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Blip hop, ragga-tech, RnB punk, click pop illectronica? Pop? A Shakespeare's Sister - Neptunes collabo?! What misinformed people call grime?! Oh No! Not another Berlin Story...

Well, we all heard about M.I.A. from London. Maybe some of you think that the smart arses from kitty-yo are now just trying to invent "Berlin's answer to M.I.A." You got it all wrong. Life just ain't that simple! Musically, you may find a few similarities and the singer does also happen to be a London born Srilankan, but Jahcoozi don't do the glamorous Tamil Tiger freedom-fighting-art-student backstory and don't do that world music / baile funk / reggaeton phenomenon either. Instead, it's just three youngsters from different musical and cultural backgrounds who met in the electronic music cosmos Berlin and indulged in the uninhibited mash-up of genres. Thus the birth of da original Jahcoozi style.

Sasha Perera, Oren Gerlitz and Robot Koch first met in 2002. Through a friend of a friend, Sasha heard Robot's beats and Robot heard Sasha's voice. The two started meeting up sporadically in a smokey home studio in Neu Kölnand the rest is history.

First of all, let me introduce you to Robot (formally) known as "Berlin's most under-rated producer" (Lodown). There are currently rumours that the stereo mc's want him for a remix. Robot does the beats and production. After hanging out in New York for a while, he returned to Berlin in 1999 and founded his label Hamton Recordings.

Then you have Sasha, who moved from London to Berlin in 2000. She writes lyrics and does the vocals. Her voice, at times smooth and sweet then harsh and husky in the next moment, gives you goosebumps and makes you want to booty-shake and pogo all at the same time.

But don't forget Oren, who moved from Tel Aviv to Berlin in 2001. Oren is the only member of the band who is a trained musician. A qualified sound engineer who studied Jazz, Oren plays the bass and guitar, produces the tracks with Robot and mixes them down.

In 2003 Jahcoozi had their first gigs in the Berlin underground. Cult shows include their first ever, in the former squatter institution the 'Eimer', the legendary 'Neu Kölln Dresses' Show at Camp Topsy and their infamous Doener Lounge gig, which of course took place in the back of a Doener Kebab shop in Kreuzberg. Even a squatted East German fishing trawler haboured in Poland has played host to a Jahcoozi show!

Jahcoozi gained respect for their freaky live shows. They also made a name for themselves with their debut 'Fish' EP which came out on the Berlin club label WMF Records in July 2003. John Peel played 'Fish' on his BBC radio show and the De-Bug listed the EP as one of its favourites.

'Jahcoozi's homemade surrealism was marked by a cross-dressing, bass-playing Rasta and a girl crooning 'Fish, Fish, Fish' from underneath a safety helmet sporting stick-on bear ears' (the Wire magazine)

TRACKLISTING

- 01 Black Barbie
- 02 Changing Time
- 03 Ghostbuster Generation
- 04 Fish
- 05 Who Ali Mc Bills
- 06 Homeboy's Blender
- 07 Dot Com Bust
- 08 The Bouncer Who Turned Good
- 09 Shake The Doom
- 10 Asian Bride Magazine
- 11 Heal The World
- 12 Acne