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Kokeshi is the new label from Alley Cat, DJ/producer and co-director of ESP Agency with 12 years+ of music industry experience .

Former manager and A&R of the influential drum & bass label Skunkrock Productions, she has commissioned tracks and remixes from the likes of Konflikt, Klute, Calibre, and Total Science and was among the first to sign breakthrough talents Beta 2 and Zero Tolerance. Over the years, Alley Cat has also taken on a roving promo role for labels including the legendary Metalheadz. Extensive DJing since 1997 has brought her to over 30 countries worldwide, on over 200 gigs. Her production discography extends back 10 years, with joint releases for Skunkrock and Reinforced. Alley Cat's first solo release (outside of Kokeshi) is due out in July 2009 on the highly-regarded leftfield label Offshore, together with a stunning dubstep tune by Vaccine on the flipside.

artists

Other artists on the Kokeshi label include 18-year-old discovery Lung, from Cardiff. Having already featured on Mary Anne Hobbs' BBCs Radio 1 Experimental show, he's been slowly building a grassroots following through a local DJ residency and online support (dubstepforum.com) and will undoubtedly reach a much bigger audience with his epic ethereal dubstep dreams. Future releases will also feature Singapore's golden boy Kiat, who's finally realising his potential after releases on Rufige (Metalheadz' offshoot label), Soul:r, Function and Hospital. His first release on Kokeshi will be his introduction into the 140 BPM world.

releases

Having secured the support of the best distribution for bass music, ST Holdings, Kokeshi will offer limited edition vinyl pressings as well as digital releases, available from over 10 of the top online retailers, with merchandise to follow. Positive feedback has been received by everyone from Vaccine to TRG, Search & Destroy, DJ Marky, Fabio and more.

out now

ALLEY CAT – Drum'n'Lace / Ice Box (June 2009) - KGD 001
(digital only)

"Kokeshi is a culmination of many inspirations. The deeper sounds are finally getting due recognition and, at the moment, dubstep and drum'n'bass are the primary musical themes featured on Kokeshi....but this label isn't limiting itself. The sounds are futuristic but reminiscent of the times in the mid-90s when drum'n'bass / jungle and trip hop brought such a variety and emotion to the electronic music scene. This hopefulness is what Kokeshi offers.

Kokeshi is a type of Japanese doll...some versions have notes tucked inside the wood with inspiring messages. Inside each release you may find a symbolic or literal message. . Wait and see....."

" I love these tunes. Fantastic production and ideas on all four selections. "Time" is a particular fave with it's emotive synths and cracking drums. It's hard to carve any new space out within the dubstep milieu, but I feel these songs do just that. Bravo! Some great tings..." – Tomas

(Dj Tomas - former Editor / writer XLR8R magazine, Music Critic , DJ / Radio show host KUSF San Francisco, Voltage Music)

Forthcoming on vinyl & mp3

LUNG – Afterlife / Time (release Sept 2009) - KGD 002

KIAT vs ALLEY CAT – Kiat – The Missing Channel / Kiat + Alley Cat - Purple Clouds – (release Oct 209) KGD 003

KGD 004 Lung (tracks TBA) and KD 005 TBA

label nights

Label nights are also being planned for Autumn 2009 to celebrate the upcoming releases. Featured artists are Alley Cat alongside MC DRS (Broke'n'English, Soul:ution, Signature) and Lung plus guests. Catch Alley Cat in the coming months in Germany, Austria, Holland, Sardinia (Sun & Bass festival), Romania, London, Cardiff and more.

podcast

The first Kokeshi ((pod)) Kast is out now and is already receiving rave reviews on iTunes and from music bloggers across the globe. Check the Kokeshi site for more details or go direct to iTunes to subscribe.

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