)
- 3 TJ Cases Dedicated To Love (Cut 'N' Play)
- 4 B15 Project Freak Break (Releases) 5 Monsta Boy Sorry (Locked On)
- 6 About 2 Masters In Disguise (white label)
- 7 Artist Unknown Say My Melody (white label) 8 Once Waz Nice Messin' Around (Unit 5 Promo) 9 Wideboys Something's Got Me (Locked On)
- 10 Todd Edwards Incidental (I Records)

Pure Groove, 679 Holloway Road, Archway, London N195SE. Tel: 020-7281-4877

FAT TRAX

- 1 Demon Midnight Funk (FT2000)
- 2 Atjazz Harmony (Mantis)
- 3 Chris Simmons title unknown (Bosh) 4 Metier Body Electric (Coda)
- 5 David Alvarado Sunstone (Peacefrog)
- 6 MD Junior Friday Night (3B)
- 7 Darksoul title unknown (Kanzleramt) 8 Dave Clarke Before I Was... (ICrunch)
- 9 Random Factor (20:20 Vision)
- 10 Nuphunk Theory (Forensic)

Fat Trax, 8 Lansdowne Road Bournemouth BH1 1SD Tel: 01202-292-24

TEST PRESSING CHART

- 1 Daft Punk One More Time (Virgin)
- 2 Peace Division Feel My Drums (Fuju)
- 3 First Choice The Player (Olav Basoski Mix) (Fluential)
- 4 Catamia Exo (Undercurrent) 5 Jark Prongo Rocket Base (PSSSt Music)
- 6 Santos Camel The Remixes (Mantra Vibes)
- 7 Love Rush Same Old Thing (Sandy Rivera Remixes) (Gredence) 8 Junior Sanchez The Man-E Face-Z EP (Yoshitoshi)
- 9 Tombacirra The Sound Of Oh Yeah (United Promo) 10 Billy Lo Untitled (Crydamoure)

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DESERTISLANDDISCO THE INSIDE TRACK ON HUNTING DOWN RARE VINYL

edited by Ralph Moore



LUDOVIC NAVARRE – aka St Germain – has finally found his spiritual home at the legendary jazz imprint Blue Note. Since the mid-Nineties, his innovative use of live musicians and sampling of Afro-American music beyond the well-trodden disco cut-up path has set him apart from his French contemporaries. Ludovic began putting out techno music in the early Nineties with four lacklustre EPs as Sub System, mainly on Atom Records. It wasn't until he joined forces with Eric Morand's FNAC label in 1991 that he got himself noticed.

From 1992-3 he delivered some outstanding moments of deep house and techno. As Deep Contest with DJ Deep came 'The Ripost EP' which included the dark acid funk of 'Sexual Behaviour'. Alongside Gilles Rabiller as Deepside there was the 'Deepside' EP, essential for blissed-out techno cuts 'Prelusion' and 'Heart Of Space'. Then came the more experimental 'Seclude' EP and the sublime 'Tolerance' EP, minus Gilles but still funking with the standout track 'French'. Ludovic also teamed up with labelmate Shazz to release two straight-up house EPs as L 'N' S ('Good For Me' and 'Disco Inferno').

Switching to the name Soofle, he unleashed the mighty, Detroit-influenced 'Nouveau' EP. Staying on the deep tip, there was also Navarre's 'Modus Vivendi' as – yep – Modus Vivendi on Warp. But it was on FNAC that he released his first material as St Germain with 'French Traxx' and 'Motherland', two EPs that set the blueprint for the smooth jazz sounds to follow. It's also worth mentioning his work with Laurent Garnier while at FNAC – most notably the ambient techno anthem 'Acid Eiffel'. He also co-produced and mixed Gamier's 'A Bout De Souffle' EP.

In 1994, Eric Morand and Laurent Garnier left FNAC in to set up F Communications. Navarre and most of the FNAC roster duly followed and continued to record under various guises including DS ('Volumes 1 & 2'), Nuages ('Blanc' EP) and a 12-inch for Dutch label DJax as Hexagon ('Burning Trax Floor'). He also released a one-off 12-inch as St Germain-En-Laye (named after his home town), 'The Mezzotinto' EP, which included the uptempo samba track 'Soul Salsa Soul' which was later included on the reissued 'Alabama Blues' in the UK.

It wasn't until he reverted to the St Germain name that the world stood up and took notice. In the opening months of 1995 he released the trilogy of 'Boulevard' EPs which were later compiled on one LP. A heady fusion of jazz, blues, house, dub and hip hop, standout tracks include 'Deep Into It', 'Thank You Mum' and 'Easy To Remember'. This was followed by 'Alabama Blues' in late 1995, which came with Todd Edwards remixes.

Following legal legal wrangles with F Communications, Navarre disappeared for four years before resurfacing on Blue Note earlier this year with the shuffling blues of 'Rose Rouge'. The critically acclaimed album 'Tourist' then followed. After a long time in the wilderness, it was well worth the wait.

LUDOVIC NAVARRE

BURIED TREASURE

CHAKA KHAN - WHAT CHA' GONNA DO FOR ME (WARNER BROTHERS, 1981)



IT'S FUNNY what flying can do to your mind. Caught between New York and LA with nothing to do but drink and think, producer Arif Mardin conceived an album in tribute to mid-Forties musical pioneers like Donald Byrd. Brash, bright and bristling with energy, Chaka Khan was crazy about the idea. Herbie Hancock and Dizzy Gillespie both appear on this lush, expansive excursion. A 40minute ride through sax and soul, it showcases Chaka at her most expressive. Thomas Bangalter sampled 'Fate' for that unforgettable Stardust lick, ATFC's 'Bad Habit' pinched the horn from 'I Know You, I Live You' and a track filching from 'Heed The Warning' is probably being recorded somewhere in Paris or Miami as we speak. (RM)



Deepside

Deepside EP (FNAC 2x12-inch, 1992) £20 Six-track double pack with Gilles Fabiller, Sides A and B contain deep techno tracks 'Prelusion' and 'Heart Of Space' while the rest is on a tougher tip.

Deep Contest

The Ripost EP (FNAC 12-inch, 1993) £10 This three track EP with DJ Deep includes the prime-time techno-funk of 'Sexual Behaviour' and the 10-minute ambient textures of 'Sunday Morning'.

Soofle

Nouveau EP (FNAC 12inch, 1993) £10 This time he's in cahoots with his mate Shazz. Four tracks of quality Detroit techno a la Carl Craig and Derrick May.

Suburban Knight

The Art Of Stalking (FNAC 12-inch, 1993) £20 Three sizzling mixes of the Transmat classic from 1990 from Mr Navarre, though you can't beat the original, Monsieur!

St Germain

French Traxx EP (FNAC 12-inch, 1993) £10 A very basic and, well, tracky fourtrack EP. Just before the eclecticism sets in, Navarre explores his US house influences.



Deepside

Tolerance EP (FNAC 12-inch, 1993) £10 A solo effort under the guise of Deepside. More Carl Craig influences on the sublime track 'French' and the equally fluffy 'II'.

Laurent Garnier

A Bout De Souffle EP (FNAC 12-inch, 1993) £15

Co-produced and mixed by Ludovic. Navarre, 'Breathless' and 'Wake Up' are proto-trance classics.

St Germain

Alabama Blues (F Communications 12-inch, 1995) £20 One of Mr Navarre's finest moments, although somewhat overshadowed by those infamous Todd Edwards mixes.

Shazz & Saint Germain

Muse Q The Music (E Communications 12-inch, 1996) £10 His last proper release on F Comm, featuring Derek Bays on vocals and a quality deep garage track.

St Germain

Boulevard - The Complete Series' (F Communications LP/CD, 1995) £15 Not too hard to find but still an essential purchase. Still sounds as good now as it did then.

In Demand

1) Duke So In Love With You (48K) \$8 2) Yothu Yindi Treaty (Peace Division Mix) (Mushroom) 36 3) Johnny Corporate Sunday Shouting (Defected) \$10 4) DJ Zinc 138 Trek (Phase One) &6 5) DJ Pierre Wet Dreams (NuCamp) &4 6) Dirty Beatniks Whores, Freaks, Saints and Angels (Circulation Remix) (Wall Of Sound) &? 7) Light Force Join Me (Slinky) £4 8) Darude Feel The Beat (Neo) #4 9) Chicane Autumn Antics (Xtravaganza) \$4 10) Dajas Time (Credence) \$4

Record Shop Of The Month



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and send stock out recorded delivery. Which celebrity jocks propup the bar? Rocky and Diesel, Dr Bob Jones, Frankie Valentine and Kenny Dope. They say: "Soulful music for funky people." out a monthly newsletter Muzik says: "We agree!"





HIGHLISE

new weekly residency starting in december Jacques lu Cont (Les Rythmes Digitales) residents: Metro, The Rinse in assocation with XFM and Jockey Slut, Whole 9 Yards, Sixfoot Stereo, Mixologists every thursday at home / 10pm-3am / door price: £5 NUS / £7 other / £3.50 members drinks: vodka + mixer including red bull £2 premium bottled beer £2

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16/11/00

2/11/00

Jason Bye Lisa German Stuart Patterson (Soulsonic)

9/11/00

Antony Bebawi

Metro **Ross Allen** Rob Wood Michael Morley

Whole Nine Yards Meat Katie Dylan Rhymes **Terminal Head** Shut Up and Dance (live)

Jacques Lu Cont Antony Bebawi

6ft Stereo Democracy on the decks 23/11/00

Tayo Lisa German

Mixologists Afro

Mukatsuku (UK DMC Team Battle Champions) 30/11/00

Laundry Rikky Rock Alison Marks

Ollie Grooves Damien Isaacs Steve DeConga

Acid Jazz Eddie Pillar Snowboy (Jazz Café)

Paul Murphy Sir Tristan Longworth 7/12/00

Jacques Lu Cont Antony Bebawi

The Rinse (in assoc. with XFM and Jockey Slut Rob Wood James Hyman Special Guest

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2000'S GREATEST ALBUMS, SINGLES, GLOTHES AND CANERS NEW! IMPROVED ALL-ACTION INSOMNIA SECTION: CLUBBING HAS NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD ALL THE MONTH'S HOTTEST RELEASES REVIEWED BY THE NATION'S TOP TRAINSPOTTERS

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NOV 8TH – DEC 12TH

"YOUSEF PLAYED THE LAST SLOT IN THE MAIN ROOM AND FUCKING BLEW THE PLACE APART" IT'S BEEN A MONTH of madness and mayhem. What with San Francisco, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool, I certainly do get around. The long overdue opening of Sankeys Soap in Manchester restored my faith in clubbing. Tribal Sessions – hot, funky and heaving, with Felix Da Housecat guesting alongside resident star Mark Turner. If the opening night is anything to go by, bring it on!

Then on to the opening of Code's Saturday night, Babooshka. God's Kitchen's newest venture and definitely one for the glamour pusses and study stallions. Danny Rampling housing it up and causing many a stillettoed babe to crawl home with sore feet – or was that just me?

Then it was off on a quick jaunt to San Francisco for my birthday, covering the Naked Music Pool Party (see Floorfillers for juice) and then onto another glorious birthday at Cream. The latter being eight and me being all of erm... 25. Celebrating my birthday might not quite be what it used to be, I'll tell you that much, but the ever-youthful Cream's birthday celebration was particularly special.

At Bugged Out!, Yousef played the last slot in the main room for the first time and fucking blew the place apart. The Chemical Brothers had the crowd begging for more and X-Press 2 worked like demons all night. And we love demons.

At Cream, Tall Paul played an unusually deep set (not that I'm complaining), Seb Fontaine and Timo Maas played back to back and Pete 'Tongy' Tong brought the roof down in the Courtyard. Not literally of course. Steve Lawler tech-ed it up in the Annexe and after having thoroughly exhausted myself I came to the obvious conclusion that regardless of what I say, I do love birthdays. Particularly creamy ones.

Next month, inside gossip on the biggest night in Muzik history!

Tongy Tally Pauly



"Come this way, miss, it's time for your relaxation pills"

















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Q: Which DJs have mixed 'The Annual 2000'?

Please send answers to: The Annual Comp, Muzik Magazine, IPC Media, King's Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS

THE MIDLANDS

FUCKING HELL, was it really a year ago that we were all moaning about New Year's Eve door prices? It doesn't seem like two minutes ago. Then again when all your weekends blur into one, you're never likely to remember a great deal are you? It doesn't help, of course, when new clubs spring up all the time. One new club on the block has surfaced in the shape of The Edge. Further spoiling the Notts crowds with regular visits by local heroes Global & Goodfella (Breakdown), Emma (DiY) and Drop's Inland Knights you'd be well advised to keep your eye on this one. One club that you don't need to keep an eye on (mainly because it's so massive already) is God's Kitchen. Having taken over the main room duties at the recent South Coast Weekender, the Brum-based crew have got yet more tricks and traps up their sleeves. Since the launch of Code last month, Fridays are God's Kitchen while Saturdays is housier with Babooshka. Get those feather boas out! As another year of naughty shenanigans looms, its my intention to make 2001 a less spaced odyssey. Really, though, who do I think I'm kidding? All together now: C'MON! (SM)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Club Earth Frisay Neveriber 17th at Reymondo's Canal, Wolve hempton Expect: Alax Pluska Nevillo, Jo Mills, and Hed Kandi.

ERude Rhythms Friday Dec 1 st at Charlstna, Stafford Expect: The Dirty Bestniks.

Atomic Jam Saturday November 18th at The Que Club; Birmingham Expect: Richa Hawtin, Trever Rockiffe and Groovander

Edentity Saturcay December 9th at The Quarry, Heath Lane Lincs. Expect: DJ Elte, Steve Thomas and Trever Rockliffe

FRIDAY

Bliss Every Friday at the La Vida. 174 High Street, Rugby. 01788-539-234/07713-078-966. 10pm 4em. 55 Resident Blove Lao, Caja Pedents and Nei Appale serve up some quality turns for a serously La birt formati. Guasta include Fragic (Dea:Bin), Jimmy Hill (Sth.) 4/K (22ruh) and "Komanda (29th). Dross Gode: Value an affort Gapacity:1 259

Bonus Ball Forthighty Frdays at The Lenton, likeston read. Nathingham, CHT5 9789746. Sym-Zam, E.2. Big beat, oid skool and Ting Hoo with readoms. Tome, Midser Bann and Reputy III. And P. Speciala include Breakheat Therapy (Nov 24th), and Rockrafta Skark (Dee Brth). Dress Goden (None Capacity; 200)

Breakdown Vontnly Fildays at The Bomb. Bridlesmith Gate Nottingham. 0115-950-6667. 10-3am. 96/37.

Family Xmas together with Tony Global & Goodfella, Anthony B, Hot Toddy (Ive), Simon 'Neon' White and Johnny C & J Vibe (Dec 6th). **Dress Code:** None **Gapacity:** 600

Bubblelove Fiday Decender 15th at Madia The Eine Buleng Queens Strat Mattingham (DT5 971-5000) 015 925 - 1440 303 cm. 334-badiary fals. An end of term special with John Kelly, Mark Moree, JFK and Lorosche, Also fasturing Paul Jones and Sax Dece Rename Bays with the Silten Free Entric Dance Company. **Dress Odde:** (Dh yes **Capacity** 300)

Casino Weekly Fridays at The Sanctuary, Digbeth Street, Brinningham, UrS0084000:D/E1. 10pm-4am. 557/511 There momis of upiliting funky UK garage with Timmi Magio, Nomis De Ross, Nightmata, Jagano Don and MCS Oread, Badness and Scando (Dec 1sc), and Spoony, The Heartless Crew, DJ Ladylove, Cosmic and MCS Sparks & Kie. Julcarema and Lynker (Rhv). Threas Gode Weis Anorthere at Vitarieras Ganacitival Carls

Club Earth Fortnightly Fridays at Raymondo's Canal British Waterways Yard, Wolverhampton. D121-687-4012

Britsk Wahrweys Yan: Whotentampton, UK21-667-4002 10-3am, £9/5776610.5. New singht from Charlen Cleaster et al launching this month. Three taxishmoons featuring Alax PLuke Neville. Jimmy Hill Carl Hoyaek, Ju Mills Dave Pociotica. Ale Robinson and Hall Kard (Nev Fith), and Lisa Loud, Yamada. Jimmy Hill, Jo Mills and Jim Start Ryan (241).

Dress Code: make an effort Capacity: 600

DIY's Floppy Disco Monthly Fridays at The Bornb, Bridlesmith Gate. Nottingham. 0115-950-6667. 10-3am. 26/97.

Special guests to be confirmed alongside Digs & Woosh, Emma and Ochourne (Nov 17th). Dress Code: Norie Capacity: 600

God's Kitchen Weekly Fidays at Code. 49 Glob Street Digbeth, Birningham. 0121-693-2633. 9:30-4am. s107/997/68

Residents AJ Gibson, Daniel Scot, Martin Find and Tyone de Sarvey ara joined by Bil Peal and Scott Bront (Nov Trih), Judge Judes (24m), Marce Trotto and Alex P (Doc 1st). Tali Paid and Soniques (the) (Bhi), and Judge Jules and Fargie (15th). **Dress Code:** Make the effort **Capacity:** 1400

Hard Drive Launch Party Media Elte Eurläng, Queen Street Nictrophen, 930pm-238an, 5528. October 136 nees the start of this rew cubin right. Gives include Fengie Lee Hadam and Strann Quee, Nukleur Records party guests include 34. Nick Semience and Stream Quee (Nov (Nov 10h)). Dress Ooder, None Capacity: Lock.

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Rucle Rhythms Weekly Fridays at Charama, North Walks, Stafford, 0785-228-557 3-2am 55/54. Now night hestaft by Chicken Lgs and Kristle McCara, puests include Scenty Sandwich (Nov 24th), Dirty Beaths (Die 1 st), Miles Hollway (15th), and Tany Negas (29th). Dress Ooden Nore Gapacitys (300) Pulvertum Firstand second Finkey of the month at The Ministry, 22 Abbay Ro, Abbay Foregate, Strewsbury, DMA3-333-367. 930-2am. 69/35 Progressive House and trace from residents Martin Starr and DJ Page Nature, Bernit Class (New Thit) and Cat Holycak (Cec 1st). Dress Gode: Nore Capacity; 300

Slinky Weeky Fridays at Industra, 57 Walknd Read, Lanster (116-233-4788: 10-lean, s107/eE/37. Sirk on down with Yanon Posito, Dan Bailey and Lisa Loud (Dee Lis), Sacker Comme and Bordon Kaye (Bh), John Kelly, Ame Sacego and Lisa Lashes (Tin), and Graham Baid, Lieke Neville, Jen Off Flammg and Commite (22nd) **Diress Ocdes:** Sincy **Capacity:** Many

Storm Weekly Fridays at The Empolem, 67 Belvin Read, Cashile, 01333-015-278 9-53m, 55, Angh of tendensita hard house with reakient Nick Lum and guests that Include Fargia, Ame Strange and am M (Nov 7011), Lisa Lastas and Save Thomas (1701), Lisa Pan-Up and Andry Farley (2411), Ian M and Yok Refletty (Dec. 1st), and Fergie and Lisa Pan-Ug(311). Dress Oode: Cultweer Capacity 1500

Tyrant Monthly Fridays at The Bomb, Bridlesmith Gate, Nothinghem. 0115-5906 6057. 10-3am. 59. Charg Achards, Lee Bunidge and Hyper Jay The best In techno, house and Invasibles: (Tiles 1 al.). Dress Code: None Capacity: Huge

■ Ultravegas Wesky fridays at The Empire Lesure Pranz Control Mitton Keynes, 0906-302-000, 9:50-3cm, 93/3/W56/55. There notes to violatione areas and more brais than you can shake a stok at i Guesta include Lisa Pin-Up, Pete & Rossell, Manous Jones Matt Ryter Chaig Balley and Russell Devision (Nev 11H). Lisa Loud, FK, Nick Normen, Rich J Pascov, Glann Woods, Kentz and Dusk (Deo 1st), Eay (Drazich Like Nevdle, Nick Rater, Manous Jones and Mart Ryter & Rob J Pascov, Glan Woods, Rater, Jones and Mart Ryter & Rob J Pascov, Glan Marte, Pateria

Davoli Rob J Passow Marcus Jones, Gleen Woods, Kentz, Dusk and MCs Dan-EP and OJ (15th). Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 7,000

SATURDAY

MAtomic Jam Saturday November 18th at The Que Club, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 0121-212-0550, 9:30-Bam, \$13:50.

