

DUBKEY

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ARTIST: UNITONE SOUNDIMENTIONAL

TITLE: ZION CHANT

TRACKS: 10

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the artist...

Hailing from Bedford, England, Reuben Addis started attending the local reggae dances in 1977, when he was just 14. In the early 80s he met Dennis Bedeau, and they started dreaming of building their own studios. Dennis (better known as Mixman) set up Blakamix, and the very first release on the label was 'Don't Rush Me' by Reuben.

Reuben is a singer, a player of several instruments, a producer and a dub mixer. By the late 80s he built his own Unitone Soundimentional studio and he began working with local singers like Idren Natural, Dennis Nolan, Jimmy Ranks and Issis Dread. He has collaborated with lots of vocalists and musicians over the years, and his works have appeared on various labels.

Unitone Soundimentional is also a sound system, occasionally, with Reuben at the controls flashing his latest dub mixes and praising Jah Rastafari continually.

the album...

The first Dubkey release for 2014 is a crucial roots/steppers/dub album by UK producer Reuben Addis. A highly respected veteran of the British roots scene, Reuben gives us 10 glorious tracks, ranging from classic one drops to heavy digital steppers.

The main singers on the album are longtime Unitone collaborator Zebby Blax, the Junior Delgado-influenced Hatta Benji, and Reuben's own daughter Dinah. Maltese melodica specialist David Magro (Mind's Eye Dub) appears on the splendid 14-minute-long TROD MOUNT ZION CHANT extravaganza. Another Maltese connection on the album is Manwel Tabone's old *Reggae Club* Radio Malta show which provides us with 2 exclusive Unitone dub plates from 2003.

Nuff intricate dubscares spice things up throughout this spiritual offering, the experience enhanced by a mystical ETHIOPIAN DAWN photo by Niall Crotty on the cover.