

DJ Shazam! (Berlin)

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DJ Shazam! is taking his audiences to a **unique aural trip** ... from ancient Indian temples thru African villages and Brazilian jungle to the Oriental desert, only to find himself surrounded by one **cosmopolitan soundsystem** alongside MCs and live musicians, celebrating an urban global Drum'n'Breaks party. Stimulating the understanding among nations and tribes - melodic, blissful, modern and with an infectious groove ...



DJ Shazam! sets span a range from Asian Breakbeat and NeoArabic Clubfusions through Bollywood Funk, ethnic DubReggae and Afrobeat right down to Brazilian DrumN Bass and Balkanbrass Dancehall.

DJ Shazam! gave his psychedelic/oriental lines to a list of bands as a bass player before starting an Asian Underground Party series as DJ in early 1998. Although liking Club Grooves a lot, he found the musical contents within lots of these productions cold and meaningless, so he started adding unusual, "soulful" samples to the club beats.

Heavily inspired by Hindustani Music DJ Shazam! founded the group **Chandra Pulse** in 1999 along with Japanese musicians Aki Ueda (Sitar) and Yuji Tei (Tabla). This „Indian Fusion,, thing could be witnessed as electronic and/or acoustic outfit and was welcomed by the Berlin audiences like rain in the desert. He laid the foundation for new musical heights with the band **Culture Clash**, incorporating Live Musicians, MCs, a scratch DJ and programming. The band labeled their style as Ethnodelic Breakbeatz - a global-creative chaos in a club suit. He also started producing own Tracks with spices selected carefully from around the globe, collaborating with New York electronic musician **Adam Chalk**, British Asian MC Sufferah, Oud Player David Beck from Gnawa Impulse and Japanese Tomoki Ikeda, the last two of these being the core of the cosmopolitan live outfit **Nomad SoundSystem**.

DJ Shazam! is a club DJ with years of experience and still ever searching for innovation. He is at home on the main Floor as well in a lounge situation, always generating a unique vibe.

media reaction:

“ the Party engine couldn't run any smoother! ...hard to say which musical style benefits more from **this living cell therapy**: could drum n bass be elevated out of stagnation in darkness through sitar sounds or were those ancient Tabla Rhythms being contemporized by computer beats? The Party was great anyway.” *Nils Michaelis /Zitty*

„Highly tasteful club music wrapped with style by an expert DJ“ *OXMOX Hamburg*

„No question, there's a lot of groove in there, an **open invitation to dance**. Then there is this playful sitar melody. Your foot starts tapping, your legs sway to the beat and within seconds the floor is filled with people. Shazam smiles with content.“ *Michael Prellberg / Berliner Morgenpost*

(Urban Karma Club is) „A not to be missed Asian - plus night held by resident DJ Shazam, containing great visuals & a very cool live feature. **Awesome Party !**“ *Gaurav Malhotra for Asianvibrations*

„An ear-opening experience, almost like astral travelling, because your body stays on the Dancefloor all the time ... easy, but within deepness“ *taz Berlin*

DJ Shazam! in the internet: www.cross-culture-music.de/djshazam

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Some selected Events

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- € Muffathalle München DJ Support for Asian Dub Foundation
- € Pergamon Museum Berlin (With VJ Podinski)
- € Re:Orient Club Stockholm / Sweden
- € Aigue Marine Club Essaouira Festival / Morocco (DJ / Live set with Spark*)
- € Fete de la Musique Luxembourg / LUX
- € Rock for People Festival CZ Republic, (Nomad SoundSystem opening for Massive Attack)
- € Pop d'Europe with Watcha Clan / Berlin

2007

- € CARNEGIE HALL / New York / USA (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Vera / Andalucia / Spain / Espantapitas Festival (with DJ Latrama)
- € Luxembourg / MeYouSik Festival (with MC Sufferah)
- € Tivoli Utrecht / NL Mystic Grooves (with DJ Safri)
- € Berlin SO36 (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Leipzig UT Connewitz
- € Berlin Kulturforum/Potsdamer Platz
- € Berlin ICON CLUB
- € Berlin LIDO Nomad SoundSystem Album Release
- € Berlin Sage Club / Espantapitas (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Berlin Kaffee Burger Global Playground with DJ Ilo Pan
- € Paradiso Amsterdam /NL Labyrinth (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € WMD Center Rotterdam /NL (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Amsterdam ROOTS Festival / NL (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € OEROL Festival /Terschelling / NL (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Dresden Groove Station
- € Potsdam Afrika Festival Club Maghreb mit DJ La Timbera

2006

- € Paradiso Amsterdam Labyrinth Party
- € LAB Festival Stuttgart
- € Stanser Musiktage / Switzerland
- € Gdynia / Poland - Liberty Culture festival
- € Topkapi Palace /Istanbul/Turkey Shaman World Music days (with Cheikh Lo)
- € Desi - Nürnberg (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Frankfurt Main / Brotfabrik
- € Lido Berlin Mundomix Opening Party with Grace Kelly & Ipek
- € Leipzig - Absturz (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Kesselhaus Berlin support Rachid Taha (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Al Globe Potsdam with Yuriji Gurzi / Russendisko

2005

- € Paradiso Amsterdam - Netherlands - DJ Set (with Transglobal Underground)
- € Mudd Club Berlin- Globalista! Party DJ Set & Live Set with Nomad SoundSystem
- € MS Stubnitz/Rostock (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Lange Nacht der Clubs - Piranha & Yaam @ Hoppetosse DJ Set with MC Don Pushkin
- € Global Playground / Kaffee Burger
- € Popdeurope Festival Support for Nitin Sawhney / Visionary Underground
- € Haus der Kulturen der Welt/ In Transit Festival (with Nomad SoundSystem)
- € Pfefferberg Berlin (Mundomix) DJ Set (with DJ Grace Kelly)