Everyons of technol, drum and bass, fullky house, breakbeat and hip hop from Richie Bavdin, Tervar Rickliffs, Colin Farer, Ade Feron and Tony Work in room one. Growentien Rule Tice, Rathy and Fallout in room two while Laurance & Andy, Rice & Steve, Rob Lynch, Bethers Buil and rore take free horizonns. **Dress Coder:** Nore **Gapacity:** 2000

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■ Bitchin' Weekly Sandays at the Kamel Dub. Off Freeschwilliams & Highmass Street, Leicester, 0116-225-1429 3:0: Gam. (27:38 Polyse call right with Dearnon Bill. Dave Oldesteav, Ban Encor and Durum (Nov 25:1), to be announced (Dec 2nd), a Resistance San & Suomission party with Makolin Duffy Alam Thompson, Jernes Daear and Chad Lewis (Shi), and an Nalam Sallino Orgy with Andrew Gales, Nail Appeal, lan Wills and Spencer (18th). Decess Onder with Imagination Gapacity Licals

Drop The Bomb Weekly Saturdays at The Bomb, Brickesmith Gate, Notingham, 0115-950-6667, 10-3am, 58/510

Passias Dave Congreen, Timm Shaw, Raverand Car Bootleg, Simon Neur, What and Dana Anderson are pixed by the Wingle Sound System Terry Francis and Nathen Coles, Andy Smith and Kelvin Andrews (Nie Teth), D.Fakcin, Aim mini Kehrin Andrews (2015), Phil Peny, Fat Day Recordings and Kelvin Andrews (Deo 2nd). Devid Holmas, Mark Rea and Gelini Andrews (Dio 2nd). Devid Holmas, Mark Rea and Gelini Andrews (Dio), and Layo & Bushrackal Unemoties and Kelvin Andrews (Dio). **Dress Ooder**: No Drasher Kidel **Capacity:** 6000

 Eclentity Seturday December 9th at The Quarry Heath Lane, Metheringham, Lincs. 01526-532-507, 9.30-4am \$117510759 NUS. DJ Eite is joined by Steve Thomas. Trever Rockill fe and Paul

Sinciair Dress Code: Don't be a sheep Capacity: 600

Goodbye Cruel World Weekly Saturdays at Mosquito Coast, St Nicholas Place, Leicester. 0116-254-9966. 10-3am. £8

Residents Boy Wunda, Mark Luxdup, Mark Fuccio, Lonsdale, Danny Whitlock and Steve Genrard plus appearances from special guests! **Dress Gode:** None **Capacity:** Loads

Hotdog Weekly Saturdays at The Lost Weekend, 169-173 Huntington Street, Notlingham, 0116-225-1429, 9-3am, \$10/\$12

Join Lisa Lashes: Lonsdale and Christian (Nov 25th) Houtog Dasse Party with Huggy Burger Queen, Lonsdale and Paul Lyman (Dec 2nd), a Serious Sior with J-K. Henge and Neid Agoree (3th) a Holdog and Serious Toir at Northightam Tient Uhi (15th), and an Jonas Special with John Kally, Lisa Lastes and Lonsdale (15th). **Dress Code:** Whatener you dare **Gapacity:** Mary

Miss Moneypenny's Weekly Saturdays at Bonds Nightslub, Hampton Street, Birmingham. 0121-693-6960. 9 30-2 30am. £12/£10.

Joining resident Vick Gillet are Jim Shaft Ryan. Al Mackenzie and Nai Akins Kilov 18:h). Tom Wanwingth, Kidob, and Andy Waid (25th). Norman Jay, Asheligh West and Jim Bresse (Dao 2nd), and Linde (bb). Sizese Gerard with more to be confirmed (8th). Dresse Ooder: Funky Gapacity: Many

Passion Weekly Saturdays at Emportum, 67 Behoir Read, Daville, UE30-BB-278 9-3am \$12/511/510. Residents JFK and Anny Weerer anglemed by special guests like Paul Oskenfold. See Fantaine. Matthew Roberts and Knee Deep (Dec Zhu), and Stear Billiss, Brandon Block, Arziko Da Bass and Norman Jay (3h). MNIC Project and UJ Canete in the Redioency **Tress Ooder** Hio jears/sport/swar Capacitys: 1500

Renaissance Weekly Saturdays at Media. Queen Stratt, Nottingham. D115-510-1111. 10:30-Barn. £15/;212/£10. Resident Dave Sarama is pined this month by Jimmy Yani Mard On H Fuid (Not 11th), Carl Cau, Marcus James and Dai Flaud (10th). Stive Lawler, DJ Ramy and Pela Goding (25th). Deep Dish and Doi thuid (Dee 2nd) a Back To Bacca night with Jon Pleased Wimmin, Anthory Pagas. Rajki Lawson and Doi thuid (10th), and Tall Paul. Parks 4. Wiscon. Nigel Davasci and Doi thuid (10th). and Tall Paul. Parks 6. Xillison, Nigel Davasci and Doi thuid (10th).

Sensoria Fortnightly Saturdays at Bar Central, 722 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes. 0525-240-741. 9-3am. 25/26.

House, trainee and live percussion with Kelth Hurley and Paul Gifford-Smith and monthly resident Blu Pleter. Disease include Keith Hurley and AKA (3 hours) (Nov 25th), Blu Pleter, Pete Brown and Keith Hurley (Dec 9th), and the Ximas Cyter Masquerade residents general (25th). Diress Code: Cholch (Carpacity), 330

<u>SUNDAY</u>

Chuff Chuff Sunday November 19th at a top secret location! 0121-693-6960.

Miss Moneypenny's renewined glamourpuss party is back and this Roman Orgy Party features Roger Sanchez, Allister Whitehead and Norman Jay with the usual shameless shenanigans! Dress Code: Togas! Capacity: ???

■ Diabio Weekly Sundays at The Junction 21 Midland Street, Lekoster, 07902-051-588 Bpm-Midinght, £5. Bunkers of hardhouse action with Tany Hann and guests which include Andy Fanley, Medame Friction. Dan Madams, Simon E, Ed Real and Jichany Dangerous. Dress Oode: Hone Capacity: Loads

Polysexual Weeky Surdays at Code. 49 Heath Mil Lare, Digbeth, Birmingham. 0121 693 2633. 4pm-Midmight. 28. Readonts Forgie and Lisa Lashes are joined by James Deen and Aan Thompson (Nov 12th), Dave Didershaw and The Sharp Boys (18th) and James Deen and Ziad (28th). **Dress Oode:** None **Capacity:**/losts

TUESDAY

Bar Becllam Weekly Tuesdays at Droc, 6-8 Holloway Croux, Birmingham, 0121-643-1400, Midday until Zam, Free, Residents Save Bridger, Stave Genrand and Luiki Ostourne showcase the best Bedroom Bedlam tallent. All for a good cause. Dress Oode: Kone Gapacity: 200

WEDNESDAY

■ Get It On Monthly Wednesdays at Sugar, Tavistock Streat, Lemington Spa. 07796-142-686. 10pm-2am. £5. Residents Ratty, APB and MC Mavenic with special guast.




Erocverider (Dec 4th). Dress Gode: None Capacity: 650

Hotdog Wachesdey December 13th at Nationgham Trent University, Byron House, Shakespeare Street, Notlingham, 9 30-2 30am, NUS only End of term special with a Hotdog and Sencus Tour Neaturing

Endia term special with a Mologrand Sentiats four learaing Judge Jules: Lonsdale: Neil Appeal, Dan and Marley (Dec 13th) Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Pulvertun Fortnightly Wednesdays at The Ministry 22 Abbay Foregiate, Snewsbury, Snroushire. 01743-353-357 House and transe with residents Pablo P and Martin Starr alongside guiasts

Dress Code: Relaxed Capacity: 300

Red Wardy Wardresday: a Code. 49 Heath Mill Lare Dippet: Rimmingtam. (1021-833) 2633 9-2 Silam. 34:45 NUS With Dame Soft and Ald Globen on relation a register Dave Oldershav, James Alem. On its Turne and a host of rew teamt. Dress Code: None Capacity: Linads

THURSDAY

A Cut Above Monthly Trunsleys at The Bomb Brolesmith Gate Nattingham, 0115-950-6667, 10-2:30am, 28/27 NUS UK garage and beats from Menin, Dominik D, Lagio, DJ Jem and

un garage and deals inclinivienni, blinnink (), colgo, bol dem and more (Dec 14th) **Dress Gode:** None **Capacity:** 600

Bassic Thursday December 7that The Borra Bridesmith Gate Variangham DTIE 960 6607, 10-2 Clam Stoc. Drum & bass, jazzy braeks and future soul and house from Doc South Matrix OL Prines and MCP Hue. UK parage from Chris Lockdown and guasts. Dress Code: None Capacity: 600

Big Beat Boutique Monthly Thursdays at The Somb, Bridesmith Gate, Nottingham, OT15-950-6667 10-250an, Stor.

Brand new night featuring big beat's finest. Guests are the unbeatable Fatboy Slim, Cut La Rock Kelwin Andrews and Funky. Nassau (Nov 30th) Dress Code: None Capacity: 600

 Drumfunk Vonthly Thursdays at The Bomb. Brid esmith Gate. Notingham. 0115-950-6667. 10-2.30am. \$7/£6 NUS.

Breakbeat and funk with Stride & Logic and Bentley Rhythm Ace and Wrighty (Nov 16th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 600

Insight Monthly Thursdays at The Bomb, Bridesmith Gate, Nortingtam, 0115-950-6667, 10-2.30am, 26/57 NUS. Breakbast, house and hip hop with Bentley Rhythm Ace and Stride & Logic (Nov 16th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 600

 Mini-Bubblelove Fathightly Thursdays at The Venue, Leicester University, Leicester, 0116-225-1440, 930-2am

Thursday session with Self Fontane, Lonsdaia. Paul Lyman and Ade (Nov TEth), and the end of term Ximas perty with Jucige Jules. Commin. Lonsdale. Nell Appeal and Spencer (Dec 7th). Dress Code: Bubblicieus tancy drsss Capacity: Many

BEDROOM BEDLAM DIARY DECEMBER 2000

Bedroom Bedlam Thursday Nov 30th at Sun & 13 Cantons, Great Pulteney Street, London W1. 7-11pm. Free. The launch of a bi-weekly residency for the up and coming talent which is Bedroom Bedlam. Check out Steve Gerrard (The Champ of 2000) and Will Soul playing the best breaks in town.

Subspace Friday 15th Dec at The Medicine Bar, Digbeth, Birmingham. 07977-446-362. 9-2am. £2/£3, DJs on the night Mike Truman (Hybrid DJs), Richard Ford and Steve Gerrard. Miss this one and you may as well miss Christmas!

Sugarcandy Saturday 16th Dec at The End, 18 West Central Street, London WC1. 020-77419-9199. 9-6am. £13/£15 non-members.

This Christmas Special is special with Leftfield DJ Paul Daley, Nick Rapacciolli, X-Press 2 (tbc), The Problem Kids and Matt Lawes in the main room. In the Lounge it's The Distinctive and Distinctive Breaks Christmas party with Hybrid DJs, Richard Ford, Steve Gerrard and special guests!

Eden Every second Saturday of the month at The Quarry, Heath Lane, Metheringham, Lincolnshire, 01526-832-507. 9.30-4am. £11/£9 members, NUS. Ben Metcalf takes you to paradise.

Ramshackle every Friday at the Canal Club in Wolverhampton and every Saturday at the Sanctuary in Birmingham.

This is a must if you live in the area. Steve Gerrard and friends spin. Check www.ramshackle.org.uk

Slushpuppy every Monday at Snobs nightclub, Paradise Circus, Birmingham. 0121-643-5551. 9.30-2am. £1.50/ £2/ Free NUS. Steve Gerrard and Carlton and guests. Everything from indie to breakbeat, first come first served!

Goodbye Cruel World Leicester's busiest Saturday night will be the first club outside of London to have a Bedroom Bedlam residency. The club will have a different BB star every week like Dr Rubberfunk (Nov 11th), Steve Gerrard (18th), Shredded Pete (25th), Roberto Marroni (Dec 2nd), and Steve Gerrard (9th).

Warm Up Every Third Friday at The Castle, 100 Holland Park Avenue, London W11. 8-11.30pm, If you can get into the place you'll be lucky! With Bedroom Bedlam Award nominee Roberto Marroni.

NSOMNIA

LONDON & THE HOME COUNTIES

THE YULETIDE season is looming and as I book the quickest flight outta here, the Xmas parties begin. But compared to last year, New Year's Eve seems strangely lacking in parties. In fact, no one's bothering!! Still, never mind, this month's highlights are as follows: The End celebrates their fifth year as one of the best underground nights in London with Ram Records on the Friday and the Subterrain crew on the Saturday. I know where I'll be. Freedom celebrate four fabulous years, with Alex Pcausing mischief no doubtalongside the usual crew of Lisa Pin-Up and Colin Aubrey. Other musts include Soma's Xmas party with DJ Rolando and Envoy doing a live show. And if you want a bit of intimacy, catch Josh Wink at Space on November 15th. (KY)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Freedom

Assembler 11th at Baoley's Film Studios Expect: Birthday special with Alex F. Matt Casser, Andy Manston, Colin Aubrey, Mike Ruffout Lloyd and more

Deep South

riday November 24th at Home London Expect: Roger Sanchez and Sunday Best with Rob Da Bank Beat Tom Middleton and Ton Love Lee

Wednesday November 15th at Bar Rumba, London Expect: Josh Wink

The End's Fifth Birthday Weekend of December 1st and 2nd at The End, London Expect: Ram Records and the Subterrain Crew!

FRIDAY

Azuli's Easy Riders Friday December 1 at at The Elbow Rooms, 89-94 Chapel Market, Islangton, N1, £6/£4. Supporting World AIDS Day, DJ Paulette and the Azuli gang provide the deck entertainment while you provide the support. Dress Code: Red ribbon Capacity: 600

Big Beat Boutique Versus Bugged Out Friday December 1 st at Fabric, 77a Charterhouse Street, London SE1_020-7490-0444_10-5am_\$8/\$10 Special Xmas treats from Fatboy Slim, more special quests to be announced, and the Boutique residents, James Holroyd, Rob Bright and David Holmes Dress Code: None Capacity: 2,500

Brandon Block's Big Night Out Weekly Fridays at Area, 46 The Parade, High Street. Watford 01923-281-500. 9-3am. £8/£10. A mix of uplifting house and a great deal of misbehavin' from Brandon Block and guests that include Diesel, Dirty's Wayne O'Connell, Paul Gardner, Scotty and more (Nov 10th), Frankie Foncett, Danny Keith, Chris Good, Wayne O'Connell, Paul Gardner, Danii B and Richie Wheels (17th), Norman Jay, Danny Keith, Chris Good, Wayne @'Connell, Paul Gardner, Scotty, Dani B and Richie Wheels (24th). Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 2,000



Cookin' Friday November 10th at The Find 18 West Central Street, 020-7419-9199, 10-5am, £8/£5, LU Bukern, Derrick May and Raw Deal host the main room while Gilles Peterson, Alex Dallas and Mr C misbehave in the lounge. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Deep South Wackly Fridays at Home, 1 Leicester Square 020-7909-0000, 10-late £12/£10. Levels one and three feature residents Steve Lawler, Lisa German Smokey Beats, Carbon Records and guests while level two plays host to drum & bass presented by Buildozer. Guests are Futureshock, Tom Stephan, Brave New World, DJ Rap, Kenny Ken. Stingray, Paul Barkworth and Alex Newland (Nov 17th), Roger Sanchez, ATM Special with DJ Torm, Brockie, Kalm, and Sunday Best with Rob Da Bank, Bent, Tom Middleton and Tim Love Lee. (24th), Satoshi Tomile, Eukatech Records with Richard Summerhaves and Nils Hess and Crispin Summerville (Dec 1st) and Tom Stephan, Carbon Records' Wilde & Lee and Crispin Sommervile (8th) Dress Code: Smart Capacity: Huge

Elements Friday November 17th at The Electrowerkz Terrens Street, London: 020-7328-7767. 10.30-5-30am. £9/£7. Progressive, moal trance and deep tech-house with Red Jerry. Slacker, Blim, Clive Henry (Peace Division) Murray Richardson and Dan Solo Dress Code: A smile Capacity: Many

Fabric Live Weekly Fridays at Fabric, 77a Charterhouse Street London SE1.020-7490-0444. 10-5am \$8/\$10

Voted hest club at the Ericsson Muzik Awards ... Join Bent (live) Scratch Perverts, James Lavelle. Touché. Barry Ashworth Grooverider Alex Reece, Stanton Warriors, Plump DJs, Tayo and more (Nov 17th), True Playaz nicht with Hype, Zinc, Pascal, J.J. Frost, Andy C, Brockie, Swift, Paul Daley, James Lavelle, The Psychonauts and Ross Alien (24th), Hipp-E & Halo, Inland Knights. Grain Richards, Joel Mull, Richard Sen (Bronx Dons), Terry Francis, Tayo, Mastomic (Dec 2nd), and John Digweed. Draig Richards. Terry Francis, Nathan Coles, Asad, Bob Jones and St John Da Zilva (9th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 2,500

Fiction Week'v Fridays at The Cross, King's Cross Goods Yard York Way. 020-7439-9009 11-late. £12/£8. DJs on rotation are Malcolm Duffy, Cosmo Miguel P, Harj, Justin Ballard, Dave Jordan and Fat Tony. Special guests to be confirmed. Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

Friction Friday December 15th at The End, 18 West Central Street, 020-7419-9199, 10-5am, £10/£8, Adam Freeland, Rannie Pilgrem, Tayo, Plump DJs, Promo. Stoned Asia and Sunday Best. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

The Gallery Weakly Fridays at Turnmills, 63 Clerkenwell Road, 020-7250-3409, 10-730am, £10/£8, Guests this month are Jimmy Van M, Sister Bliss, Darren Stokes, Jon Pleased Enzo Carl Clarke, Phil Perry and Mucho Macho (Nov 17th) Julesy, Sander Kleinenberg, Timo Maas, Steve Lee, Alex Anderson, Glasgow Gangster Funk and Craig Burger Queen (24th) Tall Paul, Sister Bliss, Parks & Wilson, Lottie, Darren Christian and a night of Special Needs (Dec 1st), and Sister Bliss, Lisa Loud, Tula, Alison Marks, Rob Wood and BAD Soundsystem with Toby (8th). Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

KHz Friday November 10th at Mass, St. Matthews Church, Brixton Hill, 020-7274-6470, 10-Eam. Free before: 10pm, \$10/\$8

Jimmy Van Malleghern, Luke Brancaccip and Marcus Wallis in room one with Peace Division, Night Nurse and David Scave go deep in the back. Dress Code: Anything Capacity: Loads

Liberty Weekly Fridays at Club Colosseum 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, London, 020-7627-1283, 10:30-5:30am, 912/98. UK garage, old shool and drum & bass from residents Martin Lamer and Piec Piper with MCs Charlie Brown and Teller and quests. Dress Code: No caps/tracks. Is Capacity: 1500

Milk & 2 Sugars Friday November 17th at The End, West Central Street, London, 020-8767-9923, 10-5am, £10/£8 Double Ericsson Muzik Award winner Spiller is the guest of honour alongside Kevin Yost, Miss Jools and Kenny Charles. Carl Clarke Ben Davis and Alan Unix' Chamberlain host the Jourge Dress Code: Dress up to get down Capacity: 900

Move Weekly Fridays at Ministry Df Sound, 103 Gaunt Street, 020-7378-6528 www.minstryofsound.com 10.30-late \$10/\$8/\$6

Simove kicks off the month with MJ Cole, EZ, Timmi, Jason Kave, Specialists, Matt White and Swing (Nov 17th), and a Progression Session with LU Bukern, Blame MC Conrad. Surgery Steve Smith and Corrie (24th). Dress Gode: Smart and funky Gapacity: 1,200

Moving Shadow Friday November 24th at The End, 18 West Central Street, 020-7419-9199, 10-6am, £13/£10. EZ Rollers (live), Rob Playford, Dom & Roland, Technical Itch. Growerider, CJ Kraze, Bad Company and many more Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Night People Weekdy Fidays at Bar Rumba. Shaftesbury Avanue, W1, 020-7287-6933, 9-4am, £12/£8. Ben and Pete BBE mash up the finest in soulful, jazzy, funky ves every week with special guests Dress Code: Whatever Capacity: 450

Perverted Science Monthly Fridays at 333, 333 Old Street London 07787-157-978 10-late, Stbc. Join The Unsung Heroes, Organic Audio, DJ Hyper, John Reynolds, Pete Herbert, L., Orson, ADJ and the Greedy Giants (Nov 17th). Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Ram Records & The End's Fifth Birthday Friday December 1 st at The End, 18 West Central Street 020-7419-9199 10-6am £13/£10. Kicking off the birthday celebrations with Andy C. Red One, Hype, Moving Fusion, Shimon, Randall, Ed Rush & Optical and special guest to be confirmed in the main room. Bryan Gee, Danny Breaks Neil Mitchell and Klaus host the Jource. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Rotation Weekly Fidays at Subterania 12 Ackiam Road Ladoroke Grove, London, 020-8993-7377, 10:30-3am. \$10/\$5

Funk hip hop, jazz, reggée and classic grooves from Ferrini Ferri I-Money, Alex Baby (forthightly), MCs Lonyo, Comme Ci Comme Caland more, With special quests Dodge (Nov 10th), DJ Nicky (24th), and Steve Sutherland (Dec 22nd). Dress Code: Yes Capacity: Many

Slide Fortnighdy Fridays at The Zodiac, Cowley Road, Dxford, 07740-591-163, 9:30-2am, \$8/\$7. Progressive house from residents James Holden, Gwill Morris, DJ Itch and Mike Funk with special guests Parks & Wilson (Nov 24th). and Anthony Pappa (Dec 8th), Dress Code: Informal Capacity: 750

Solash Weekly Fridays at The Aquatium, 256-260.0 d Street, London 020-8501-2266 9-4am, £12/£10 Residents Martin Miller, Groove Syndicate, Micky Simms, Matt Jam' Lamont with guests like Timmi Magic, Mikee B and Ramsey & Fen on rotation. Dress Gode: Smart Capacity: Many

