



Artist: The Works
Release title: Yokohama EP

Track listing:

- 1) Live And Direct (feat. Jams F. Kennedy)
- 2) #02
- 3) You & Me
- 4) Yokohama

Genre: Hip-hop, electronica
Label: Rust Music
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About this release

What does hip-hop sound like in 2009? Well, according to the Copenhagen based duo The Works hip-hop has turned into a sonic landscape of minimalist beats and spaced out samples.

Hip-hop aficionados with a taste for production work done by legendary producers such as Pete Rock, J Dilla aka Jay Dee and Flying Lotus will love the duo's laid back, but yet intense music. Made with a simple set up – just a sampler, some vintage synthesizers and a stack of old funk and soul vinyls – The Works show us that huge sounds can be made on tiny equipment. What is required, though, is talent and experience. The Works got both.

Biography

Producers Twelve Beats and Terry Tester got together as The Works in 2008. No strangers to the fine art of production both have been turning and twisting the studio knobs for prominent artists like Kansas City rapper Reach, Grammy Nominee and R&B singer/songwriter Dwele, and local heroes Nobody Beats The Beats.

Releases on indie labels like BBE Records and Rawkus have caused a stir in the hip-hop underground, and in September 2008 British music magazine Shook labeled The Works 'Most Slept On'. The title is given to new and promising talent. Terry Tester is also member of Danish soul/funk/rock combo Vincent Van Go Go. The band released a live EP, simply called "Live", on Rust Music January 2009.

Yokohama EP is the duo's debut as The Works. Four tracks with a unique and appealing sound made to hit the ears of both hip-hopers and electronica fans with a taste for beats. The Works call themselves hip-hop. But then again, they do not like to be labeled as such. They ask the listener to make up his/her own words, as he/she dig into a world of windy reverbs, strange melodies, and beats out of this world.

Yokohama EP opens with "Live And Direct" feat. rapper Jams F. Kennedy from the critically acclaimed LA hip-hop duo Brother Reade. After this The Works jump into the instrumental "#02". The track is showcasing the duo's ability to make a huge sound out of simple, and a very few, bits "You & Me" is yet another vocal track with a strange but melodic chorus sung by a guest artist the duo will not tell the name of! The instrumental title track "Yokohama" closes the very promising debut.

Previous praise

- Possibly the most outrageously slept on production unit in the flip-flop nation right now...

Shook Magazine, September 2008

The Works: "Yokohama EP" will be released on Rust Music on June 1st 2009

About Rust Music: Rust Music is a Danish label run by Copenhagen concert venue and nightclub Rust. Instead of being another label focused on feeding the mainstream market, Rust Music focuses on side projects, live versions and b-sides. Rust Music will present the oblique and surprising approaches, which doesn't stick to the middle lane. Rust Music focuses on niche productions that would otherwise not have found their way to the market.