

Shadi Megallaa

Biography English

Music is a globally uniting force, Shadi Megallaa expresses it in his unique way.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, this 29 years old was raised in Abu Dhabi, on the shores of the Persian Gulf.

Shadi Megallaa remembers that he first got introduced to electronic music when he was 14 as a friend of his brother studying in London brought back tapes of Drum N Bass. Later he came across a double cd entitled 'Northern Exposure' mixed by Dj's Sasha & John Digweed. Shadi recalls "being blown away by the complexity of musical layering". He quickly became a passionate.

At the age of 19, he decided to purchase a pair of decks and became fully immersed in playing music upon his move to the USA in 1997 where he was studying architecture at the University of Kansas. As a DJ he first started spinning progressive then, more tribal stuff & tech house, and ultimately weird German influenced minimal techno. He travelled a lot and played in more and more events. Shadi kept experimenting machines and programmes to create his own sound.

He started his productions in 2001, and since new material signed by Shadi Megallaa keep getting out on labels like Tic Tac Toe, Kalimari, Igloo, Produkt Schallplatten. His records have revealed his talent to the public and open the doors of some of the best clubs on the world.

Shadi's live pa is an incredible voyage through sounds, rhythms and something unexplainable which only Shadi knows the secret.

"My main focus other than making & playing music lies in trying to educate the people in my region about underground music and pushing new sounds. Its also important to support local artists"

Excellent DJ, he explains: "I ideally like to play long sets, starting off very minimal and hypnotic, and basically working my way from there."

In 2005, Shadi Megallaa and Matt Tolfrey started the Leftroom label, based in Nottingham in the UK. LeftRoom focuses on off center and minimal techno to put out music for the head as well as for the dancefloor.

Regular resident at misdxb's 'Subsistence' & Ohm records' 'Mixology' events, he is teamed to Montreal's FRiGiDsound music network and to numerous projects and collaborations with artists through out the globe. He has played regularly at the Ex-Terminal, and iBo club in Dubai and Shadi and Mark C. have started their own night in Abu Dhabi called Analogue.

Shadi Megallaa finishes his album after having played many gigs Live and DJ sets in the USA and Europe

The future is very bright for this pro-active talent. Constantly working hard in the studio on new music and to keep expanding his live pa. he is coming up with some hot releases to bounce the dancefloors and take your mind to a higher degree of activity.

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