Whoop It Up! Weekly Fridays at The Valvet Rooms. Tottenham Court Road, 020-8875-0281, 10-4-30am, £107£87£7, Phubure phunk and uplifting trance from residents Terry Marks, Andy Lekker, Nick Hock and Joel Xavier and guests. Dress Gode: To impress Capacity: 400

SATURDAY

Area Weekly Saturdays at Area, 46 The Parade, High Street, Watford, 01923-281-500, 9-3am \$8/\$10. Funky house and club classics with Chris Good and guests Tom Cole, Adrian Loydun and James Prentice (Nov 11th) Sister Bliss Craig Campbell and Plastic Fantastic (18th), Alex P, Laurence Nelson and Jon Nelson (25th) The Sharn Boys, Matt Cassar, and Jules Spinner (Dec 2nd), and Rad Rice with more to be confirmed (9th) Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: 2000

Big And Clever Weekly Saturdays at the Velvet Room 143 Charing Cross Road, Soho, D20-7734-4687, 10-3am, £10/£7 before 11.30. An intrnate affair with resident DJ Mahoney playing funky house

and disco with quests that include Kevin Racher and Drin (11th). Kenny Charles and Matt Cassar (18th), and Simon Owen and Boarthman (25th) Dress Code: Make a little effort Capacity: 450

Big Beat Boutique Saturday December 2nd at The Matrix, 75 London Street, Reading, 10-4am, 0118-959-0687 c8/e10

Big Beat Boutique's residency continues with Fathoy Slim Jon. Carter, Scanty Sandwich, Cut La Roc alongside local residents. Dress Code: Make a little effort. Capacity: 1,600

Cream Of Da Crop Weekly Saturdays at The Leisure Lounge, Holborn, 0958-377-762, 10-late, 915-98. Sexy UK garage and r&b with Spoony, Master Stepz, The Heartless Crew, Madness, Rossi A and Chilli Source (Nov 11th), Mikee B, EZ. Heartless Crew, Madness and Rusi IID back to back. Uncle and Chris J back to back and more (18th), and Jason Kaye, Master Stepz, Martin Larner, Heartless Crew, Red Flex and Chuckle (25th). Dress Code: Dress up Capacity: Many

The End's Fifth Birthday Salurday December 2nd at The End, 18 West Central Street, 020-7419-

9199, 10-6am 915 Join the birthday bash with Mr C. Layo & Bushwackal, Demick Carter, Darren Emerson, Dave Angel, Zero 7, Peter Knuder and Rainer Truby. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Fabric Weekly Saturdays at Fabric, 77 a Charterhouse Street, London SE1 020-7490-0444, 10-7am, £15/£12 Officially the Best Club and after a mother of a birthday bash, join Gemini, Jon Marsh, Bill Brewster, Kevin Saunderson, Terry Francis, Colin Dale and Finger Lickin (Nov 11th), a Tyrant night with Sasha, Craig Richards and Lee Burridge, Nick Rapaccioli, Terry Francis. Cive Henry Boh, Jones and St, John Da Zilva (18th), Crain Richards Idjut Boys, Akwaaba, Richard Thair, Richard Grey, Groove Armada and Ed Dimmock (25th), and Hipp-E & Halo, Inland Knights, Draig Richards, Terry Francis, Richard Sen, Mastomic and Tayo (Dec 2nd), and John Digweed, Craig Richards, Terry Francis, Nathan Coles, Bob Jones and St John Da Zilva (9th) Dress Code: None Capacity: 2.500

Freedom Weekly Saturdays at Basleys Film Studios Kings Cross Freight Depot. York Way. 020-7278-2171. 10:30-7am. £14/\$10 members

Celebrating their 4th Birthday this month, guests are Anel. Jon 'DO' Fleming, Norris Da Boss, Lisa Pin-Up, Rachel Auburn, and more (Nov 11th), Birthday Special with Alex P. Matt Cassar Andy Manston, Colin Aubrey, Mike Ruffout Lloyd, Jason Kaya, Norris Da Boss, Yomanda Lisa Pin-Up and many more (18th). Ariel (eight hours). Noodles, Norris Da Boss, Billy Bunter, Sarah G, Andy Farley, Dean Lambert and more (25th), Conti, Brandon Block, Graham Gold, Jason Kaye, Norris Da Boss, Rachel Auburn and more (Dec. 2nd), and Ariel, The Sandmen, Steve Lee, Billy Bunter, Lisa Pin-Up and more (9th). Dress Code: Glam Capacity: 2,500

Free Funk Monthly Saturdays at Fluid, 40 Charterhouse Street, Farringdon, London, 020-7501-9374, 9-2am Sthe

Jon Terry, Matt Edwards and Caspa with guests C1 (in-Tec) and Valentine (Nov 18th) Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Headstart Weekly Saturdays at Tummills, 63 Clerkenwei Road, EC1. 020-7250-3409, 9-3.30am, £8/£5 Get a headstart with Josh Wink, Carl Clarke, Dan & Jon Kahuna, Norman Jay Torn Antenuci and Andy Manston (Nov 11th), Dave Clarke, Paul Daley Carl Clarke, Dan & Jon Kahuna and the Jengaheads (18th), Haywire Sessions with Richard D James, DMX Crew, Sticone Scaly (Eve), Wea D.Is (Eve), Day Duayle and Carl Clarke (25th) and Tom Middleton, Richard Fearless, Carl Clarke, Dan & Jon Kahuna and Smallfish Records (Dec 9th). Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 900

Home Weekly Saturdays at Home, 1 Leicester Square. 020-7909-0000. 10-late £15.

Many floors of fun with residents Tim Sheridan (Dope Smugglaz). Parks & Wilson, Stewart Rowell and Dave Phillins, Guests include Anthony Pappa and Andy Smith (Portishead) (Nov 11th). Crispin Somerville, an Ibiza Reunion with David Phillios and Jonathon Sa Trincha (18th), Pete Tong, Derrick Dahlarge and 6ft Stereo (25th), a Back to Basics night with Danny Tenaglia. Tom Stephan, Mark Rae and Only Child (Dec 2nd), and Anthony Pappa and residents (9th). Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: Huge

Informal Weekly Saturdays at Form, 4/5 Greek Street. Soho, 9-3am, £5. Soulful vibes with Unsung Heros, Mastornic, Steve Blonde, Plumo

DJs and Ali B Dress Code: None Capacity: Intimate

L'Amour Saturday December 9th at The Cross, Kino's Cross Goods Yard, York Way, 020-7379-8805, 10-Eam, £15 Lovely night with Alex P. Lee Dagger, Andrew Galea, Eraig Jensen, Mikey Gallagher, Paul Harris and Little Andy. Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

London Calling Saturday December 2nd at Ternmits, 63 Clerkenwell Road, EC1, 020-7250-3409, 9-3:30am, \$12/\$8 Join Danny Rampling, Bob Sinclar, Pete Heller and Paul Jackson in the main room while X-Press 2 host the lounge Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 900

Movement Saturday December 2nd at Mass, St. Matthews Church, Brixton Hill, SW2, 020-7377-9494 9-Eam_\$10/\$7 members and NUS/ \$6 before 11 Drum & bassnight with Bryan Gae, Jumping Jack Frost, Andy C. Ruffstuff, Tonic, Kalm, Ray Keith and hip hop and r&b from Olli Twist, DJ Swing, Matt White, Shortee Blitz and more, MCs are GO. Fearless, Moose and more, Dress Code: No Capacity: 900

Off Centre Fortrightly Saturdays at 333 Old Street. London 020-7684-0723, 10-5am, £10/£8/£5, Residents Ross Clarke and the Shoreditch Twat are joined by guests that include Mr Scruff, Treva Whateva, Jumping Jack Frost and Patrick Force (Nov 25th), and Grand Central's Fingathing. Zen Masters, Patrick Forge and A.N. Other (Dec 9th). Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Overlikeafatrat Every fourth Saturday of the month at The Norting Hill Arts Club, 21 Notting Hill Gate, W11. 020-7460-4459. 5-2am. £5/£3/Free before 8pm. Dr Bob Jones. St John de Zilva serve up the Soul with a swag bag of parage, disco and house (Nov 25th) Dress Code: Leave the atitude at home Capacity: 300

Renaissance Saturday November 25th at The Cross King's Cross Goods Yard, York Way C115-910-1111. 10-6am £15.

This month's guests are Sister Bliss, Circulation (live), Nigel Dawson, Danny Hussain, Paul Ingall, Alex Greenhouch and Bert in the back! Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

Revolver Monthly Saturdays at 333 Dki Street Innion 020-7684-0723.10-5am.£10/£8/£5. Ultimate Dilemma Records take the basement while Growe Armada and Eff Steren bost the other moons. Don't fornet your favourite five! Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Rulin' Weekly Saturdays at Ministry Of Sound, 103 Gaunt St. SE1. 020-7378-6528. Midnight-9am. £15/£10 Another year on and still rulin', this month kicks off with Paul Farris Paul Jackson, Jazzy M, Phil Cheeseman, Warren Holt, Neil Anthony and DJ Roo (Nov 18th) and a birthday bash with Erick Monilo, Jazzy M, Jeremy B, Tee Smith and Funkid Up (25th) Dress Code: Smart casual Capacity: 1,200

Serious Saturday Vovember 18th at The Cross, King's Cross Goods Yard. York Way. 0208-731-7300, 10-6am. £15 Jain Julesy, Gary Thaleman, Anne Savage, All ster Whitehead Norman Jay, 2Funky and more for some serious shenanigans. Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

Soma Xmas Party Saturday December 9th at The End. 18 West Central Street, 020-7419-9199, 10-6am £15/£13 The Stam boys with Rolando, Envoy live and DJ Q in the main room while James Lavelle, Master H, Maas and Fenetik whip it up in the lounge. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Sonorous Saturday November 18th at The Bug Bar. Brixton Hill, 020-7738-3184, 8-3am, £5/£3/free before 9pm, Tony Morley quests with residents Found Sounds for a future revvalist session of skanking breaks, jazzual beats and Latino shakers. Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

Soulsonic Weekly Saturdays at The Annexe, 1 Dean Street Soho. 10pm-4.30am, £8/£5 before 11pm/ £10 after. Residents Stuart Patterson and Leo Eistob bring you real deep house with guests. Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

Sugarcandy Saturday November 16th at The End, 18 West Central Street. 020-7419-9199, 10-6am, £15/£13, Guests this month are Mr C. Sister Bliss and Matt Lawes in the main room while Felix. Ca Housecat and Dan & Jon Kahuna host the lounce. Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Ultimate BASE Saturday November 25th at The End, 18 West Central Street. 020-7419-9199. 10-Eam £14/£12/£10 in advance The best techno nicht around featuring Carl Cox, Trevor Rock Iffe Jim Masters and more guests to be announced Dress Code: None Capacity: 900

Underground Explosion & Exposure Weekly Saturdays at Club Colosseum, 1 Nine Elms Lane, Vauxhall, London, 10-Barn, £207£157510 Three rooms of house & garage old school garage and r&b with a host of quality BJs worth every pennyl Dress Code: Yes Capacity: Mary

Work Saturday December 2nd at The Cross, King's Cross Goods Yard, York Way, 020-7837-0828, 10-6am, £15, Work it baby! DJs are Andy Morris. Jody (Way Out West), Cass Brian Kelly, Terry Farley, Kenny Hawkes, Marc Antoni, Kenny Hawkes, Julian P and Tom Mancen, Gamish and Scott Langley Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

SUNDAY

Addiction To DTPM Weekly Sundays at Fabric, 77a Charterhouse Street, EC1, 02D-7439-9009, 10-late. \$8 members/\$12 quests Polysexual party providing house, garage, progressive house, ation house shull lazz and dison from Smokin' Jo Alan Thompson, Malcolm Duffy, Steve Thomas and many more or

Bubbling Over Weekly Sundays at Bar Rumba Shafeshury Avenue W1 (020-7277-2585/0956-396-680) 9-4am \$5/\$3 Soul, swing and funk with Matt White, Brian Norman, DJ Lloyd and Ben & Pete. Dress Code: Whatever Capacity: 450

rotation. Dress Code: None Capacity: 2.000

Flava Weekly Sundays at Buddha Lounge, 19-21 High Street, Croydon, 020-8680-3711, 12om-11om, 98/95 Quality garage from the Dreem Team. Dress Code: Sexy Capacity: 750

 Fevah Weekly Sundays at The Tube, Falconberg Court, Tottenham Court Road, London, D20-7734-3334, 8-late, £9/£7. Uplifting hard house and trance from residents Si Fevah and Over B alanciside Skoll Roosta, Brendan, Matt Classe and more Dress Gode: None Capacity: Many

Habit Weekly Suncays at Turnmills, 63 Clerkenwell Road, 020-8762-9602 10-6am £10/£8/£7/£5 Daz Saund, Rachel Auburn, Paul Christian, EJ Doubell and Graham D bringing you tough but funky sounds of tech-funk Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: Mary

Simply Boogie Weekly Sundays at The Bug Bar. Brixton Hill, 020-7738-3184, 8-3am, Free, DJ Arv, Linx LB, Leslie Love and Maxi Jazz provide hip hop and sou ful garage flavas. Dress Gode: None Capacity: 350

Sunday Best Weekly at Tearcorn's Des Artistas, 697 Wandsworth Road Dlapham. 020-7498-7025. 8-1am. £1.99. Residents Rob Da Bank, Giddy and the Loop Professor with the tastiest morsels in their collections. Fab way to laze the day away. Dress Gode: Funy sideburns Capacity: 250

Trade Weekly Sundays at Tummils, 63 Clerkenwell Roard EC1. 020-7250-3409. 5am-midday. £12, Fierce turies from the likes of Gonzalo, Ian M. Alan Thomnson Malcolm Duffy Steve Thomas Pete Wardman, Sharp Boys, Fat Tony and more! Dress Gode: Anything Capacity: 900

Twice As Nice Weekly Sundays at The End. West Central Street London, 020-7419-9199, 9-3am, @10/98/95/98 Top two-step garage and smooth soul with residents DJ Spoory. Steve Sutherland and Fitzroy Da Buzz Boy with special guests. Dress Code: Ohyes Capacity: 900

Vertigo Fortnichtly Sunciavs at The Cross Kinn's Cross Goods Yard, York Way, 07771-968-851, 10-late, £12/£10 Italian house and garage with Ralf, Lorenzo LSP. Micky, Oscar Wilson, Claudio Basile and guests (Nov 12th & 26th) Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: 900

MONDAY

THIS Weekly Mondays at Bar Rumba, 36 Shaftesbury Avenue. 020-7287-6933. 10-3am. £4. Gilles Peterson, Ben Wilcox and a bulo no sack of funk, drum & bass and Latin. Bet there early for the discount drinking session Dress Code: None Capacity: 450

Stoned Asia Weekly Mondays at Doostar, 389 Coldharbourt are London, 020-7377-9494, 9-2 30cm, Free A selection of beats and breaks to drum & bass to techno delivered by DJ Pathaan with surprise weekly nuests Dress Gode: None Gapacity: Many

TUESDAY

Bullitt Weekly Tuesdays at The Dogstar 389 Coldharbour Lane Jondon, 020-7738-6532, 9-2-30am, Free Hip hop from Andy Smith (Portishead), DJ Vadim, Sahin Deleman and guests. Dress Gode: Boomshanka Capacity: 350

Da Syndicate Weekly Tuesdays at Valvet Room, 143 Charing Cross Read, London, 020-8444-0004, 10:30-3am, £5. LIK and classic garage provided by Norris Da Boss' Windows and MC Creed. Dress Code: Make a little effort Capacity: 350

WEDNESDAY

Boogie Nights Weekly Wednesdays at Area 46 The Parade, High Street, Watford, 01923-281-500, 9-2am, Free Funk, disco and house in room one with Disco Dave and John Revolta while room two plays host to a DJ competition - bring your viny!! Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: 2.000

Electrocuted Weekly Wednesdays at The Dogstar. 391 Colcharbour Lane, 020-7737-1016, 9-2 30am, Free Third-wave electro with residents Sherman and Durley and quests Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

Organic Weekly Wednesdays at The Fridge Bar, Brixton. 07930-199-848. 9-2am. £3. Old skool bin hon and r&b with Mis-B1. Jules and Fox Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Space Weekly Wednesdays at Bar Rumba 3E Shaftesbury Avenue, London, 020-7284-0499, 10-3am, £5/£3. Kenny Hawkes and Luke Solomon twist their deep disco with very special guests Josh Wink (Nov 15th), a residents special (22nd). Cile Abstract (29th), Joshua & Diz (Dec 6th), and Elliot Eastwick (13th). Dress Code: Be yourself Canacity: 450

Swerve Weekly Wernesdays at The Velvet Rooms, 143 Charing Dross Road. London. D20-7424-0405. 9:30-2:30am. £6/£5 before 11pm. Fight, Total Science and Fabio (Nov 15th), Addiction, DJ Lee and

Fabio (22nd), third Birthday Bash with Bailey, Frost and Fabio (29th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

THURSDAY

Atelier Weekly Thursdays at The End. West Central Street WCI.020-7419-9199, 7pm-3.30am, 9thc Mixed gay club with Smokin' Jo. Alan Thompson, Mr C. Harvey, Luigi Rosi, Femi B. Jeffrey Hinton, Tom Stephan and Luke Hope on rotation Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 900

BAKER

AMIE

Bedrock Every first Thursday of the month at Heaven Willers Street, Charlon Cross, 020-7386-5323. www.bedrock.org.uk. 9pm-3am 26/25 Join resident John Digweed, Danny Howells and guests for midweek mayhem Dress Gode: Cool Gapacity: 2,000

The Clash Weekly Thursdays at The Dogstar, 389 Coldharbour Lane London, 020-7738-6532, 9-230am, Free Lot Hammond, Barry Ashworth and Massimo come head to head at the capital's wildest mid week social playing funky breaks and house. Dress Code: Boomshanka Capacity: 350

Clubbing 4 Cancer Thursday November 23rd at After Dark, London Street, Reading, 07779-419-240/ clubbino4cancer@hotmail.com_\$5 Old skool fun from Tony Voke, DJ Haze and guests. All proceeds to Cancer Research Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

Highrise Weekly Thursdays at Home, 1 Leicester Scuare 020-7909-0000, 10-3am, £7/£6/£5. Resident Jason Bye is joined by Jacques Lu Cont, Whole Nine Yards, Meat Katie, Dylan Phymes, Justin Drake, Shut Up And Dance (live) and Eff Stereo (Nov 16th). Retreat with Afro Mukatsuku, Mixologists. Pranksters featuring MK Ultra, Recipose and Will Dower (23rd), the Laundry Crew take the main floor while the Dub Pistols, Eddie Pillar, Snowboy, Paul Murphy and Sir Tristen Longworth host the other floors (30th), and Jaques Lu Cont. Anthony Behawi, James Hyman, Rob Wood and guests (Dec 7th) Dress Code: Whatever Capacity: Huge

Movement Weekly Tourstays at Bar Rumba 36 Shaftesbury Avenue: 020-7377-9494 9-3am \$6/\$5/\$3.before 10.30 Drum & bass with Bryan Gee, Ray Keith. Tonic and guests Hype. and Pascal (Nov 16th), Full Cycle (23rd), Brockie & Det (30th Balley & Stretch (Dec 7th) and Fabio (14th) Dress Code: None Capacity: 450

Ultimate Base Weekly Thursdays at The Velvet Rooms, 143 Charing Cross Road, London. 020-8960-8468. 9 30-3am. £6/£5/£4 before 11,30pm. Technic and breakbeat mischief with Carl Cox (monthly), Jim Masters and Trevor Rockcliffe with very special quests each week Don't miss J m & Trever's birthday with some special ounch (Nov 16th)) Get there early! Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

CLUB OF THE MONTH

"Sorry mate, you can't come in." Renaissance has the glammest bouncers in the business

RENAISSANCE

WEEKIY SATURDAYS AT MEDIA. QUEEN STREET, NOTTINGHAM. 10.30-6AM. 0115-910-1111.

ENTER INTO the world of Renaissance and prepare to be aesthetically gobsmacked. Its mish mash of minimalist grandeur simply accentuates Renaissance's splendour, with the venue's original coved cherubs still intact. It's just like Heaven.

It's been eight years of highs and lows for promoter Geoff Oakes, but take one look around the space and you can see that it's been worth every minute. Past and future DJs include Sasha, Diggers, Coxy and Deep Dish while the likes of Nuphonic, Toko, Fuel and Circulation have all hosted the back room. Carl Cox has even asked for a residency! Their stint in Ibiza at Privilege did their reputation no harm and their global tours kick some serious butt.

Eight years on, they're still a class act!

