

# ALEC CHIZHIK

Munich / Germany

## Biography

Russian born Alec Chizhik didn't have much say in his destiny growing up. Born in Moscow in 1982, he was raised by a family of musicians, and their collective talent was imbued in his mind, body and soul by both nature and nurture. There was no escaping the music for this young talent.

His musical education proper began at the age of 5 in his homeland, before his family relocated to Germany in 1991 – where his musical studies continued unhampered. He began his fascination with electronic music around 1994, when he started to join the dots between his love of Michael Jackson, stripped-down hip-hop, Detroit techno and progressive house music.

He began producing his own music aged 15, pooling these disparate influences and uniting them through tribal rhythms, leftfield experimentalism, funk-driven basslines and atmospheric textures. Indeed, these are all key elements of his sound to this day – a heady, ethereal and soulful vibe running through his myriad productions. Back to the story though, and soon Chizhik is meeting like-minded music freaks and playing live keyboards in clubs alongside other machines and musicians as well as developing a taste for DJing.

Fast-forward to 2003 and Chizhik was applying his keyboard skills to the techno productions of fellow Munich inhabitants, and it wasn't long before featuring on releases as a co-producer. In 2005 he graduated from the University of Munich with an impressive Honours degree, with producing now his *raison d'être*.

Alongside his day job - working first for Universal and later Sony - the last few years have seen him produce official remixes for Kool & The Gang, Amy Winehouse and Jean Claude Ades, and release on some of Europe's biggest tech labels like Great Stuff Recordings, Kling Klöng and Electronic Petz. As his DJ career began to blossom in tandem, he landed gigs at all of his hometown's best-loved clubs – including Harry Klein – and has made his international debut in New York and Tel Aviv too.

His sound is one rich in melody and atmosphere, fusing the age-old principles of machine techno and human soul, with an intelligence running through his productions that elevates them above the dreary, brainless glut of releases that fill the download stores of today. There's a real sense of the genre's history in his music, eschewing uber-modern over-technical showboating for a humanistic, warm and organic feel. Intelligent techno at its best.

## Releases

Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Numbers - Greelpound 2012  
Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Chaos Theory - A Kind Of Kling Klöng Vol. 3 - 2011  
Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Tactile - Munich Disco Tech Vol. 7 - Great Stuff - 2010  
Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Revolt - Electronic Petz - 2009  
Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Compass - Punk'iD Records - 2008  
Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta - Transit EP - Headtunes Recordings - 2007

## Remixes

Jeff Bennett - Hocht Mimi - (Alec Chizhik & Markus Mehta Remix) - High Definition 2011  
Jean Claude Ades - Work Of Art (Alec Chizhik Remix) - Nitron Music (Sony Music) 2010  
Amy Winehouse - In My Bed (Alec Chizhik Remix) - Universal Music 2008  
Kool & the Gang - Ladies Night (Circle Music Remix) - Plastic City 2006

## Co - Production

Markus Mehta - India - Great Stuff Summer Games - Great Stuff 2008  
Michael Burian - Praha EP - Circle Music 2005  
Alec Chizhik & Alex Flatner - Various Artists Picture Disc EP / Circle Life - Circle Music 2006  
Strings of a Maniac EP - Circle Music 2006

## Keyboard

Markus Mehta & Stephan Riedel - Overseas EP - Circle Music 2004  
Roberto Q. Ingram & Stephan Riedel - Moody Waters EP / Transcend - Exun 2003

## Appears On

Get Hypnotized - Compilation - Recovery Tech 2012  
Deep & Technoid - Compilation - Recovery Tech 2011  
Deep & Groovy - Compilation - Wormland Gold 2011  
University Of Electronic Music 5.0 - Compilation - Recovery Tech 2011  
A Year Gone By: 2011 - Compilation - Doppelgaenger 2011  
We Get Deeper - Compilation - Recovery Tech 2011  
Remixed! 4 - Compilation - Doppelgaenger 2011  
WTF! Tunes Vol. 4 - Compilation - WTF! Music 2011  
Into The Groove Vol. 2 - Compilation - Wasabi Recordings 2011  
Organic Tech House Vol. 5 - Compilation - Great Stuff 2011  
We Love It Deep Vol. 2 - Compilation - Wasabi Recordings 2011  
Ibiza Underground Madness - Part 3 - Compilation - HiFi Stories 2011  
The Best Of Punk'Id Records - Compilation - Alaska Swimming Gear 2011  
Monsters Of Techno Vol. 6 - Compilation - Craft Music 2011  
Is This Techno? 2.0 - Compilation - Recovery Tech 2011  
Ibiza - Afterhour - Compilation - KNM 2011  
Club Sounds Vol. 54 - Compilation - Sony Music 2010  
Elektro Berlin Vol. 5 - Compilation - Pink Revolver 2010  
Erotic Chill - Compilation - Universal Music 2009  
SLOK Present Electronic Petz Volume 2 - Compilation - Electronic Petz 2009  
Digital Deejay Deep Selection Vol. 1 - Compilation - Digital Deejay 2009

## Selected Performances

Harry Klein - Munich/Germany  
Ultraschall - Munich/Germany  
Cat & Dog - Tel Aviv / Israel  
Key Club - Tel Aviv / Israel  
Libation - New York/USA  
CUBE - Munich/Germany  
Electric Delicate @ Nachtwerk Club - Munich/Germany  
Palais - Munich/Germany  
Prinzip - Munich/Germany  
Kanzleramt @ Parasound Festival - Munich/Germany  
KW (Kraftwerk) - Munich/Germany

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