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2004:

- € Club Barbes / Göteborg / Sweden Live & DJ Set (with Nomad Soundsystem)
- € Kesselhaus/Kulturbrauerei - DJ Set, Support for Clotaire K.
- € Dornbirn/Austria Support for Bapi Das Baul & Senses (with Nomad Soundsystem)
- € WOMEX Essen - DJ Set Showcase (with MC Chalker)
- € Francophonie Festival Berlin - Support for Rachid Taha (with Nomad Soundsystem)
- € MIRA Club / Greifswald DJ Set (with MC Chalker)
- € Yeni Melik / Istanbul -Turkey (Nomad Soundsystem)

2003

- € Bollywood Film Launch Party : Kabhi Kushi Khabi Gham - Kurven Star/ Berlin
- € Tränenpalast Berlin - Monsoon Electro (with MIDIVAL Punditz)
- € Unique Club / Düsseldorf DJ Set
- € Heimatklänge Festival Potsdamer Platz Berlin (Musafir) DJ Set
- € Unity Club / Frankfurt DJ Set (with Indian Vibes DJs)
- € HAU/ Hebbel am Ufer Grand Opening (with MC Don Pushkin)
- € Sandsations -sand sculptures Festival Berlin DJ Set
- € RAW Temple Berlin – Cantina Mundial - DJ Set & Live Jam (with Pushkin Boombeat)
- € Hamburg / Fabrik - DJ Set
- € Harmonization Festival / Tilburg, NL - DJ Set & Live Jam (with Masala Soundsystem)
- € Kesselhaus Berlin (Planet Fruit / RBB Radio Eins) - DJ Set
- € Projekt 42 / Mönchengladbach - DJ & Live Set (with UMA)
- € Rostock MS Stubnitz - DJ Set with MC & Percussion
- € Oxymoron Berlin (Club Deewane) - DJ Set
- € Fotografisches Museum Frankfurt/M (Lange Nacht der Museen) - DJ Set
- € Red Cat Club Mainz (Delhi Delight) - DJ Set

2002

- € Karlstorbahnhof Heidelberg /Sounds of Taj Mahal / Ambassador Network DJ Set with MCs
- € Hamburg Hafentasse Open Air (Fire Bus Tour) DJ Set (with DJ DBA from Anokha)
- € Pfefferberg / Berlin DJ Support for Badmarsh & Shri
- € Karneval der Kulturen Strassenfest DJ Set Afro Stage
- € Pop d'Europe Festival Trompete Berlin (Susheela Raman) DJ Set
- € Pfefferberg / Berlin DJ Support for Natacha Atlas
- € Urban Karma Club Monthly at SO36 / Berlin

2001

- € Helping Hands (Benefit Party for earthquake India) DELI Club / Berlin
- € Rostock MS Stubnitz - DJ & Live Set (with Culture Clash)
- € Karneval der Kulturen parade - Live Akustik Set (with Chandra Pulse)
- € Karneval der Kulturen parade - DJ/Live Jam with MCs
- € Fusion Festival (with Culture Clash)
- € Asien Pazifik Wochen opening Party - BKA Luftschloss Berlin (with Osmani Soundz)
- € Asien Pazifik Wochen closing Party - Haus der Kulturen der Welt Berlin (with the Chinese republic ensemble) DJ Set with MC & Tabla
- € Lange Nacht der Clubs - Kesselhaus Berlin DJ & Live Set (with Culture Clash)

2000

- € Karneval Der Kulturen - Parade / Berlin - Soundsystem truck DJ Set (with Lelonek)
- € DJ Set for dance performance Not as Yet / K 77 Berlin
- € Jos Fritz Club / Freiburg DJ Set Mango Jungle Style
- € Maria am Ostbahnhof / Berlin DJ Set
- € Rostock MS Stubnitz DJ & Live Akustik Set (Chandra Pulse)
- € Bastard Club Berlin DJ & Live Set (with Culture Clash & Chandra Pulse)
- € Hirschfestspiele Schloss Bröllin Live (Chandra Pulse) & DJ Set

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Discography:

2004:	Nu Horizons – Berlin Ethnic Syncopations	Compilation CD
2004:	Traumzeit Festival/Duisburg Compilation	DJ Mix CD
2004:	Eastern Trip Grooves & Tectonic Dub	DJ Mix CD
2003:	Nomad SoundSystem Demo Recordings	CD
2002:	Ethnodelic Breakz	DJ Mix CD
2001:	Culture Clash Demo Recordings	CD
2000:	The Ananda Shankar Memorial Tape (with DJ Minsky)	CD
2000:	Chandra Pulse – Same	CD
2000:	Minsky & Shazam	split Mix Tape
1999:	Chandra Pulse -Three Faces	CD
1999:	a trip thru the Mango Jungle	Mix Tape
1998:	New Asian Kool	Mix Tape

Resident-DJ

since 2004	various...
2004	Instant Karma party / alternating Locations - monthly
2003	Sommer Residency Open Air Oststrand / Eastsidegallery - weekly
2002-2004	Fire Club (Ethnodelic Breakbeatz) - monthly
2002-2003	SO36 (Urban Karma Club) - monthly
2001-2002	DELI an der Schillingbrücke (Asian Delight) - monthly
2000	ICON Club (Culture Clash) - monthly
1999-2000	Roten Salon der Volksbühne (Asian Underground) - monthly
1998-1999	Lizard Lounge (21 st Century Beatz) - weekly