RENAISSANCE TOP FIVE

1) FREEFALL Skydive (Way Out West Vox Mix) (Renaissance Recordings) 2) KAYOMANI Kundalini Rising (Tarantella Versus Redanka Mix) (Whoop!) 3) AUTONOMOUS Our Time (Peace Division Dub) (Plastic Fantastic) 4) WIDESCREEN Automatic (Advance) 5) MARA Desanitize (Inkfish Remix) (Acetate Ltd)







French superstar DJs 1st ever Scottish appearance Bob Sinclar (I Feel For You- Ibiza 2000 anthem) Seamus Haji Jon Mancini Iain 'Boney' Clark

Saturday 11th November Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

Jon Mancini Davie Gilmour Iain 'Boney' Clark

Colours vs. Mas Sunday 12th November Mas, Royal Exchange Sq, Glasgow

Featuring very special guest from home- London Steve Lawler Jon Mancini

Friday Night One-Off Special 17th November The Arches, Glasgow

Last Scottish appearance this year John Digweed (Exclusive 5 Hour Set) Dope Smugglaz (Live- UK Album Launch) Jon Mancini & Boney

Serious Source Tour Saturday 25th November RATT, Bathgate

Judge Jules John Kelly

Saturday 2nd December Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

Back by popular demand Woody van Eyden (Love Parade- Berlin, Kontour Records- Germany) Jon Mancini Davie Gilmour

Radio 1 Essential Mix Saturday 9th December The Arches, Glasgow

Making 1st Scottish club appearance for 3 years Pete Tong (Exclusive) Nick Warren Alex Anderson Jon Mancini Iain 'Boney' Clark

Saturday 16th December Yello at Universe, Coatbridge

Boy George DJ Hayes Jon Mancini Davie Gilmour

Boxing Day Special Tuesday 26th December The Arches, Glasgow

Danny Rampling Dave Seaman Timo Maas Steve Lawler Danny Howells Anthony Pappa CJ Mackintosh Huggy Burger Queen

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*Details of Colours New Year's Eve events will appear in future issues of the music press. Also details of Colours new 2001 residencies including NYC

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Serious Source tour







INSOMNIA

NORTH

IF YOU missed Bugged Out! and Cream celebrating eight years then you certainly missed out! Our Yousef kicked some Scouse arse with his final set in the main room while Tongy lit up the courtyard with his energising mix of tech and funky house. Blinding. This month's musts are the birthdays of previously mentioned Bugged Out! and Back To Basics. Basics' twoday bender sees DJ Sneak, Fatboy Slim and Jon Carter guesting so make sure you take Monday off! For those of you wanting something a little bit different, Friends & Family is the perfect remedy. Fat City and Grand Central provide a scrumptious showcase with Aim as one of the quality residents. However, if progressive house is your cuppa then head to Promise where Matt Hardwick, Anthony Pappa and the Tyrant boys make an appearance this month. On a smaller tip, The Lemon Lounge is heaving most Saturdays. With occasional big names, (not that they're necessary), Lime have certainly got it right. You'd be wise to check it out, but get there early! (QT)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Friends & Family ember 25th at The Roadhouse, Manchester Expect: A showcase of quality talent

Bugged Out! Friday November 24th at Nation. Everpool **Expect:** Sixth Birthday Bash with Coxy, Clarky and more

Back To Basics 9th Birthday Saturciay & Sunday November 25th & 26th at The Mint Club and The Majestik, Leeds Expect: DJ Sneak, Fatooy Slim, Jon Cater and Dave Beer

Delve Deeper ursday December 7th at Orchis. Sheffield Expect: Third Birthday Bash with Steve Lawler

FRIDAYS

Bugged Out! Monthly Fridays at Nation, Welstenholme Square, Liverpool, 0990-344-4444. 9-4am. £20 in advance.

Sixth Birthday bash with a host of special guests and treats! Dave Clarke, Carl Cox (Space terrace set), Gilles Peterson, Adam Freeland Justin Robertson, Jon Carter, James Holrovd and Rob Bright (Nov 24th) Gapacity: None Capacity: 3100

Bugged Out! @ Feel Monthly Fridays at UCLSU. Fylde Road, Preston, Lancs, 0906-998-0998 9-2am £13/£10

New monthly session with residents Lottle and Tayo and a special ohotos quest (Dec 6th) Dress Code: A smile Capacity: 1.060

Exhilaration Fortnightly Fridays at The National Centre For Popular Music, Sheffield, 0114-221-3068, 9-4am \$6/\$5NUS/\$4 Funky house, garage, trance and hard house from Fergie. Ziad

and Commie (Nov 24th), Graham Gold, Steve Thomas and Les Hemstock (Dec 8th), and a Serious Tour right with JFK, Anne Savage and more (22nd) Dress Gode: None Canacity: 1380

Promise Weekly Fridays at Foundation, 57/59 Malbourne Street, Newcastle, 07980-196-260, 10-3am, £7/£6 Two rooms with progressive trance and US garage from Arthony Pappa and Matt Hardwick (Nev 17th), Gordon Kaye (24th), Judge Jules and Matt Hardwick (Dec 1st), Scott Bond (8th), Matt Hardwick and Jimmy Van M (15th), and Craig Richards and Lei Burridge (22nd), Dress Code: Smart Capacity: 1300

Remedy Weekly Fridays at Bed, 33-49 London Road, Sheffield, 0114-276-8080, 10-Sam, £5/£4 This month's guests are Justin Robertson (new monthly residency), DJ Falcon (Roulé), Jason Drew, G-Fonk, Pipes, Ben Rymer and Doc (Nov 17th), and a fourth Birthday bash with Mr Scruff and very special mystery guests (24th). Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 1.270

Sugarshack Weekly Fridays at Empire, Corporation Road, Middlesborouch, 01642-253-553, 9-2am, \$10 Judge Jules and Yousef (Dec 1st). Paul Taylor and Oli Faulkner (8th) Seb Fortaine and Lee Burridge (15th), and Dance Naked with Lisa Loud and Alex F (22nd) Dress Code: Smart and sexy: no trainers Capacity: 1.200

Tribal Sessions Weekly Fridays at Sankeys Scap Jersey Street, Manchestar, 020-8981-2353, 9:30-3am £8/26 NUS.

Fantastic tech and deep house night with residents Mark Turner and Woody alongside special guests Terry Francis (five hours) (Nov 10th), to be confirmed (17th), Scratch Perverts (24th), Dave Clarke and Bob Sinclar (Dec 1 st), and Harvey and Andy Smith (8th). Dress Gode: Furky Capacity: 850

Union Weekly Fridays at The Space, Hirst's Yard off Call Lane Leeds (013-242-1737 10-4am \$8/97 The official Global Underground night with guests that include Nick Warren (Sept 15th), Timo Maas and Seb Fontaine (22nd), Sander Kleinenhern (29th) and Dave Seaman (Oct 6th). Dress Code: Yes Capacity: 500

SATURDAY

Basics Weekly Saturdays at The Mint Club, Harrison Street, Leeds, 0113-244-9474, 9:30-4am, £10/£8. Get back to the basics with residents Ralph Lawson, James Holroyd, Paul Woodford and Tristan Da Cunha alongside guests Lottie (Nov 18th), Basic's ninth Birthday with special guest DJ Sneak (25th), Don't miss Part Two at The Malestik with Fathov Slim (26th), and Satoshi Tomile (Dec 2nd). Dress Code: Smart Capacity: 550

Bed Weekly Saturdays at Bed. 33-49 London Road Sheffield: 0114-276-8080, 10-4am, £12/£10 Quality house night with residents Simon Mu, Ricky Chopra, Jeff House. Dan Metcalfe and Dino. Special guests are Diesel (X-Press 2) (Nov 11th), Roger Sanchez (18th), Danny Rampling (25th) Dress Code: Music changes weekly - you should too Capacity: 1270

Chibuku Shake-Shake Saturday November 18th at The Lemon Lounge, Berry Street, Liverpool 02974-195-303, 9-2am, +3.50/+2.50 with five Funk and deep house from residents Graham Hunter, Luke Carr, Wandy and guests. Dress Code: None Capacity: 200

Club M Weekly Saturdays at Tall Trees, Green Lane. Yarm Cleveland, 01642-765-158, 9-3am, £12/£10, Residents Kareem, Man, it and Zia are joined by a Retro night with Paul Taylor, Rick Jones and Danny Whitehead (Dec 2nd), Joey Necro (9th) and Dava Pearce (23rd). Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: Mary

Cream Weekly Saturdays at Nation Welstenholme Square, Liverpool. 0151-709-1693, 10-4am. £15/£13/£11. Residents Seb Fontaine, Paul Bleasdale and Yousef are joined by Sonique, Guy Ornadel and Graeme Park (sx hours) (Nov 11th) Judge Jules and Phat Phil Cooper (18th), Timo Mass, Lee Burridge and Harry (25th), Judge Jules and Dope Smugglaz (Dec 2nd), and Dave Piccioni, DJ Paulette and more the (9th). Dress Code: Make an effort Canacity: 3100

Feel Formichty Saturdays at UCI SU Evide Road. Preston Lancs, 0906-998-0998, 9-2am, £13/£10. Feel it with very special guests this month. Timo Vaas (Nov 18th) Lee Burdge and Steve Lawler (Dec 2nd), and Sasha (15th). Dress Code: A smile Capacity: 1.050

Cheshire: It's Hell on Earth

Mere Golf & Country Club,

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REARDSMORE

CHRIS

PREMIER LEAGUE CLUBS



1 (1) Fabric (77a Charterhouse Street, London) Officially the Best Club In Britain, with an amazing array of quality guests! Catch Bent live, the True Playaz or even a bit of those Tyrants Sasha, Craig Richards and Lee Burridge.

2 (3) Cream (Wolstenholme Square, Liverpool) Having had the mother of all birthdays, this month sees Bugged Out! celebrating yet again. Dis are Coxy doing a Space Terrace set, Dave Clarke and the usual mischief makers!

3 (6) The End (West Central Street, London)

Celebrating their fifth birthday with Ram Records featuring Andy C, Red One, Hype and more special guests on the Friday, while on Saturday join the face of The End Mr C, Layo & Bushwackal, Darren Emerson and Derrick Carter.

4 (-) Back To Basics (The Mint Club, Leeds) Ninth birthday bash this month with DJ Sneak, Fatboy Slim and Jon Carter, no less! A two day bender that will ensure you don't make it into work on Monday. Get the sick notes ready.

5 (10) Colours (The Arches, Glasgow) The maddest club around, featuring the best DJs to hand. This month sees John Digweed doing a five hour set while the Dope Smugglaz preform live!

6 (5) The Space (Hirst's Yard, Leeds) With a whole host of guests, if you want a quality night out, look no further! Global Underground hosts Fridays so catch your favourite.

7 (-) Sankey's Soap (Jersey Street, Manchester) Kicking off last month with Felix Da Housecat and Judge Jules, this month sees Terry Francis and Boy George getting Tribal and Golden.

8 (4) The Rhumba Club (The Ice Factory, Perth) One of the finest Scottish clubs with Seb Fontaine as the guest of honour joining resident Zammo, Darren Davies and Bothan Spynet.

9 (4) The Bomb (Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham) A selection of fine nights featuring Terry Francis, Phil Perry, David Holmes or Layo & Bushwacka!

10 (8) Renaissance (Media, Nottingham)

Carl Cox's new monthly residency, Deep Dish and Back To Basics are the line-up for this month's mayhem. Take your pick!

INSOMNIA

Free Thinkers Weekly Saturdays at Pacific Bar, Tample Street, Liverpool. D151-236-0270. 10-2am. Free, Funky US garage and deep bloco from Festus and guests. Dress Gode: No tracksuits Gapacity: 600

Friends & Family Waekly Saturdays at The Roadhouse, Newton Street, Manchester 0161-228-2070 10-3am.

Fine showcase of reactions from Fac Dity and Grand Contral Including Nm. Martin Bew, Hanry Shimbaon and Rhon. Datash Include a Fingating alturn learning party and the Blood And Fine Soundspotent (Nor 18th), and Bias States (Ver). Minotate Shock (Ne), Devid Cooper, La Mouche and Pedra and Martin Brew head the head! (25th) **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** May

■ Gatecrasher Workly Saurdays at The Republic, 112 Annalel Street, Sheffeld, 0970-128-2000, 9-Ben, 915 Jon Tal Peul, John Kelly, John '00' Pleming, Matt Hardwick, Tom Wannolphand Dale (C.W. 110), New Years, Sander Keinenberg, Jimmy Yen M, Scott Bond, Corey and Dell G (1881), Yea Denyatin, Sandra Collins, John Passed. Matt Hardwick, Tom Wanwight and Corey (28th), Judge Jales. Seb Fortane. Max Cardiam (rigge Records), Matt Hardwick, Tom Wanwight and Corey (28th), Judge Jales. Seb Fortane. Max Gardam (rigge Records), Matt Hardwick, Tom Wanwight Zorey and Paal Con. (Iber 1st), and Sades, Sarder Hienenberg, Natt Harwick, Frase Coke, Corey and Paul Core (9th). Dress Oode: Meke an effort Canacityr; 14:40

Lime Fornightly Saturdays at The Lamon Lounge, Benry Street, Liverpool, 0151-2800.0937, 93.00-2am, £5/54/33. Readente Aciam Young the nowly engaged Rob O'Keane & Sereh, Paul Jones and Karl Marx Jay Funky Tonzes with guests John Ryan (Jon 25th), Dam Bader (Dec 2mt) and Lee Groses (9th) **Dress Goder**: Ito scallest **Gapacity**; 200

■ Psyence & Northern Underground Launch Satuday November 25th at Trials Hotel, Lvepool. 0744-865-640. Bim-2am. \$10 Launch party for to labels with Rulus, Yazeef Magicous ake Wark Krimety and Rulh Hayes & Ardy Pants Wilde Dress Code: None Capacity: 550

Room 101 Weekly Saturdays at The Adelphi, Vicarage Road, Shuffleid, 930-330am, 0115-926-8312, 58, Resident Ian M is joined by Jon the Dentist and Paul Janes (Dec 2nd), Nick Rafferty, Steve Thomas and Ancy Farey (9th): Anne Savage and The Tidy Boys (18th), and 12-Inch Thompers: Pete Wardman and CD404 (23rd). Dress Code: Anything goes Capacity: Many

■ Shindig Weekly Saturtaya at The Foundation, Melocume Street, Kawaata, 0191-222-1925, 10-Sam 133/510/58 Readant Skott Eracktod, Socoby, Mark Americong and Eraig Dewson are planet by Mousse T (Nov 18th), Satchi Tomie (four novos) (25th), Angel (Dee 2nd), Denny Rampling (9th), and Tem Warwright (16th)

Dress Code: The less the better Capacity: 8 g

Stereo Weekly Saturdaye at The Space, Hist's Yeu (off Dallanay) Leeds: 012-24-24-7727. IV-4-m.; F1012-6 UMH on yorah Leeds and granap form residents Partners In Rayme, Phil Necron and Tine with Disertin, Chail Christon, Karlt Walking and Tineg Robinson provide you with activity Making and Tineg Robinson provide you with activity (Sept. Tileh), Baro Shader and Days Shugglar (2014). Banji Danke and (3014), and more to be chrimed. **Dress Odde:** No: Cepacity: 600

Sunctissential Saturday November 11th et The Que Buh, Brad Street, Birmingham (1121-238-6529), 930-Bam, S14160 - Hoecing fac The Sund sent all Ibze Revision factoring the childral Tony De Vir. Menurcia wich Finge In & Rafforty, Jon Eishep, Paul Kenshaw, The Tody Beys and Chadotte Birch **Dress Oxide** (Dessue) Capacity: Vany

■ Tangled Weekly Saturdays at The Proteinx, Booth Street West, Dokod Read Manchester, 07385-704-362, 10-4am, 193/58 Osality house right, Raedants are Phill Morse. Teny Pointin, Harbia Saccari and Steve Thome with very special quests Guy Dradel (UNV Thin, Sackar (Bhit), Hyand (C) 2491 (25th), Anahig Baselli (Dia Zint), and Nit Morsky (9th). Dress Coder More Capacity; 401

■ 2Kinky Monthly Saturdays at The View, Bellmont Road, Overton H 1, Frodshem, Cheshire, C161-276-5757, 9:30-2em, \$12/\$10. Don your whips and chains for this feath in gint! DJs are David Dunna, the Lisa Marie Experience, Big Danny Stammin' Boys and more for your ultimate pleasure! Dress Code: Whips, chains or clips Capacity; 900

SUNDAY

Back To Basics Ninth Birthday Part 2

Sunday November 22th at The Mayest k. City Squara Leeds. 0113-244-9474. a 15 in advance. Special brithday meat with Fatboy Slim. Jon Carter and Dave Beer. **Dress Code:** Make an effort **Capacity:** Many

■Insomniacz Warky Sundays (apart from the first of the month) at Outbury Expensions Chartled. 0115 026-6312. Anni 12pm: 57255. Resistent Paul Gazhy is planad by social guests each work. Not for the weak. **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** Mary

■ Mad Cow Fortnight/ Sundays at the Vaid, Glass Street Harry Stocean Trart, 0727-0231-155, Spin-Indight, 52/28 Playing Juniy Oracia Screwyraw environmeaters, Bole Peola-Mathew Krysco, Nebby Stylz, Linsen Dev and Peix Whitehall joines it y Milles Hollway & Elliot Eastacks (Nav. 12th), Lottie (26th), and more to be confirmed. Dress Order: "Unit Capacity: 11:50

Sunctissential Sunday Howenber 2Eth at Club Eroution Carrigan Fields Issue Complex, teeds. 2mm-thidght 2547 55 monthes in advance. The 10-near bize Reunion with Steve II homas Anne Savage, Ed. Real. The Dava Brothers DU liquix and Mark Gerg. Theme this monthis your choice of the seean's Sundasential Seea on Dress Onder Anything you like' Capacity: Mary

MONDAY

Blessed Weekly Mondays at The Republic, 112 Anundel Streat, Sheffield, 0114-276-6777, 930-2em, 52753. A night of upfront house with Matt Hardwick, r&b and disco classics with Greg Robinson and big beat, hip hou and old school with Jeff House, who also nosts the DJ competition held every week. Wriner gets to play in the main room! Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 1,520

Cigarettes And Alcohol Weeky Mondays at Bad 33-98 Lindon Road Shrifield 10-2em, 53/22 ENNIS Three rooms of nile, dance and eclectic featuring Cime Born Damy Sant, Johnny Markawson, Ital Pala Menny Maye, Ohis Smith and more. Dress Gode: Kone Gapaelty: Many

■ Karma Sutra Weekly Mondayaat The Space, Hrst's Yard off Cal Lane, Leeds. 0113-242-1737, 9:30-2am, 53/5550 A selection cfr&b, scul. hiphco. garage. funk and rare groove. Dress Code: None Capacity: 600

TUESDAY

Chopper Forthightly Toesdays at The Space, Hirst's Yard (off Call Lane). Leads: D113-242-1737, 10-2:30am, £3. A night of house beats, drum & bass, hip hao, broaks and cheap booze! Dress Code: Yas Capacity: E00

Intervention Werkly Tuesdays at Satchmo's Class Street, Hanky, Stoke-Om-Frein, 1997-549-121. 10-ate. £2/21 Ancests in the desert that is Stoke On Frent, playing envilling that gets rungs shaking I Dress Onder Knop Capacity: Intimate.

Sugarshack's Xmas Party Iuesty December 19th at Empire, Corporation Road, Middlesbrough: 01642-253-553, 9-2em, Etho Kicking of the listing examinities and the properties paid Detended and Timo Macs Dress Code: Smart, any, no trainers Capacity; 1200

The Tuesday Club Week's Tuesdays at The Foncey, Shifted University Union, Shaffed, 0114-222-6565. 10-2am, 38/56/55/53.
Sulproviding-exaptional nights this month seas Waay and Geot Tueshurs; joined by Deady Avenays (Yun Yuh), May Backmarket (21st), and People Under The Staris and Breck Noren (26h).
Devise Gode: None Gapacity; 600

WEDNESDAY

■ Base Weekly Wednesdays at Space. Hirst Yard of Call Lane, Lends. D113-242-1737. 13-2 80am. ±6/±5/±4 NUS. Pasicients Diarlie & Jack. Philecton and Edde are jorned by the Tuly Boys and Mark Grey (Nev Nstei), John Kelly (22m), Join Beino (20h). Paul Gazoy and Liet Hastian (DenoThin), and Rob Tissera (13h). Dress Gode: None Gagacity: C00

Loaded Weekly at Planet K, 46-50 Oldham Sreet, Manchester, 0161-236-3497, 10-2am, 52/Free before 10.30pm, A fun, student party night out with Michael J Fox and Stan Chow, Dress Code: Try your best Capacity: Many

Steem Vasidy Wednesdays at Bad, 33-49 London Road, Sheffield, U114-265-9328. U O 2am, 23:50/92:50. Trance. Inity house and retro classics from readers Nick Piley. Phil Ballifuke, Units Gene and Coney with guests. **Dress Code:** Nime **Carpacity:** 170

THURSDAY

Delive Deeper Warkly Thursdays at Orchis 24 Carver Street, Steffald, 07603-244-787, 10-2am, 8363/022.50. Deep funky and progressive House from residents Phil Galibaje, Dotun Ectema and Macrus James (monthly). Guests models the Hydrid Saundsystem (Niv 2340). Third Birthday with Steve Lewler (Dee 7th) and Macrus James (12b). Dress Odde: Nage Gapacity: Many

Right On Music Weekly Thursdays at Zumbar, 14 Oxford Road, Manchester. 07930-111-909, 10:30-3:30em, 53/52.
Rasidems Danielle Moore and Matt Hadlow are joined by quests.

Dress Code: No arscholes Capacity: Mary Stush Weekly Thursdays at Fluid. 19-21 New York Sneet, Leeds. 0113-217-2551. 10pm-2am. <u>96/95</u>.

Residents Lee Wright L. Double and Soul Funktion provide the finest r&b. drum and bass, house and garage. **Dress Code:** No hoods, hats or caps. R.O.A.R **Capacity:** 850

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INSOMNIA

SCOTLAND

AFTER the success of last month's trance / drum & bass showdown Lock (the Arches), Edinburgh's infamous Manga is finally cracking Glasgow-watch out for its first night up west, on November 24th at substitute venue Planet Peach, featuring Ram Records' Red One and Moving Fusion. On the same night, it's Pressure's second birthday at the Arches. Giving out the party bags and spinning the odd tune will be Fatboy Slim, DJ Sneak, Billy Nasty and the Slam boys. That's some invitation list, but not as impressive as the appearance of the mighty Gil Scott Heron at the Arches' Funk Room on the 11th. East side clubbers shouldn't despair though, as the man himself will be guesting at Big Beat (La Belle Angele, Edinburgh) on the 10th. And also on the 10th, Aberdeen's beat-breaking night TNT (Glow 303) hosts Fabio & Grooverider's Radio 1 tour, live broadcast an' all -fame at last, eh? (AM)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Pressure's Second Birthday
 Fiday November 24th at The Arches, Giasgow
 Expect: Pathoy Slim, DJ Sheak and Bily Nesty

Big Beat Friday November 10th at La Belle Angale, Edinburgh Expect: Gil Scott Heron.

 TNT Special
 Friday November 10th at Glow Nightclub, Aberdeen,
 Expect: The Radio 1 tour featuring Fabro and Grooverider.

FRIDAY

The Ark Weekly Fridays at The Turnel, Machell Street, Elesgow. (1)41-204-1000. (1-330en: 57/25). Hard house with Sant Mackay, Michael Kilole and Zamno and garage/rocal house with Simon Foy and Gary Ourlay. Dress Oode: Clubby! Capacity: 1100

Colours Index Nevember 17th at The Arches, Glasgow (1693-276-866, 512/16, 10-30-4am, This month John Digweet plays an exclusive five-hour set alongside Dopp Smugglaz live! A one-off so doo't missif! Dress Code: Kone Canacity: Nary

Cream Fortinghtly Fridays at Teviot Row House Edinburgh. 0970-902-0001. 9-5am. s10/58 before 11pm. Deam's official Scottish residency with very special guests. Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Ethos Weekly Fridays at 0, Virginia Place, Glaspow, 0141-559-8844, 5pm-Sam, 557/free before 11pm. Resing car Dominic Martin demonstrates his exe berant style of sourh Latin influenced vocal house and garage. Dress Code: None Capacity: Nany

Funky Fridays Weekly Fridays at Media. 142 Renfield Street, Gasegow, 0141-572-0100, 11-3em, 25 Kris Keegen and Scott White play the finest in New York house and delicious classe. Dress Code: Funky Capacity: Many Kia-Aura Technighty Fridays at The Pelcon. Hotel Metro. Method Space, Norchaen. (1922-937-951: 10-2am. 18/55/54 Readents Mixey and Bickia entertain: you alongside puest DU Methods Walshwares (Edito); (20: c130) Dress Code: Whatever ou is you Capacity: Many.

Kinky Afro Monthly Fridays at subsitue venue (Planet Peach) 34 Queen Street, Glasgow, 11-3/4am, 85 Robin Numay and Matthew Bernet play Imbalistic techno and Afroelectro sounds. Dress Gode: Kinky afro Gapacity: Mary,

■Le Tempo Weckly Fridays at Glow Wohtlob. 9 Belmont Straet, Alerchen, 0122–676 200, 10-3km, 37/35. Jain Deej ALa Fu and gueets that include Paopia Under The Skars (Nev 24h), Dress Code: None Capacity: 500

Manga Monthy Fridays at a Belle Angele, Edinburgh. 0(SI-220-5576, 11-Sam, \$12/96) in advance ResidentioD, Kird & H-Mac, The General & Urinh, MC Fasimen & AJ and WJA-Ban are Dired by a reary space guest (Van 24±) **Dress Ocde:** Whatever **Capacity**, 4-50

Normad Menthly Fridays at La Bella Angela, Hastes Close, Edinburgh (1131-668-3043, 10:30-3am, 59/s7 Resident Flix is joined by Renegate Scundware (Nev 24th). Dress Code: None Capacity: Intimate

Pressure Second Birthday Inday Valenter 24 hat Tea Antea, Basgavi D41-221-4001 1050-450an 516 hadvarox. Burantee Sel ortinght With a special in eu pickding Fatboy Sim, DJ Snek, Stuart Mohllan, Drei Make, Billy Nasy and many mary Withs: Topes Gode (Vieto Gapaelty: Londa)

■ Progression Morthly Endays at Wildle House, Coupsize Edinburgh, 10:30-3am, Stibe, Geastis folde Anthory Fapes, Sapren McDevely and Aan Datem while in the deep house room thera's Elenek Martin and Savin Genn (Nev 24th) Drass Ocder: Kape Capacity; 750

■ Relief Weekly Fridays (except last one) at Alaska, Bath Street Glasgow 0141-221-4001, 10:30-3am 188/26 Silicine Sold and Laurnore Hughes spin alongside special quests Dress Code: Vane Capacity: Many

■ Relish Weely Frdage at Bue, Rose Street, Inveness 0465-22-772, 930-130en, 55/45 Amental mix of garage and hard house from local and national Dalke (Dile Knaske (May 10th), Mix MacDaned (77th), and Daug Walsh (24th). Dress Oode: Meke an effort Gapacity: 850

The Rhumba Club Monthly Hidayo at the los Factory, Shore Mont, Perth. 01739-633-011. 730-lana. \$16 + backing faca. Johning Zamun, Darren Davios and Buthen Skynet fan Hovenntea's double headar will he fait Paul, Daren Stakes and Lavarox Relson (Nev Yohr) and Sah Fontaine and DJ Bucher (Nov 24h). **Dress Oode**: Nove **Capacity**, 1200

 Spinitch Every 3rd Friday of every morth at The Big Joint, 1064 South Street, Partisk, Glasgow, 10-3am, 54 Robin, Marray and Guinnie will be offining the deep house, soul and funk, **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** 500

■ Sublime Foringhtly Fridays at Wike House. The Congrets, Echnologh, 0131-668-5043, 10.30.3am, £5/26. Kw Wight will be playing technic and serice with the help of X Deram (Blue Recordings), type and a very special live act the (No.714), Dress Code: None Capacity: 720.

Syntax Monthly Fridays et Gl. 59 Mitchell Street. Glasgow. 0141-221-9375. 11-530am. £5. Tech-house night with OJ Jace. Nik Craig and Adam Marshall. Dress Code: Whatever Capacity: 900

TNT Special Endsy Kovember 10th at 60xx Negholut, 9 Belmont Street, Aberdeen, 0724-643-000 10-11 Bas, stric. Deaj ALa Furwill be joined by The Radio 1 tour featuring Fabio and Growerker. Dress Code: Nors Capacity: 500

SATURDAY

Acetate Monthly Saturdays at Liquid Room 90 Victoria Street, Edmburgh, 0731-225-2564, 9-lara, scho, Murray Richardson plays deep, tunky house while Gall Sallars plays harder, Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Atomic Baby Forhighty at La Belle Argele, Hasties Glose, Edinturgh: D131-225-2232, 10.30-3am, £10 With Michael Kilkle, Zemmo, Stuert Durcen and Scott Brown Dress Code, Name Capacity: Many Boombox Monthly Saturdays at the Venue, Carton Road Edinburgh, 10-3am, £9/£7, Underground house served up by DJs nobuding DJ Gemini (Nov 18th), Dress Code: None Capacity: Loads

Colours Monthly Saturdays at The Arches Mutland Street Glasgow, 0658-276-866, 10 4am, 312-216 Residents Jon Marcini, Lain Beiney Clark and Danne Mackle plus Pere Song, Nack Waren and Alax Andresson (Dep Str). Dress Goden Hone Gapacity Many

Freelance Science Every first Saturday of the month all Oub Ataska, Bishi Lawe, Basquon. 10-ker. 210 Intrade night with Slem's Statet Moldillen of Idoka Mekle providing hours of Tarky and fail in non-dergonand sounds. Dress Oode: Non-Capacity: Intrinste

■ Horneless Week's Saturdays at On Air East, 15 Ward Road Dunciae, 01682-203-228, 10:30-2:50am, 58/s7/s5 Residen (D) Earl Val Scil who will be pixed by the Soul Jazz System (Non 11th), People Lindor The Stars (Ne) (25th), and Vir Scruff from Ninja Time (Dec Shr). Dress Code: None Caspacity: Intimeze

The Ice Factory Weekly Saturdays at The Ice Factory Shore Red, Parth 0738-650-011.730-bate 57 Join residents Mark Stuart, Johnny Faser, Chick and Harry plus Richard Sou Ian in the Carthysel. **Dress Gode:** Hone Gapacity: 1200

Le Tempo Special Saturdsy November 18th at Elow Nightable, 9 Biermont Street Aberdeen, 01224-648-000. 10-3cm, 2550/35. Join Deej Ala Fu and guesta for all sorts of fun and folios alongaide special guesta Tony Vegas. Dress Oode, None Capacity: 500

 Miss Moneypenny's Weekly Saturdays at G1, 33-39 Mitchell Street, Glasgow, 0121-695-6930, 10-3.30em

£10/12 Three rooms of quality house, funk and US garage with special guests. **Dress Code:** Dress up **Capacity:** Many

Pleasure Weekly Saturdays at De Ninds, 120 Union Streat, Abardeen 078002-559-668, 10-30-2am, 95/26. Residents Kw Green and Ninter Zermon (morthly) with queets provide (mix) and progressive house with Cyber Dancers. Dress Code: None Caspacity: Many

Rotation Monthly Scandays at the Venue, Carton Read, Edinburg, 1030-Sam, 32/37. A trae-forc technise of house extensionaria with residents Carmers, Michael and Sean Reason joined by Christian Valara and Mic (Nor 11th) and Autrey, Mark Ambrose plus a very special quest bio in the coder (Doc 5th). Diress Oode: Nero Gapacity; Indas

Scratch Fortnightly Saturdays at the Venue, Carton Road, Edinburgh, 11-3am, £7/25

Premier hip hop night nosted by resident Richie Ruftone. Gino and Extra who will be joined by a very special guest (Dec 2nd). Dress Gode: None Capacity: Loads

■ SoleUtion Weekly Saturdays at Q. Vrgina Place. Eleagow. 0141-559-6344. 5pm-3am £5:/Free tedore 11pm. Ryer: Kern provides a selection of vocal house and dence grooves. Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

■ Substantial Monthly Saturdays at La Bale Angela, Hastes Close. Editourgh: 0131-225-5644. (0-3em. £10/28. The finist house and grapp (crom readed (2 big Smith (Xor 1114)), who will be joined by a very special guest in the form of a US house D((±)(2)). (Smith (Xor 2014)) and the form of a US house D((±)(2)). (Smith (Xor 2014)) and the form of a US house Dress Code: Kine Capacity: 550

TNT Floringhty, Saturdays at Glow Hightoolus 9 Belmont Street, Ahardam, 10/224-B4000, 10/Sam, 28/26 Premier breakfaset night with the bost drum & bass, breakfaset and hiphop acts. With speaking puests Bendlow, Rhythm Karo drumg o Du sat (Nev 11th). **Dress Gode:** Anything **Gapacitys**: 500

Twisted Weekly Saturdays at The Pelican Club, Basement Metro, 17 Market Street, Aberdeen, 01224-461-886. 10-2am, £tbc.

An execution high freaturing house, furrised up disco beens and breakt part with residents and special guests Dr Alex Preerson (The Drb) (Nev 11th) DJ Ham (18th), and Alex Knight (Fat Cat Records) (25th Nov). **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** Loads

■ Ultragroove Monthly Schurdeys at La Belle Angele. Hasties Closa: Edinburgh: 0131-454-9767. 10-3em. £10. Pete Heller: Terry Farley. Colin Cook and Garath Sommerville (Nov. 25th). Dress Code: Smart Gapacity; 500

■ Void Monthly Saturiays er Grow Nightoub, 9 Behmont Street, Aberdaen, 07224-648-000, 10-2am, £thc, Detroit tech no with resident Chris Knox alongside Ken Ishi (Nov 25th), Dress Code: Anything Capacity; 500

SUNDAY

Liquid Gold Weekly Sundeys at Q. Virginia Place, Elasgow, 0141-559-6344. Spm 3am 55/Free before 11pm, Scott MacMillen and Paul Traynor provide the madness alongside drinks promotions, **Dress Gode:** None **Capacity:** Mary

Origin Weeky Surdays at Glow Nightclub, 9 Belmont Street, Abardeen, D1224-648-000, 10-2am, Free, Chill but assist with a selection of funky 1 p hop from Finnie and very special queets. Dress Code: Anything Capacity: 500

Sunday Supplement Every second Sunday of the merch at GM Mercale. Merket Street, Editionaly. 10 (2014:66:378): 11-26m; 55/24. Pesident Baby Gils joined by guests Terry Hunter (too) (Nov 12h), and Jenery Newell and US gases sociated bag Strett (Des Toh). Toress Gode: You Capacity Mary

■Tackno Last Sunday of every month at Club Mercado, Market Street, Ecinburgh 10.30pm-3am £4/£5/£6. DJ Trendy Wendy helps host a variety of highly encertaining and themed nights including Big Brother Tackno (Nev 26th). Dress Code: What do you think? Capacity: Loads

MONDAYS

■ The Profezzionals Weekly at Folka Na. 438 Frederick Street, Edinburgh. 0131-550-3716. April-tate. Free Muture of Eighties, flictly disco and house from Roddy and Jason. Dress Code: None Capacity: Intimate

TUESDAYS

Cobalt 60 Weekly Lesdeys at Glow Nightclub. 9 Belmont Street, Aberdeen. 01224-648-000. 10-2am. Free. Atmospheric soundscapes with the master of the beat. Andy Dobson. Dress Code: Anything Capacity: 509

WEDNESDAY

■ Fab Weekly Wednesdays at Babaza, 25 Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow, 0141-204-0101, 6-3em, 55. BJ Skud plays a coci blend of house, garage and r&h. Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 300

Revolver Weekly Wadnesdays at Glow Nightclub, 9
Balmort Street, Aberdeen, 01224-648 000, 10-2am, 52751,
Classic reho night with DJ Delane.
Dress Code: Anything Capacity: 500

THURSDAYS

1210 Weekly Thursday at Babaza, 25 Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow. 0141-204-0101. 6-3em. 25. Ian Thomson and David Gitmour playing parage house and all sorts. Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 300

■3 Piece Sweet Forhightly at The Conteau Lourige (Downstains@Ego, Picardy Piace) Edinburgh. 11-3am. 52. Trendy Wendy and Nicot host a night where the music policy is anything goes! Dress Code: None Capacity: Specious.

Homeage Monthly Thursdays at 0n Ar East, 15 Ward Road, Dundee, 07:552-2053226, 10:30-2:30am, £10. A winner of anightr paying turkly US house and dance music with special guest Reger Sanchez (Wor 23n). Dress Code: None Capacity: To many

Tunnel Thursdays Weekly at The Turnel Mathell Street, Biospon, 074-208-1000, 11-3 30tem, 24753. Kevin Michaene and Sott MacKay bley contemporary house while Lies Littlewood spins graage and vocathunes for ther admires! Dress Code: Clubby (Capacity; 1100)



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New Year's Eve... London



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INSOMNIA

IRELAND

CLUBS everywhere are stuffed again following the late summer lull. The Isaac Butt in Dublin put itself on the map with Paul Van Dyk's show, and is now flying with The Lab on Fridays, Stereo on Saturdays and Trade presents T-Lite on Sundays. Meanwhile Mono's turning them away from top nights from Bugged Out and Cream. Both of these Dublin clubs are set for major refurbishment in 2001, so watch out Temple Theatre and Red Box. Outside Dublin, Galway and Carlow have new 2,000+ capacity venues opening next year - are southern promoters trying to match the success of this year's big clubs, The Grill in Letterkenny and The Met in Armagh? Cork, Wexford and Waterford are enjoying a boom time with new nights, while Shine and Lush continue to dominate the Northern landscape, but few will complain about that. What's really exciting is the healthy variety of music on offer in Irish clubs - hard house was always huge here, and that hasn't changed, but there have been plenty of new breaks, r&b and two-step nights adding diversity. And speaking of newcomers, up and coming Irish producers have the chance to play the 8,000 capacity Point Theatre in February by submitting demos to www.sonarstate.com. Get to it, and you could win yourself a record deal with INCredible and slots at all four of next year's Homelands festivals in the process. (MK)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Essence 17th at GPD Nightshib, Balway Expect: MrC and Yousef

Winter Party 2000 Saturday November 11th at Mosney. Co. Meath. Expect: Sasha, John Digweed and Darren Emerson

FRIDAY

CHRIS BEARI

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Bugged Out! Second Friday of every month at Club Mono, Wexford Street, Dublin, CO-3531-4758-555. 10.30-3am. £12. This month's special guests are Justin Robertson, Rob Bright and Jay Cisco (Nov 10th). Dress Code: Nore Capacity: 650

Devotion Weekly Fridays at Recibox, Harcourt Street, Dublin, 00-353-1-478-0166 10.30pm-late £7/25. A night of quality house music with special guests Dress Code: Whatever, Capacity: 600

Essence Weekly Fridays at the GPO Nightclub. Galway, 00353-8-7838-9937, 11-2.30am, £6 Frendly and frenetic night of house and deep house with resident DJ Ted who is joined by special guests Mr C and Yousef (Nov 17th) Justin Robertson (Dep 1st), and Sander Kleinenberg (Jan 19th). Dress Gode: Whatever takes your fancy Capacity: Loads

Euphoria Weekly Fridays at Coolio's, New Castle West, Co. Limenck, 087-654-9655, 11-3am, £7, In association with Kiss 106FM. Featuring the best hard house around from the likes of Mark Kavanagh DJ Pressure and Paddy Sheridan. Upcoming dates include guests Nukleuz and the Tidy Crew. Dress Gode: None Capacity: 800

Ham Weekly Fridays at The Pod/Chocolate Bar Harcourt Straet, Dublin, 00-353-1-478-0166, 10 30pm-late \$6 members/\$8 Gay night featuring Shay Hannon, Martin McCann and Tonie Walsh mixing house and techno an lenty

Dress Code: Fabricus attire please Capacity: 600

Lust Weekly Fridays at Phoebe's. The Munster Hotel Thurles, Co. Tipperary, 00353-87205-7229, 11-late, £8. Techno trouble from resident Jon Greenwood This month's guests include John Power (Nov 10th), Mr Spring (17th), Jay Pidgeon (24th), Scott Bond (Dec 1st), and Gleave Dobbin (8th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 1200

Madskillz Ventaly Fridays at Famor Derans, Temple Bar, Dublin 00353-1-679-9114, 10:30-2am A night of hip hop from residents DJ Wool and 3rd Eye Surfers. Dress Code: Confy Capacity: 200

Party At Pasha Weekly Endays in The Crypt at Temple Theatre Temple Street, Dublin. 00353-1874-5088. 10pm till late. 28758 with Ryer. Residents Damen Flynn (Smare) and Barry Dempsey (Plfunk Dup) offer fresh, funky, uplifting house on an loiza tip without the cheeze!

Dress Gode: No Sr Capacity: 650

■ Play Waekly Fridays at The Rhythm Room, Manor Street. Waterford, 020-8693-4836, 10-2,30am, £10/£8/£6 Resident Will Power is joined by The Problem Kids (Nov 10th). Eric Rug (17th) guests the (24th). Greg Dowing (Dec 1st), and Kevin Yost (8th), Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Praise Friday November 17th at Nerve, Magazine Street, Derry City, 028-7126-0770, 10-late, £15 for both, £10/£9. Two day special celebrating Ninja Tune's 10th anniversary Line-up includes Cut La Roc and the Herbaliser on Friday and Groove Armada and Dreadzone on Saturday Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Rhythm Corporation Waakly Fridays at Temple Theatre, Temple Street, Dublin 00353-1674-5088 10pm-late, £8/£6 with flyer, The very best in modern r&b featuring resident DJ Karlos alongside guests Dna Step (Nov 10th), Diggz (17th), and Simon School Boy' Philins (24th) Dress Code: No sir Capacity: 650

Scream Weekly Fridays at The Pavilion, Cork 00353-21-278-788 11-3am £7/\$6. A techno-fest with residents and a selection of quality guests Ike Dave Clarke, Billy Nasty and Claude Young. Irish guests include Johnny Moy and Billy Scurry.

SATURDAY

Dress Gode: None Gapacity: 700

Cream Saturday December 2nd at Club Mono, Wasford Street, Dublin 00-353-1-475-8555, 11-2.30am £12. Gream's residency goes from strength to strength with resident Paddy Sheridan and quest Graeme Park. Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: 650

Digital Boogie Fortnightly Saturdays at O'Neills. Joy's Entry, High Street, Belfast 028-90315-000. 9pm-Lata \$8 before 11pm/£7 Residents Mark Bell, Timmy and Glenn return with a cocktail of house, funks, breaks and electro disco Dress Code: Anything Capacity: Many



Distinct Groove Forthlghtly Saturdays at The Front Page, Donegal Street, Belfast 07602-431-523 9-3am. Deep house, garage, US and tech-house from residents Acky and Sandra G alongside guests to be announced (Nov 25th & Dec 9th) Dress Code: A smile Capacity: 300

Lush! Weeky Saturdays at Kelly's, Bushmills Road. Portrush. 026-7082-5904/ 0777-446-6930, 9-2am. £10/9. Residents Col Hamilton and DJ Rico are joined by special guests that include Sander Kleinenberg (Nov 11th), and Dave Seaman (18th). Dress Gode: No sportswear. Capacity: 2150

Modern Art Weekly Saturdays at Pod, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, 00-353-1-478-0166, 11pm-late £8/£6 members Residents Robbie Butler and Davy Kaye serve a delectable platter of house and hard house. Dress Code: Gitter Capacity: 600

Praise Fortnightly Saturdays at Nerve, Magazine Street, Derry City, 028-7126-0770, 10-late £10-£5. Kicking off the month are Groove Armada and Dreadzone (Nov 18th). Anthony Pappa and another special guest to be confirmed (25th) and a Cool Discs Xmas Party with local talent (Dec 16th). Dress Code: Nene Capacity: Many

Red Box Weekly Saturdays at Red Box Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. 00-353-1-478-0166. 10.30pm-late. £12/\$10

Two influx nights with resident Johnny May alongside guests Eilly Nasty (Nov 18th) and Dave Clarke (Cec 9th) Dress Code: Anything goes Capacity: 600

Shine Weekly Saturdays at Mandela Hall, QUBSU University Road, Belfast, D870-241-0126, 9 30-2.30am, £10/£9/£8.

A sensational nicht of techno and deep penetrating house with special guests that include Layo & Bushwackal (Nov 25th), and Dave Clarke and Alan Simms (Dec 23rd). Dress Code: Anything goes Capacity: 800

Space Weekly Saturdays at Temple Theatre, Temple Street Dublin, 00-353-1874-5088, 9-2am, £10/£12.50 Finest breakheats, house and techno tunes provided by residents Darren Flynn, Jay Pidgeon and Orbit. With special guests Lisa Lashes (Nov 18th). The Tidy Boys (25th): and more to be announced.

Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: Plenty

Source Weekly Saturdays at Voodoo Rooms, Limerick 11pm-3am £7.

Massive servings of premium progressive house from residents Demot C. Jon Greenwood and guests Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: Loads

Sundissential Saturday November 25th at The Met Club 0283-751-1360. Sundissential's new residency kicks off with Steve Thomas

novidion the essential hard house fury Dress Code: Dress up Capacity: Many

Winter Party 2000 Saturday November 11th at Mosney, Co. Meetn. 00353-1-817-5092, £28.50. Special one off with Sasha, Jon Digweed, Darren Emerson, Johnny Moy. Coi Harni ton and Billy Sourry Dress Code: None Capacity: A lot

SUNDAY

Fried Weekly Sundays at Sanding's Cafe Bar, Water Street, Derry, 0777-588-8639, 9pm-late For a more laid back affair, featuring hip hop and deep house. look no further Dress Code: Casual and relaxed. Capacity: 100

Kamasutra Weekly Sundays at Thompsons, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, 028-323-762, 9-3am, £5 Rounding up the weekend, DJs Jay Kay Davy Cash and Gleave Dobbin administer old skool classics to the faithful Dress Gode: Sunday best Capacity: Bg enuff

Sole! & The Future Funk Sessions Weekly Sundays at The Pod/Chocolate Bar, Harcourt Street, Dublin, CD-353-1-478-0166, Spm-Late, Free before 10pm/25, Quality house grooves and funky beats presented by DJs Billy Scurty, Mark Dixon, Noel Phelan and Razor. Dress Code: Whatever - it's Sunday Capacity: 600

Wildlife Weekly Sundays at The Kitchen, Clarence Hotel, Temple Bar, Dublin. 00-353-1677-6635. 1115-late. £5. Beautiful girls, phat house anthems and occasional guest spots from the likes of Danny Rampling make this a superbivenue to close your weekend, ready for the Monday morning stampede. Dress Code: Chowear Capacity: 550

MONDAY

Swank Weekly Mondays at Thompsons, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, 028-323-762, 9-3am, £5 Catering for the gay community, this shamelessly hedonistic night features drag cabaret and hi-energy anthems courtesy of Kenny K and quests Dress Code: Dress like you mean it Capacity: Big enuff

TUESDAY

Genius Weekly Tuesdays at The Kitchen, Clarance Hotel, Temple Bar, Dublin, 00353-1-497-1154, 10-late, £5. Funky techno from Ultan Quinn and Tom Cole (Nov 14th). Unabombers (21st). Eddle Meskell (Ive), Tom Corrigan and

Arveene (28th) and Gordon Maher and Jon Hussey (Dec 5th) Dress Code: None Capacity: Intimate

WEDNESDAY

Glory Weekly Wednesdays at The Pod/Chocolate Bar, Harcourt Street, Dublin, 00-353-1-478-0166, 10:30pm-lata, Ladies free before 12pm, two for one before 11 30pm/£4. DJ Al Gibbs & guests lay it on for that taste of the weekend to come. Dress Code: Your call Capacity: 600

Blue Weekly Wednesdays at The Kitchen. Dublin. 00-353-1829-1655. 11pm-3am. £5/£4. Residents Shay Hannon and Hugo Scully playing quality house with live percussion throughout the night alongside guests Dress Code: Dress to please admirers Capacity: 500

Mia Weekly Wednesdays at Temple Theatre. Temple Street, Dublin, 00353-1974-5088, 9-2am, £5/Free before 10.30pm A student night in a fabulous venue with commercial dance music from DJ Country Key and Liam Dollard. Dress Code: No sir Capacity: 650

THURSDAY

Big Beat Boutique Monthly Thursdays at HD, Abbey Street, Dublin, DO-353-1-475-8555. 11.30pm-2.30am £10. The Boutique's new residency with very special quests each month Dress Code: None Capacity: Numerous

Charged Weekly Thursdays at Kitchen, East Essex Street, Dublin, 00-3531-677-6635, 10:30-late, £7 Join the Charged crew of Johnny Moy & Billy Scurry every week thereafter. Dress Code: None Capacity: 400

Lushious Weekly Thursdays at The Pod/ Chocolate Bar, Harcourt Street, Dublin. 00-3531-478-0166. 10.30nm-late \$5. A selection of DJs spinning quality house from music past and present. Dress Code: Your call Capacity: 600

Revolver Weekly Thursdays at Redbox Harcourt Street, Dublin, 00-353-1478-0166, 10.30 till late. Ladies free before midnight/£4 Concessions/£5 Student party night is a-go-go every week for all your cheese and favourite top turies. Dress Code: Charity shop classics Capacity: 1,200

Shine Monthly Thursdays at H0, 57 Abbey Street Dublin: DD-353-1-475-8555. 11:30pm-2.30am. £10. Techno and house with Alan Simms, Simon McDermott and quests. Dress Code: None Capacity: Numerous.



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INSOMNIA

WALES & THE WEST

EXCITING times in the Welsh capital, what with the impending arrival of Radio 1's Cardiff Live malarkey. After years of cajoling, the 1FM crew have finally realised how lovely it is out west, but it's been a bit of a nerve-jangler. Firstly the council refused to cough up the £40k the BBC wanted in sponsorship (meanies); then everyone was on tenterhooks to see if Tongy would actually turn up to the massive ice-rink gig, since he blew out the New Year's Eve event there when he heard it wasn't sold out, and stayed at Cream in Liverpool instead (boo). Meanwhile Bristol's latest super-venue has had to delay its opening date for the usual reasons. The 1,650capacity Rock club on Frogmore Street's opening was due for October 20th, but now looks likely for Friday November 17th. According to resident and musical director Nick Warren, the club's Thunder Ridge sound system is one of the biggest and most advanced in the country, so it should be worth the wait. (NAV)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

Drive By

10th at Creation Bristo Expect: Ed Rush Detical Randall Jumpin Jack Frost Kenny Dope and more.

Diversion Northly Fridays at The Palace, Swansea

Expect: Hard house, technic and trance from the likes of Time Maas, Robs, Lorras and Jav.

Bring The Noise Monthly Fridays at the Brunel Rooms, Swincon Expect: UK garage with 2 Vice Crow Raw Deal and guests.

God's Kitchen

Friday 1st December at the Brunel Rooms, Swindon. **Expect:** Judge Jules, Scott Bond, Lisa Lashes, Paul Ricketts, Weston and Ward

FRIDAY

AGG

Beatz & Bobz Monthly Fridays at The Cavern Club. 63-84 Queen Street, Exeter, 01392-490-064 9-1am £4/£5. Quality tunes featuring Darren Chapman, Tom Real, and Ben & Lex with mests Dress Code: Smart Capacity: 275

Bring The Noise Monthly Fridays at the Brunel welock Square, Swindon, 01793-531-384 10-5am £10.

Garage Rasidents 2 Vibe Crew, Raw Deal, Martin & Jinr and MC PSG are joined by DJ Spoony and Mikea B (Nov 24th). Dress Code: Funkitun, Capacity: Many

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 Rey Keith, Bran G. Ed Reyk. Optical: Randal and Jumpin Jack
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 and Jazzy Jeff. (10th). Dress Code: None Capacity: Meny Driveby Weekly Fridays at Creation 13-21 Baldwin Street.

Escape Weekly Fridays at Escape, Northampton Lane Swansea, 01792-652-654, Pre-club bar 9pm-late, 10-3am, \$3-\$10 Featuring Mauro Picotto, Jim Shaft' Ryan (Nov 11th.) Graeme

Park and Graham Gold (18th), Norman Jay (25th), Dave Pearce (Dec 2nd), Scott Bond, John Lenny JR, Tubby C, Raiph Fowel (9th), plus residents Dress Code: No blue jeans Capacity: 1.000

Firewall Weekly Fr days at Sloanes 2 Church Street. Teuritori, U1823-324-760, 9-2am, Ethc. Regular residents Save Wiggle, Safe House and Adam James Poble will be hosting World AIDS Day in conjunction with Galaxy 101 (Dec 1st) and Daniel Soto from God's Kitchen (8th). Dress Code: Smart Capacity: Loads

Full Tilt Weekly Fridays at Clares, 39-41 Torwood Street Torquay, 01803-211-097, 9-2am, £5/£4 House with Ben McGowan, DJ Levi and Mr Fish plus guests that include Billy Bunter and Jon Doe (Nov 10th), Mark EG (17th) esidents (24th) and more. Kinda Funky play r&b, parage and funk in mom two. Dress Code: Smart Capacity: 600

Future Funk Every second Friday of the month at Maze Hepburn Road, Stokes Croft, Bristol, 07980-863-505. 10-4am. £4.99.

Underground techno from Uberdog, Gez Bentley and Poyer and quests. Dress Code: Nope Capacity: 400

Garage Nation Second Friday of each month at the Brunel Rooms, 1 Havelock Square, Swindon, 01793-531-384, 10-4am, £10/£8. LK Gerane from the likes of D. Lluck and MC Next alongside sidents V2 Crew, Real Deal, Famma Fatale and DJ Swing (Dec

8th) Dress Code: Slick and sexy. Capacity: Loads. Go Every first Friday of the month at The Maze, Hapburn

Road, Stokes Croft Bristal, 01792-548-652, 10-4am, £8/26, Jody, Lee Mollin, Jamie Grifiths and DJ Hyper and guests play deep, procressive house and nu skool breaks. Dress Gode: Nope Capacity: Many

God's Kitchen Fertnightly Fridays at the Brunel Rooms, 1 Havelock Square, Swindon, 01793-531-384, 10-5am. £12/\$8. Judge Jules, Scott Bond, Lisa Lashes, Paul Ricketts in the main

house room and Fusion bar with Weston and Ward in the amphi (Dec 1st). Dress Code: Go for it Capacity: Big

Hardedge Forthight y Fridays at Cavern, 83-83 Queen Street, Exeter, 9-2am, Stbo Drum & bass for those in the know Residents DJ Dookie and MC Wyzeleich are joined by Dem & Roland (Moving Shadow) (Nov 17h) Dress Gode: None Capacity: Mary

Homegrown Monthly at The Lakota. 6 Upper York Street Stokes Croft Bristol. 0973-734-701, 10pm-5am \$10/\$8

Return To The Source, Marc Alan, Chris Bow and guests. Dress Code: None Capacity: 1.200

Hustler Forthightly Fridays at Clivia I for Bach. Card ff. 029-2066-E400, 10-3am, £6. Guests include Jon Cater (Nov 17th), and Rahzel (Dec 1st). Dress Code: None Capacity: Loads

Joy Friday December 1 st at Creation, 13-21 Baldwin Street. Bristol. 0117-922-7177, 10-4am, £8. Drum & bass with JJ Frost, Mickey Finn Ray Keith, Nicky Blackmarket, Zinc, Rapid and MCs Skibbadee, Kevin Real Deal Squire and KC. Dress Code: Smart Capacity: 1400

Kool Waters Formohtly Fridays at Dellers Wharf. Taunton, 0421-039-616, 9-3am, £6. House and funky house courtesy of Scott Bond, Lisa Lashes. Marc Verlo and more. Dress Code: Smart Capacity: Man

Maze Fortnightly at the Maze, Hepburn Road, Stokes Croft, Bristol, D117-923-2920, 10-4am, £7/£5/£3. The maze hosts a variety of entertaining nights including Sunrise 2000 Old Skool Rave featuring Maurice. Hocker Alex and Ji and MC Robbie amoun others (Nov 24th), and a larger array of

ressies (Dec 8th). Dress Code: None Capacity: 400 Magnificence Friday December 1 st at Creation 13-21 Baldwin Street Bristol. 0117-922-7177. 10-4am. £10. Premier garage, soul and r&b night with the likes of Pied Piper. Karl Tuff Enuff Brown, Pied Piper, DJ D ggz & Charlie Brown and many more. Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: 1400

Silent Running Monthly Fridays at Ciwb Ifor Bach. Card # 029-2066-6400 10-Sam £7 Future funk and drum & bass from residents Raeph. High

Contrast, Guy and TJ Looker with first time in Cardifi quests (Nov 10th) and back by dope demand - Adam F and J Maik (Dec.8th) Dress Code: None Capacity: 500

Sumo Formohily Fridays at The Blue Mountain Club Bristol, 10-till late £8/£6. Fresh hip hop flavours with a sprinkling of fat beats and breaks. Guests include Alex Reece, Meat Katle & Bilm, Deejay Punk Roc, Kung Fury, Christian C (Nov 24th) and Adam Freelanc, Kung Fury and Rahzel (Dec 1st) Dress Code: None Capacity: 500

SATURDAY

Ba Da Boom Third Saturday of every month at the Time Club, Deiniol Road, Bangor North Wales 8pm-1am. \$10/58. A funked up night of house and breakbeat with special quest Freestylers Matt Cantor (Nov 18th) Dress Code: Vone Capacity: Mary

Candy Store Weekly Saturdays at Candy Store 103 Mayflower Street, Plymouth 01752-220-077 10-4am, £9/27. fasty night featuring Billy Nasty and the Disco Brothers (Nov 11th), Lisa Loud and Nigel Dawson (18th), and Scott Bond and Dope Smugglaz (25th). Room two is hosted by the queens of UK garage. Lise Unique, Emma Feline and

Linda Phoenix Dress Code: A smile Gapacity: 2 200

Enigma Weekly Saturdays at Bar Rumba, Griffin Street, Newport, South Wales, 07957-512-643, 9-2am, £7/56/25(NUS).

Two rooms with house, trance and garage from residents Chrispian Leigh, Clarke Gibson, Neil Young, Kris Kraine and Matt Kink with guests Farley Jackmaster Funk (Nov 11th), Graham Gold (18th), and Chrispian Leigh (25th) Dress Code: No sports/streetwear Capacity: 800

Escape Weekly Saturdays at The Escape, Northampton Lane, Swansea, 07970-664-360, 10pm-4am £9 members/£10 non-members Residents Danny Slade Dell G. Ted Brasco, Bern and Big Al are pined by guests Mauro Picotto, Jim Shaft Ryan (Nov 11th). Graeme Park and Graham Gold (18th), Norman Jay (25th), Dave Pearce (Dec 2nd) and Scott Band, John Lenny JR, Tubby C. Raech Powell (9th)

Dress Code: No blue jeans Capacity: 1,000

Fish Saturday November 18th at the Depot Lawerence Hill, Bristol. 0117-908-7922/ 07989-421-289. 10-6pm. \$8/\$10

A great night with a variety of house with the likes of Steve Toomas, Dave Rentall, Max The Alien Thins, DJ Pod plus many more. Dress code: Whatever Capacity:750

Frisky Weekly Saturdays at The Brunel Rooms. Havelock Square Swindon, 01793-531-384, 9:30-2.30am, £7/£5 Garage grooves and cheeky house with resident Paul Ricketts and guests Graig & Fave (Nov 11th), Norman Jay (18th), and Paul Harris (24th). Dress Gode: Smart Capacity: 1.350

Future Funk Second Saturday of every month at The Time Nightclub, Gianravon Hill, Bangor, 01248-354-535. 8cm-1am £8/£6 Featuring Mike Herdman, KWJ Dave Draig Goch and a variety of special quests (Nov 11th). Dress Code: Whatever you desire Capacity: Loads

Karanga Weekly Saturdays at Creation, 13-21 Baldwin Street, Bristol. 01225-316-198. 9-4am. £8/£10. Joining residents Ben Hudson, Andy Fisher, Dan Platts and Tom Madd cott are top DJs providing you with the best house and trance. Dress Gode: Make an effort Capacity: 1.400

L'America Fortnightly Saturdays at The Emporium Nightclub, High Street, Carolfi, 029-2031-0600, 10-4am \$5/58

Jazzy M, Paul Woocford: Craig Bartlett and Dave Jones in the big morn along with Scott Hams and Gareth Hopkins playing soul in The Laft (Dec 2nd). Dress Code: None Capacity: 650

Legacy Weekly Saturdays at The Vision. Market Place. Ringwood Derset, 01425-478-084, 9-3am, £10/£8/£6, Residents Paul Moss, Hayes, Dat Man Artwell, Tommy and Happy, Bump & Hustle provide the vibe from with guests. Dress Code: Dress Up! Capacity: 500

The Monastery Weekly Saturdays at The Monastery, Torwood Garden's Road, Torcuay, Devon



(1803-292-929 Michight-7am, \$10/\$8/\$6. MONDAY Storming, uplifting house night with Chris Finan, Steve Thomas

and Darren Watts (Dec 2nd) and Mr Gruber, Moon, Ben

Out Of The Blue Monthly Saturdays at Cafe Blue

Silver Street, Bristol. 07899-993-909. 8.30-4am. £5/£8/£10

Guests and residents include Mark Vedo, Paul Matthews, Carlos

Renaissance Every first Saturday of the month at

McGowan and very special quest Lisa Pin-Up (9th).

Dress Code: None Canacity: 600

Javier, Grec Gibson and Toxic Twins.

Dress Code: None Capacity: 800

Cafe Blue, The Old Fire Station, Silver Street, Bristol 0117-904-3329, 9-3am, £10/£8

Many big name guests over the course of the year

■ Ripsnorter Monthly Saturdays at The Depot. Lawrence Hill, Bristol. 0117-908-7922. 10-6am. £10/£8

Re-entry records present a mammoth one-off extravaganza.

Playing the best in hard house and technolon the hight will be

Mark Tyler, DJ Pod, Chris Todd, Glenn M llar and more (Nov 11th)

and Dynamic Intervention (aka Mik Cree) and Sol Ray (Dec 9th).

Safe House Monthly Saturdays at Lakota 6 Upper

Residents Phil Bishop, Gyn, Andi Martini, Dan Pearce and Alex

Mathews will be ig ned by Monavgenny's Jim Shaft Rvan (Oct

Sex Machine Every Saturday at The Timepiece

Banging beats, funk, soul and hip hop with DJ Ricardo and

Binman Pinney. Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 600

Stereotype Weekly Saturdays at Creation 13-21

Baldwin Street, Bristol. 0117-922-7177. 10pm-4am: £4/£5. An extention incht covering everything from house and hard house.

to funk and rare groove courtesy of residents Paul Conroy et al.

Time Flies Fortrightly Seturdays at The Emporium, 8/10 High Street, Cardifi 029-2066-9901, 10-4am, £10/£8,

by special quests. Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Safe House Every last Sunday of the month at Slug

& Leituce, St Nicholas Street, Bristol. 07976-609-488.

Sunday house session with Phil Bishoo, And J Martin, Alex

Residents Richard Hitchell, Lady Laing and Tim Russell are joined

Dress Gode: Stereotypical Capacity: 1400

SUNDAY

Som-10.30pm Free

Mathews, Glyn R dout and guests

Dress Code: Nope Capacity: 750

Little Castle Street Exeter: 01392-493-096. 9pm-1am £2/£4.

York Street, Bristol. 07976-609-488, 10om-6am, £10.

21 st) and Steve Thomas and Lisa Lashes (Nov 11th)

Dress Code: Smart and Saxy Capacity: 1200

Dress Code: Slam Capacity: 1,700

Dress code: Whatever Gapacity:750

Higher Education Weekly Mandays at Creation. 13-21 Baldwin Street, Bristol. 0117-922-7177.9-3am. £3 Ho-and-coming D.Is alongside residents The Disco Brothers and guests. Dress Code: Studentwear Capacity: 1.400

TUESDAY

Cafe Sabroso & Defunkt Every Tuesday at The Timepiece, Little Castle Street, Exeter. 01392-493-09E 9nm-1am Free/92 Banging beats, funk, soul and hip hop with DJ Ricardo and Binman Pinney. Dress Code: Funky Capacity: 600

Indy 500 Weekly Tuesdays at The Basement, 31 Westgate Street, Cardiff, 07980-113-445, 10pm-3am, £3/£2 NUS New Forensic hip hop night with DJs Jaffa, Daz. Paul B, Cuz and guests. Dress Code: No Capacity: 250

WEDNESDAY

Escape Weekly at The Escape, Northampton Lane. Swansea 07970-664-380. 10pm-4am. £3 Student night offering a classic range of unit favourites. Dress Code: No blue pars Capacity: 1000

Jelly Jazz Weekly Wednesdays at The Quay Club. Plymouth, 10-2am, £4/£3 Resident Pete Isaac provides a selection of funk, jazz, soul and breaks and beats and a multitude of funky guests. Dress Code: None Capacity: 400

THURSDAYS

Hustler Live Thursday November 9th at U's. Newport. 029-2066-6400. 9-till late: £6. Guests on the night include LSK, Nash. Beach and Monkey Tennis D.Is Dress Code: None Capacity: Loads

Menu Monthly Thursdays at The Octagan, Bangor, 07939-388-991, 8-1 | late, £5. Menu residents Adam Lehane, Neil Stuart, Louis Hughes and Dutch will be joined by very special guest John '00' Fleming Dress Code: Smart, no trainers Capacity: Loads

Tsunami Monthly Thursdays at Reflections, West Wits Trading Estate, Westbury, Wilts. 01373-827-200. 9-2am. £10/8 in advance Alex P joins residents Rik and Phil Grover, Hooker Alex, Mike Nice and Mile (Nov 91) Dress Code: Clutwear Capacity: 1000



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THE SOUTH

BRIGHTON'S shining star Norman Cook - who came up trumps when he won Outstanding Contribution at the Muzik Awards this year - has certainly been putting himself about this year, what with a residency at The Matrix in Reading and of course, London. But Brighton is where his heart's at and we're all proud of the bugger! On a cheekier note, those Cheeky Monkeys are causing mischeif! If you fancy a five hour set from the king of hard house, then catch Fergie on December 1st. Seeing as the summer is well and truly over (not that it ever began!), how's about a boat party anyway! Muzik's own Bedroom Bedlam winner and Lee Burridge's protege, James Zabiela, is the host alongside special guest Danny Howells. But if drum & bass is more to your taste, catch Goldie at The Concorde for some dark and twisted tunes. Ohyes. (AN)

ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

High Tide Boat Party Saturday November 25th in Southampton Expects Danty Howells and Bedroom Bedlem winner James Zabela

Checky Little Monkey Fiday December 1 at at The Showbar. Bournemouth Rxpect: Five hours of Ferger

Elegends Of The Dark Black Friday December 1st at The Concorde Brighton. Expect: Goldie, Balley and Trax

FRIDAY

Bedrock Every first Fiday of the month at The Beach. 171-181 Kings Road Arches. Brighton. 01273-722-272, 10-3am. 55/57.

Badrock's John Digweed and Danny Howells and guests hit the south coast. **Dress Code:** Make an effort **Capacity:** 450

The Boutique Farchightly Findays at Concords 2. Madera Orwa, Brighton, 1023-172-272, 10-3am, 187/27 Bottque read-ins alongside guests Michelo General (Niv 10 th) Fabby Slim, Scarty Sandwich and more to be announced (Dec John, and Paul Maky, Stanton Warnes and Boutique readiants (22nd) Dress Code: Whatever Gapacity: E00

Checky Little Monkey Weally Endags at The Structure Bournemouth. (1902: 766:655: 9-2am Jody Osman is pland by The Tidly Boys and another secold guest (Another Upped) Andy Fackey and Jammy Hill (Thi). Join Beihong and another appeal quest (24b). Fergie (5 hours) (Ose Ter), tho (Bib), and Karm (15th) Dress Godie: None Capacity: Many

Etch Friday, Vovenber 17th at Cancorde 2 Medera Drive,
 Braghton 10273-720 (COL 10-3am, 26.
 Soul, azz and tip hop are exercised up by earne special residents and
 guest MrScruft. Dress Gode: Non: Capacity: Many

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■ Nu Garage Central Weekly Fridays at The Escape Dub, Marine Parade Brighton (1923) 620-567 (10-2am) 57755 John postens Smudge Robiel Dard Tom Warne a crypste puests The Heartees Crew Robiel Dard Tom Warne a crypste puests The Heartees Crew Robiel Dard Erick Pooley (Nov 100b) 0J Man, Tom Warne, Jayme Russell and MC Junior Red (7/b); and Joor Kaye, Eir March teack to cack with DJ Mare and MC Junior Red (24h) Dress Code: Make an effort Gapacity: 250

■ The Pussycat Club Weekly Fridays at The Zap. Kings Road Arches, Brighton D1273-821-147, 10:30-4em. £850/£8/£6:50.

Simon Jordan and Nipp awith guests Pate Wardman (Nov 10th), Darren Stokes (17th), Guy Omadel and Sister Blies (24th), Daig Jansen (Dao 1st), Judge Jules (8th), Tall Paul (15th), and Bøy George (22th). **Dress Gode:** Giam **Capacity:** 550

Slinky Weekly Findays at The Opera House, 570 Christohurch Road Bournemouth, C1202-599-922, 9pm-3am s107/s12.

Self-Fornaine: Somque and Guy Olmadie (New Toth), Judgie Juleis Stacker, Comme and Anny C (17th). Scott Bond, Armini Yan Burann, Toucher and Dr Stacher (24th), Luleis Newlei, Timo Maas and Er Rust (Deo List), John Kaly, Alex P. Mark Lewis and Mickey Imm (0th), and Borbon Kaya. Testos, Stacker and Jumping Jack Frost (18th). **Dress Code:** Shart of Johans J. 2009.

■ Urban Waeky Finays at Urban, Finvale Road, Boumenoth, 10202-964 300, 10 3am, 3725. Gany Wine Jon Largford and Mike B ettle jöned by Jon Joneon (Jac Znd), Duiwer (Hi), lan Olsse (YBH), and a nasidentis speelal (Znd). Dress Gode: Hala an effett Gapacity Many

■ Uncut Weakly Fridays at The Rhane Club, 57 Cla Waterioo Terease, Southampton. (023-6053-007). To Hear Sch 744 (23 US house and gazage with James Zathela, Ashley Wilsom Ryan B and H-Jack with greats Johnry B (Nev 1001). Syan, James (717) am O IB 427 (247). Dress Code: Note Capacity: 570

SATURDAY

■ Boygirl Weeky Sabudeys at The Ocean Rooms, 1 Moriey Street Brighton. 01273-669-068. 9-3em. 26:507/56:50 John casterits and guess. Bayes Lu Cont (Nov. 10th). A Van Called Adam (Noth). Luke Soloman and Andre King (2014), and guess throughout Describent include Kinny. Hawkes, Harvey, Advisy Bacfea and Andre King. **Dress Code:** Nane **Capacity:** 600

Conch Saundey December 2nd at The Empire, Bogrom Regis, 07790-103-037, 9-3am, 58, Quality tech-house from Bradley Long, Barno, Marc Alister and guest Tenry Francis, **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** 600

High Tide Boat Party Saturday Kovenber 25th in Southernatin. 02380-345-316. B-3am. £12/£10. Joining Dan Raid, Gary Bermetion and James Zabiela is special guest Daniy Howells. Dress Code: None Capacity: 350

■ Maison Profonde Weckly Saturdays at The Stroktar Per Appreach. Bournemouth. D202-245-752 950-2am. S1 m acknow/merce on docr. Housenight with resident Diff Lay and special guests Struat Patterior (No. 11th), Booky (X. Praes 2) (CBth), and more to be amounced. Dress Code: Make an effort Capacity: Large

Phonic Hoop Weeky Saundays at Engine 10 Ship Street Berghon, 01273-528-433 10-2am, £6755 Hohao, markai, jazz, zumak Joasi from Rebart Liais Deads Pius Thoughts Steady, Caino and more or metation with guests Dan Weets (Nev 18th) and an Wighth (26th), Check on three of school Areas in the back Dress Godie: Weekerg Capacity, 520

Seven-Sins Weakly Saturiaya at the Honeyclut. 214 Kings Read Andres. Empirior. (2024):10–4am Join readerts Rik Ruherford, Lee Simpson, Otsekly and San-Jifor angint (Elambious and prance. Disasts include: Luce. Nextle: (Nov. 11th) Lawronce Nation (Outy Free) (Ethi). Part Hillyer (25th). Pasto Fantasts (Oac Yun). Rok Tassars (3th). Pare & Rissail (Progress) (16th). and the Xinas party with Paul Hillyer (25th). Dress Code: The Effort, no entry: Capacity: Vany.

■ System 7 Weskly Saturdays at Olds M. St Mary's Olovally Road, Southamoton, 04'00 604 4/20 9-2am, Etho. Texhic and Harl house from Ramos, Mart Storm, Daren S, Samon C, Li Fae, M. Black, Ban Rush and Spike with eith moment two. Big Buck, Bad Ass Philips and les Champanok play reggae, dua and Latin funk, Dress Code: Hom Capacity: Many ■ Vice Workly Saturdays at Ultian, Firvale Rival, Boumemuth, UCO2-EMF-SiDo 10-4am. SE/SiC Residents Garry White, Jon Langtind and Make Brettle am joined by guida such as John Digueset, Oxiver and Jimmy Yan M. Dress Code: Make an effort **Capacity:** Many

<u>SUNDAY</u>

■ Space Every last Sunday of the month at EUB A.R. Havelock Road, Hastings, East Sussee, 01424-412-4005 4-1030pm: 55:144 with figs Funky transcey soundlest in a galactic wonderland of a verse Researchs Bra Bowen and Anthony Coombe with guests Dress Ooder, Make a life effort Capacity: 250

Sundazed Workly Sindays at Honeyclub, 214 Kings Road Andras, Brighton, UTOCO 446-633, 10pm-Zam, Free, Harð husse and tannor hom Usee Quarem, Quix Bubba Haynes, Linla John, Krunchie and John Washterly. Dress Gode: Hone Capacity: Many

MONDAY

Starclust Weakly Moncays at the Honeyolub. 214 Kings Rd Arches, Brighton, 10pm-2am, £4/52 NUS. Furky retro-discomix from DJs Dani Double' Docks and Fearless Furky Finzz. Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

TUESDAY

■ Exposed Wasky Tussiays at the Honeyclub, 274 Kings Rd Archas, Brightan. 10pm-2em, 55724 NUS Vew garage night Reaching No.5 Mer. The Deven Teem. Mart Jami Lamont, Rameys & Fenand Norms Da Boos. Windhoss, Starts Orcher Xm. Dress Golder, Nine Gapacity: Nony

WEDNESDAY

■ Buggin' Forhightly Wednesdays at The Dosan Rooms. Money Street, Brighton, 01273-321-734, 10-2am, 52763. Find resident Tula sprinting deep, dirty house, breaks and beats. Dress Code: Whatever Capacity: 350

■ Gogglez Weekly Wachesdays at the Dosen Rooms, Moring Stratt, Brighten, Dedb, Shart Legs and Faran-Tela with guests Jack Hunder (Nov 161), Songrafink Varsus Groggiez with Sarge Santago, Da-Vod and Mat Edwards (26th), and an Knass special with Gogglez Varsus Bust The Box (Deo 13ch). Dreas Goden: Vice Gapacity, Vany

■ Super Charged Weskly Wednesdays at The Buddha Lounge Kings Road Archas, Brighton, 01213-648-000, 10-3an, 52/51 belone 10:30. A right of linky breaks and beats with residents Kirafy Kuts and

PhattlaceLloyd. Dress Code: None Capacity: 220

THURSDAY

Brighton Workers Social Club First Thursday of every month at the Ocean Rooms, Moriey Street, Brighton Enjoy the trance with Ed and Hamish alongside guests (Deo 7th).

Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

Contagious Weekly Thursdays at The Haneyclub, 214 Kings Rd, Bighton. 10pm-2am. 54/52 NUS. Join DJ Cheeky, Christian Web, Damien and Brett Cartier for dance anthems. Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

■ Dig It Weskly Ihursteys at The Buddha Lourge Kings Road Anches, Brighton, 01278-648-000, 10-3am, 183 Deopundesground house, medikeet and electro hurk with readents Mistry G and Clear and a selection of handpicked guests. Dress Godes, None Capacity, Many

Drumtrip Forhightly Thursdays at The Prassure Point, Richmond Place, Brighton, 10pm-2am 33/54 Heavyweight basis and breaks with Wickly Freezo, Parte Bonner and guests, Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

 Fluid Groove Every Keuth Thursday of the month at the Deam Rooms, Morley Street, Brighton, Matt Edwards with guests Digs & Woesh (Nor 25rd), and BRS (Dec 14th). Dress Code: None Capacity: Many ■ Insight Launch Party Thursey Autenber Bit at The Zea Beginton. (2007-77) 2000 (100m-2am. SE. Drum & bases and breakbeat; funk mixel with smooth house growers from Doc At AMU, Justyn, Marix and DJ Eco. Dress Goder: Nore Capacityr Mary

The Rub Weekly Thursdays at The Escape Club, Brighton 10pm 2am, 55:754 NUS Rub and rap with Mice Partelli and DU Billy. The Rub gives way peny (Duc. Tai): and Bol Jam peny with Regge Silves and Encove Squad (26h). Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

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Fluid. Anty C and Kane. Dress Code: None Capacity: 650

Soulsonic Monthly Fruesdays at The Old Fra Saton. 36 Holdenhurst Read, Bournemouth. 01202-503-888. 9-2am 53 507 53 The ultimate drum & bass night with DJ Hype and Mark Finithe

main room with Chris and Dave spinning garage tunes in the back (Nov 9th & 30th). **Dress Code:** None **Capacity:** 300

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ESSENTIAL NIGHTS

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 Expects: DJH.d.a. No.v. Backmarket. Ed Rush and Brocke.

Logik Saturday November 18th at Fat Pauly's, Norwich Expect: Hard house, techno and funky house.

FRIDAY

Addiction Monthly Fridays at Liquid Nightblub, Cardinal Park, Ipswich. 07747-172-850. 9-2am 50/57/56 Garage night with resident Finesse and quests like Ramsay & Fen Jason Kaye and DT. Dress Code: None Capacity; 1000

Drum-Attic Weekly Fridays at The Natopois Lourge. Bridge Street, Peterbonough: 01733-666-100. 9-30-2am. 54/25 House and garage with DJs Nick Slater (Shades Of Rhythm). Carl Sayers and JD. Dress Code: No tracksuits Capacity: 250

Faith Friday December 15th at Rumble, The Waterfront, King Street, Norwich, 07931-166-077, 10-6em, \$11 in advance/ more en door.

Drum & bass from Hype, Nicky Blackmarket Ed Rush Brookie and MD Det while Wideboys, DKP and The Bomb Squad play garage in room two, **Dress Gode:** None **Capacity:** Many

Garage Nation Monthly Findays at Rumours. 50 Rosemary Lane, Clacton on Saa, Essax. 07255-435-942, 9-3am. £7/£6 US and UK garage from Dave Gray, Mark Billings. Christian Lewis

and guests. Dress Code: No scruffs Capacity: 1.000

■ Lift Monthly Endays at The Faz Chub, 15 Market Passage Cambridge, 01223-519-224, 9-2am, £3/£6/£8 Soul, furk, deep house and garage with Max Rees. Mike Maher and guests. Dress Code: The less the bettar Capacity: Big

SATURDAY

Cultural Vibes Wackly Saturdays at The Zero. Aviation Way, Southend. 0976-423-156. 9-2 am. 56/55. UK garage with guests like Mike: Ruff Cut Lloyd and The Dream. Team. Dress Code: No sportswaar Gapacity: 900

■ Faith Saturday December 2nd at UEA Vorwich. 07931-166-077. 9-2am. £9/£7. Progressive house and trance with Lisa Loud and Pele and funky house and fittered disco with Gibto and Tango.





The Chemical

Brothers at Glint. London and Bugged Out!, Liverpool John Digweed at Zouk, Singapore Justin Robertson at Bugged Out!, Liverpool Miguel Migs at Wet, San Francisco Mark Turner at Tribal Sessions, Manchester Yousef at Cream's Eighth Birthday, Liverpool Carl Cox at Renaissance, Nottingham Nigel Dawson at Renaissance, London Darren Emerson at Red Melon Boat Party, San Francisco

Dress Code: None Capacity: Many

■ Logik Schundey November 18 hat Fat Pauly's Edward Streat, Norwich, 07331-166-007. 10 pm-6am 310 makensk/ more on door No zones of herd house, techno and funkly house, with DAVE The Drummer, Teama Superlast 02, Flox, and Keeza plus many more. Dress Goder Nore: Capacity: Nany

■ Nouveau Monthly Saturday: at Rumours. 50 Rosemary Road Claston-on-Sea. Essex. 01255-435-942, 900-3am £7/25. Resident DJ Tony Grmley plays to a very up for it crowd with guests. Dress Code: Smart casual Capacity: 950

Soul Delight Wesky Saturdays at The Bridge, 36 North Street, Romford, 0356-370-363, 7-1 Stern, £8. Join readens, James Anthony and Ach Saleston for some old skool hunk, disco and r.Bo. **Dress Code:** Furlix Capacity: 520

THURSDAY

G Spot Weekly Thursdays at the Time Discotheque. Time Square, Southernhay, Basildon, Essex. 01268-289-393. 9.30pm-2am. 94.475

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NEWPORT -ENIGMA

Name: Sarah Age: 21 Occupation: Hairdresser Why: My friends love it Who rocked it: DJ K



#2

LEICESTER -GOODBYE CRUEL WORLD

Name: Steve Age: 29 Occupation: Club promoter and DJ Why: It's the best job in the world Who rocked it: Steve Gerrard



#3

READING -CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

Name: Maria Age: 24 Occupation: Student Why: Haven for my promiscuity Who rocked it: Matt Carter



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FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Liquid, 52 Wandsworth High St, London Line up: Watcha and Filthy residents Bedroom Bedlam: Roberto Marroni Info Line: 020-8871-3910

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Industria, 57 Welford Rd, Leicester Line up: Jeff Alan, T-Smith, Scott King and Richard Tulip Bedroom Bedlam: Stewart Bennett Info Line: 0116-233-4788

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THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

After Dark, London St, Reading Line up: Mat Carter, Pierre, Neville Watson and unannounced guests Info Line: 07775-580-303

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER EXHILARATION

The National Centre for Popular Music, Patermaster Row, Sheffield Line up: Graham Gold and Steve Thomas Bedroom Bedlam: Nat Monday Info Line: 07967-551-106

Contraction SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Mosquito Coast, St Nicholas Place, Leicester Line up: Mark Fuccio, Lonsdale, Jem Atkins and a special guest Bedroom Bedlam: Steve Gerrard Info Line: 0116-254-9966



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#4

PERTH-RUMBA

Name: Charlie Age: 27 Occupation: Marine biologist Why: There are plenty more fish in the sea Who rocked it: Anne Savage





TAUNTON -KOOL WATERS

Name: Kate and Danny Age: 21 and 22 Occupation: Market researchers Why: Everyone needs to know one another! Who rocked it: Tom Costelloe



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WITH THE TECHNO trance sound still riding high in our clubs this is a good time to take a look at the machines that make the noises that unify almost all electronic music – synthesizers.

Synthesis is a pretty straightforward idea once you get to know it, but it can be a bit daunting at first. The best way to learn about it is to get your hands on a synth and experiment. All of these machines ship with a ready-to-use set of factory prepared sounds to get you going, but we need to explain synthesis a little here. At its most basic, it's a simple, step-by-step chain of events. An 'oscillator' produces a constant raw tone that is passed through an 'envelope' which shapes and adds dynamics to that tone, then that passes through a resonant 'filter' which cuts parts of the sound out and boosts other parts (which tends to thicken and add dirty depth to the sound). Of course it gets more complicated than that, with the addition of more envelopes, more filters and then LFOs which totally warp the whole thing. . . until you have many links in your synthesis chain. It's even more mindboggling when you realise that altering one link in the chain affects the way all the other links respond and sound.

The machines we are looking at here are all digital models of vintage analogue synths. The manufacturers have produced computer algorithms which emulate the way that an analogue oscillator, envelope, filter, etc behave in relation to all the other links in the chain. They are not simply samplers in disguise, they're massive, complex mathematical equations at work. These days they not only look, operate and respond like the original machines they copy, they actually sound remarkably like them. They are 'virtual analogue' synthesizers.

To help us put this selection of synths (there are many more available) through their paces, our guest reviewers this month are rising stars of the progressive sound, Cass & Slide (aka Pete).

EQ JP8080 PROFILE

MODEL: JP8080 MANUFACTURER: Roland PRICE: £1,099 inc VAT CONTACT: 01792-702-701 www.roland.co.uk

FEATURES

Capacity: Preset programs: 192 User programs: 64 Preset patches: 384 User patches: 128 Multitimbrality: 2 part Polyphony: 10 voice

SOUND GENERATION (PER VOICE)

Number of oscillators: 2 + noise, ring modulation Oscillator waveforms: 7 types Filters: 2 (5 types, 3 modes, 12dB/24dB per octave) LFOs: 2 Envelopes: 4 (DADDSR)

EFFECTS

2 simultaneous 5 individual programs 5 multi programs Vocoder

OTHER

Massive arpeggiator including step sequencer Extensive modulation matrix

ROLAND JP8080

THE 8080 is a few years old now. It was the first to hit upon the idea of sticking virtual analogue algorithms inside a keyboard covered in dedicated knobs and sliders to control them. It has been a massive success and is a good benchmark for the new contenders. Cass: "It works really well for us. The interface is lovely, it's all laid out well and there's a good feel to it." Pete: "Sound wise it's great, but it does sound very much like a digital synth. The basses sound guite digital and clippy. It's got good pads, good sweeps, some quite nice lead sounds and is probably a good all rounder for somebody starting who wants to get up and running. It hasn't got the old Roland analogue sound, so if that's what they were going for, I don't think they've achieved that, but it does have some good sounds and it's very programmable. The filters sound really good. It is a classic and things don't get to be classics unless a lot of people go for them." Cass: "The only problem with that is you just know that everybody will recognise it instantly."

Pete: "Not the best synth ever made but nonetheless, definitely a machine we'd be interested in having."

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CELEBRITYREVIEW

Waldorf Q Rack - £1,199 inc VAT

WALDORF Q RACK

Pete: "It's very yellow, it brightens up the studio nicely. And er. . . we couldn't get the fucker to work. We spent some serious time with it, gave it quite a few hours, I even read quite a bit of the manual but we can't get anything out of it. We can get the demo song to work and that's pretty ming really. To be fair, maybe this is a duff one, maybe another one will come straight out of the box and just work straight away, but it didn't seem very intuitive. The layout is awful, the knobs are cheap plastic considering it's a lot of money. It's just awful. It feels like a Fisher Price synth. The controls on the Pulse feel nicer and that was only a few hundred quid."

Cass: "We know other people who have got them who think they're absolutely amazing and I wish we could subscribe to that view but we can't."

Pete "Waldorf stuff is usually brilliant, we've lived and died using the Pulse for years and it's really really phat. The Microwave is awesome, the Wave and the Pulse have very individual ripping sounds. We checked one of these out pretty much when they first appeared in Turnkey and it just didn't sound like a Waldorf should."

Cass "Very poor, and ugly. We're going to give it one point purely on hearsay because we know other people who think it's fantastic."



"ER. WE COULDN'T GET THE FUCKER TO WORK!"

EQ Q RACK PROFILE

MODEL: Q Rack MANUFACTURER: Waldorf PRICE: £1,199 inc VAT CONTACT: 020-8202-1199 www.waldorf-music.de

FEATURES

Capacity: Single programs: 300 Multi programs: 100 Multitimbrality: 16 part Polyphony: 16 voice

SOUND GENERATION (PER VOICE)

Number of Oscillators: 3 + noise, ring modulation Oscillator waveforms: saw, tri, sine, 2 wavetable Filters: 2 (5 types, 12dB/24dB per octave) LFOS: 3 Envelopes: 4

EFFECTS

2 simultaneous 5 individual programs 5 multi programs Vocoder

OTHER

Massive arpeggiator including step sequencer Extensive modulation matrix

CONNECTIONS

3 stereo audio out on 1/4" jack 1 stereo audio in on 1/4" jack 1/4" jack headphone out MIDI In/Out/Thru Built in power supply

CELEBRITYREVIEW

Red Sound Dark Star – £399 inc VAT

RED SOUND DARK STAR

EQ DARK STAR PROFILE

MODEL: Dark Star MANUFACTURER: Red Sound PRICE: £399 inc VAT CONTACT: 01908-366-700 www.redsound.com

FEATURES

Capacity: Programs: 128 Multitimbrality: 5 part Polyphony: 8 voice

SOUND GENERATION (PER VOICE)

Number of Oscillators: 2 + noise (3 types), ring modulation Oscillator waveforms: variable saw/square and noise Filter: 1 (3 types, 12dB per octave) LFOs: 2 Envelopes: 2

EFFECTS

None

OTHER

Joystick ring modulation Control Audio in

CONNECTIONS

stereo audio out on RCA stereo audio in on RCA 1/4" jack headphone out MIDI In/Out/Thru External power supply Pete: "All of these other synths sound digital but the Dark Star sounds like real analogue. It's a bit Radiophonic Workshop, though, isn't it? It's kind of interesting looking. These buttons are a bit plasticy and this joystick is a bit gimmicky."

Cass: "It's full of great sounds, but they're all so weird you couldn't do anything sensible with them. They're the sort of sounds that are a great addition when you've got everything else up and running. Great for that kind of inspired randomness that's always so difficult to achieve and that gives a track that extra dimension. Great for us because we're always trying to create riffs out of weird noises that you wouldn't expect to hear as lead noises."

Pete: "It's got really strong oscillators, very punchy and more ripping than any of these other synths, and it's got very good envelopes and filter so it really cuts through in a track, but on the whole it's a pretty one dimensional synth. We did find some good bass sounds though. If I only had a limited budget then I wouldn't buy that because it's not an all rounder. But if you want something that's going to be able to give you that extra dimension to your sounds, that kind of William Orbit weirdness, then it's a great addition to a studio."

Cass:"Very difficult to give this a mark that equates to the others because it's so different, but. . ."

OBERHEIM OB12

EQ OB12 PROFILE

MODEL: 0B12 MANUFACTURER: Oberheim PRICE: £799 inc VAT CONTACT: 020-7419-9999 www.turnkey.uk.com

FEATURES

Capacity: User programs: 256 User Timbres: 256 Multitimbrality: 4 part Polyphony: 12 voice

SOUND GENERATION (PER VOICE)

Number of Oscillators: 2 + noise, ring modulation Oscillator waveforms: saw, variable tri/square Filters: 2 (5 types, 3 modes, 12dB/24dB per octave) LFOs: 2 Envelopes: 4 (DADDSR)

EFFECTS

3 types + overdrive

OTHER

Extensive arpeggiator 32,000 note phrase recorder 2 automation recorders Effect routing matrix Additional waveform editability Ribbon controller

CONNECTIONS

2 steree audio out on 1/4" jack S/PDIF digital out 1 steree audio in on 1/4" jack 1/4" jack headphone out 2 pedal and 2 expression inputs MIDI In/Out/Thru Built in power supply

Pete: "It's a wicked, clear layout and all the sliders and controls are very nice but we found the presets pretty naff on the whole. It doesn't sound like an old Oberheim - nothing like it. We found it didn't have the beef, and the filter seems a little thin. But it does have a lot of good things about it, like the digital output, and if I played around editing it for longer I might change my mind." Cass: "What I really like about it is the screen which shows you what you've done the moment you do it. For me it really helps. For the likes of Pete, things like ADSR envelopes are second nature, but for me if I can see a graphical representation of how what I'm doing effects the sound, it's great."

Pete: "I think it'd be a good live machine, partly because of the display but also because you've got everything here at your fingertips. With almost every synth you can assign different things to knobs, but you're not very likely to actually do it. This is quite inspirational because it tempts you to play around with all the parameters. The EQ is particularly nice, although it would be nice to have a bandwidth sweep on it. Another good thing for playing live is the tap tempo control which is something you don't get on many synths. It would make a very good master keyboard as well because you could use all these sliders to control other stuff, but it's a strange keyboard, really."



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EQ MS2000/2000R PROFILE

MODEL: MS2000/MS2000R MANUFACTURER: Korg PRICE: £699/£599 inc VAT CONTACT: 01908-857-100 www.korg.co.uk

FEATURES

Capacity: Programs: 128 Multitimbrality: 2 part Polyphony: 4 voice

SOUND GENERATION (PER VOICE)

Number of Oscillators 2 + noise, ring modulation Oscillator waveforms: 6 Filters: 2 (4 types) LFOs: 2 Envelopes: 2

EFFECTS

6 types Distortion EQ Vocoder

OTHER

6 arpeggiator types Modulation patches Audio in

CONNECTIONS

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KORG MS2000 MS2000R

THE MS2000 is modelled on some of the most successful and enduring analogue synths ever made. It has been received with child-like screams of delight by all who try it, so it comes as no surprise that the boys adored it instantly. However, in the interest of those who are familiar with the original MS20, Monopoly, etc, we'd like to point something out. The early Korg range have extensive patch bays that allow you connect almost any link in the synthesis chain to any other, regardless of whether it makes established sense to do so. The MS20 also has two external audio inputs (the MS2000 has one) but the original creates Control Voltage and Envelope signals (simultaneously) which can be used with said patch bay - as a result they're capable of producing almost unique, completely and utterly barking mad noises. Despite a 'virtual patch' system, the MS2000 is not the same - you simply couldn't create a digital model of such electrosonic insanity.

Pete: "The layout is great, it's very easy to find your way around it without using the manual. Everything is laid out at your fingertips so it's it excellent for just messing around with. Having these circuit diagrams printed on it is useful for the virtual patching too." Pete: "I thought that out of all the synths here, this one has the sharpest envelope and pretty savage filters. Most of the oscillators on these virtual analogue synths tend to sound a bit wimpy but not these. We both took to it,

Korg MS2000R - £599 inc VAT

have had a very long play with it and the sounds are really inspirational. It's full of things which you wanna write a track around. Cass: "It really was the only keyboard that made us jump and go 'quick, let's write something." Pete: "The arpeggiator is one of the best things about it. It's like an old analogue sequencer where you've got 16 steps, one for each beat of a two bar loop and you've got 16 knobs (which can be assigned to change loads of different stuff via a selection button) so you can just reach in and change parameters on individual beats - it's just lovely. You end up coming up with sequences of a kind that you'd just never come up with on a normal MIDI sequencer. It's wicked, it's the sort of thing you'd pay for as a stand alone unit." Pete: "It's more like a MonoPoly than an MS but it's a good all rounder. It's got some ripping basses, phat organ sounds; the pads are nice, the sweeps are great. We did some editing which seemed really easy, there's obviously plenty of depth in there but to be honest we haven't had as much time with it as we'd have liked." Cass: "It's only got two outputs which could be a problem for some but it suits us because more and more we're looking to record things off into the computer, because

more we're looking to record things off into the computer, because we've got endless plug-ins for effects and stuff. That way you free it up to use the full potential of the keyboard on individual sounds. It's a bit like using the power of the computer to amplify all of your other bits of kit. Computer audio is a new way of working that's changing the way we all make music." **Pete:** "Definitely a killer all rounder."



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Numark have released a new, improved version of their uncannily successful TT1 turntable. The TT2 is almost identical to the TT1+ except that apparently it has a newly improved tone arm design and an altered body which cuts down vibration problems. The best bit though is that the new improvements come free of charge, as the deck is staying at exactly the same price. **Contact: 01252-341-400**

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EQPRODUCTREVIEW

THE DENON DN2100F completes this year's overhaul of what has to be the most successful range of DJ CD players around. We have singled it out for review because it's a perfect example of precisely why it's worth spending that little bit extra on a top quality product.



PHYSICALITY

THE 2100 is a classic 'Denon style' CD player (yes, the Denon name is to the twin CD format what Hoover is to vacuum cleaners). As such it's all of the things we've come to take for granted from the genre: a twin player unit connected to a controller unit via a nice long cable and a controller splitting its front panel into two identical sets of controls. The main controls are fairly standard; a pitch fader, play and cue buttons and a dual concentric jog wheel. The inner wheel is for pitch bend when in playback or precisely editing cue points when paused. The outer wheel is for searching through the contents of your CD.

But the 2100 does these things with added style and grace.

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Everything has a superb feel to it; the play and cue buttons are magnificently responsive and selfilluminating for perfect low light visibility. The display is fluorescent rather than backlit. The jog wheel has excellent little grippy bobbles for non-slip. The outer wheel searches faster the more you turn it until it flips into a great mode that plays a few seconds of sound, then skips ahead by a minute, plays a few more seconds, and so on. There's also a data entry wheel for track selection. There's even a 'preset' button that allows you to customise and save the default settings loaded when you power up.



TRICKY

THE DN2100 does plenty of tricks. It has a 'digital scratch' mode (which we still think is pointless), a 'platter off' emulation effect (the sound grinds to a halt rather than stopping dead), which also does the opposite so it starts up slowly. It also has 'timestretch' so you can alter the tempo of your music without altering the musical pitch. Its best trick though is a little crop of five buttons that between them act as two independent seamless loops with reloop. Loop start and end points can be edited with the jog wheel and once set, the two start points can be used as hot start points where playback leaps to a preset location on your CD and plays instantly at the touch of a button. Oh, and very importantly it played every single CD-R we tried in it (which was quite a few brands burned in various formats).

THE DEVIL IN THE DETAIL

The DN2100 has quality written all over it. It sounds absolutely superb, it feels great to use, responds eagerly, it's built like a brick, and Denon have one of the most exemplary service and technical support records around. Every little aspect of the 2100 has been honed to a point where we have here a machine that's a joy to use and won't let you down. It'll make you much happier and last for much longer than a cheaper model, and it's more than worth the price tag.

EQ DN2100F PROFILE

MODEL: DN2100F MANUFACTURER: Denon PRICE £799 CONTACT: 01753-888-447 http://elec.denon.co.jp/europe/

MAIN FEATURES

Slot loading twin CD player Dual adjustable seamless looping Hot start Digital scratch, brake & platter start Fluorescent screen

PITCH CONTROL

+/-10% or +/-16% 60mm faders Timestretch BPM calculation

CONNECTIONS

RCA analogue out RCA S/PDIF digital out Long, sturdy player/ controller cable Integral power cable

SOUND STUFF

Frequency response: 20Hz to 20kHz 20 sec anti shock memory

GOOD BITS

High quality Great sound Excellent looping Data wheel

NOT SO GOOD BITS Digital scratch

THE DN2100 DOES PLENTY OF TRICKS



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VESTAX PDX-2000 A GENUINE CHALLENGER FOR TECHNICS' CROWN?

REVERSE

QUARTZ LOCK

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WE ARE HONOURED. The new Pdx-2000 DJ turntables from Vestax have been eagerly awaited all year and we are among the first to get our hands on them. To cut a long story very short, they are beautiful. In the immortal turn of phrase, 'probably the best decks in the world'. Here's why.



AS YOU can see, the Pdx-2000

is styled very differently from the rest of the Vestax range – or any other deck out there for that matter. This is the first time Vestax have used plastic moulding for the body of one of their decks and visually it's allowed them to smooth off all the edges and give the whole top half a very slinky, sensuous feel while adding a zig zag hem to the bottom that gives it a subtle, tough undertone. Very 21st century.

The layout is straightforward and

pretty predictable. The start/stop button (which has a fabulously solid sprung action and is extremely responsive) and 33/45rpm buttons are front left, the main power switch is rear left and all of the pitch related controls (and the target light) are front right. Particularly cool design touches are the deep recesses that the 'reverse', 'quartz lock' and 'ultra pitch' controls have been placed in – it looks great and keeps them out of harm's way.



FINE PITCH

WHEN YOU pick it up it weighs loads, it all feels very solid and there's a keen attention to construction detail. This is a rigorously designed deck that's obviously built to last. The overall feel of all of the controls is lovely. Spinning in is a total joy thanks to an unbelievably powerful motor (on paper considerably stronger than a 1210 and feels it) and an absolutely rock solid platter, with no see-saw effect or unwanted lateral wobble action at all. The platter's very reassuring and in our opinion more stable and responsive than any other deck.

The true power of this motor is highlighted by the 'reverse' button. Obviously it makes the platter spin backwards, but when you hit the button, the platter stops and reverses incredibly quickly. With a few minutes' practice getting your button timing right you can sit there playing as little as half a bar back and forth completely in time. What a laugh.

EQ PDX2000 PROFILE

MODEL: Pdx-2000 MANUFACTURER: Vestax PRICE: £449 inc VAT CONTACT: 01420-830-000 www.vestax.co.uk

SPECIFICATIONS

Motor direct drive Motor torque 2kg/cm Start up time 0.5sec (70 degrees) Reverse play quartz lock Anti skipping tone arm Height adjust: 0-9mm Stylus pressure: 0-7g Fine pitch: +/-10% Ultra pitch: +/-50% Brake speed adjust Start speed adjust

CONNECTIONS

RCA phono out Grounding post Remote start input Internal power supply

GOOD BITS

Fierce motor Incredibly stable Ultra pitch Brake/start adjust

NOT SO GOOD BITS We can't think of any



THE POWER doesn't stop with the motor. The Pdx-2000 is blessed with superb pitch control. The main pitch fader is 100mm long and has a range of +/-10%. It has a steady, reasonably smooth feel with a nicely judged amount of physical resistance to it, so making small adjustments is easy. We were a little perturbed that Vestax had chosen not to include the pitch bend joystick found on the Pdx-d3 for this purpose, which was considered by many to be a very good thing. Luckily this pitch slider is responsive enough to compensate to some extent. There's no ballbearing and therefore no niggling tendency for the fader to be physically pulled back to the zero position when very slight adjustments are attempted. There's no electrical weird section around the zero point either, so with this fader you get one long, smooth run from one end to the other.

Sitting just to the left of the main pitch fader is the 45mm long 'ultra pitch' fader. It applies an additional +/-50% of control (giving a total range of +/-60%). The Pdx-2000 does not flip into 78rpm when you hold down the 33/45rpm buttons like some of the new breed of deck do, but it doesn't need to; you can mix more or less anything into anything else, tempo-wise, with a 60% range. Magnificent.

To complete the range of ultimate motor/platter/brake controls, Vestax have also included a pair of little knobs. One is marked 'brake'. At one extreme the platter will stop very nearly dead on the spot. At the other extreme the platter will take around 1.25 turns to stop when you brake. The other control, marked 'start', adjusts start up from standing from less than a quarter turn to one and a half turns.



THEN THERE'S the new Anti Skipping Tone Arm which is distinctly reminiscent of a stealth bomber in appearance. By now you should be aware that the Vestax straight tone arm system improved stability beyond belief in comparison to the usual S-shaped affair. This new version has been fitted with a solid brass core. When you lift it off the rest it feels ridiculously heavy but they've also changed the rear end so that the whole thing is perfectly balanced. This is proper precision engineering. It's also much easier to set up than an S-shaped arm.

Since the arm was already almost impossible to make skip it's difficult to tell if the new design has

'VESTAX THRIVES BY PUSHING DESIGN FORWARDS'

improved stability. What it has achieved is an almost total absence of body resonance feedback. Tap the body of a 1210 while it's playing and you'll hear a big booming sound. Place a 1210 in front of a large sound system mounted on anything other than solid concrete or floated on a silicon bath or very bouncy springs, you get them same booming feedback. Not with the Pdx-2000.



VESTAX THRIVES by being one of those rare companies that pushes design forward rather than simply copying the labours of others and they deserve a medal for it. There will be those of you who will refuse to believe in the Pdx-2000. Admittedly the feel is different to a 1210, but it doesn't take very long at all to get used to it and once you do the performance is better. The 1210 has understandably remained more or less unchanged for over 25 years. The Pdx-2000 is part of a rapid evolutionary progression that demonstrates Vestax's commitment to the art of the DJ.

You get the impression that Vestax have set out to prove that they can build the most powerful, stable, feature-packed deck in the world, just to finally convince the doubters that the 1210 can be bettered. Rest easy Vestax. We believe you've done it.

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SEX, PSYCHEDELICS AND SAN FRANCISCO: THE DOORS' ORGAN-POUNDER IS STILL 'FAR OUT'!

Were you one of the bad boys in The Doors? "No, there was only one bad boy in that band! Jim had the sexual appetite of four men and the three of us had to balance it out with discretion and level-headedness. Are clubbers more hedonistic now than they were in your heyday? "Nothing could be more hedonistic than the Sixties - except for ancient Rome, of course. But today's clubs are doing a darn good job. Perhaps when they start to take real psychedelics they may help the Sixties generation change the world as intended. After all, The Garden Of Eden is just slightly off to our right-

hand side!"

Nightmares On Wax have remixed 'Riders On The Storm'. What do you make of his mix? Is it

sacrilege? "That's an excellent remix. It'll go a long way with some real psychedelics. It goes well with the faux psychedelics too! Remixes are a hoot. It's impossible for someone to be sacrilegious to music - music is a vibration in the ether. The only thing you can be sacrilegious to is the Earth. Destruction of the Earth and pollution in the Thames is sacrilege!" What do you make of Fatboy Slim's 'Bird Of Prey'? "Quite interesting. It's a song that only existed in a short form before, and The Doors never got round to recording or completing it. So he's actually completed a Doors song from 1967. So bravo for him!' Who's your favourite DJ? "There are so many. DJ Spooky out of San Francisco is a mysterious, dark, intelligent figure. I also like DJ

"THAT'S AN EXCELLENT REMIX. IT'LL GO A LONG WAY WITH SOME REAL PSYCHEDELICS"

Ray Manzarek on Nightmares On Wax

Rodriguez from Italy. He's got a real Latin flavour."

Is the atmosphere at raves akin to the highs experienced at Doors gigs? "No – our gigs were decidedly hypnotic, they took you to a different place. There was a communal world created between the band, the mind and the audience. It was like a Dionysian religious rite. But we never had a light show: it was just One of these men has 'problem hair'. But which one?

music. And there was little dancing!" Does the Manzarek memory have holes in it? "I wrote a book called Light My Fire about my time in The Doors and people always ask me how I remember so much. Well, I was there but felt no need to obliterate my senses! I took my fair share of psychedelics before I joined the band, so I'd already opened the doors of perception. I just wanted to absorb everything around me." Tell us something no one knows about The Doors. "In the Oliver Stone movie Jim Morrison dropped out of the UCLA film school, but actually he graduated. He was a very intelligent, extremely well read person. He had trouble editing pieces of film, which is strange because he could roll the most perfect joint I've ever seen!"

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