

DUBKEY

DUBKEY003

ARTIST: MANWEL T

TITLE: VIRTUAL DUB

TRACKS: 12

RELEASE DATE: JULY 2009

the artist...

Manwel T mixed his first dub tune on his personal computer in 2006. He calls himself a "digital dub remixer" because he mixes and remixes all his dub tracks digitally: on his PC. Influenced by dub pioneers like King Tubby and Lee Perry, and other dub masters like Scientist, Adrian Sherwood, Jah Shaka, Mad Professor, Alpha & Omega and Zion Train, he uses today's technology to create dub works that sound vintage and innovative at the same time!

Born Manwel Tabone in Malta in 1960, he has been into reggae since the mid-70s. He presented the weekly *Reggae Club* show on Radio Malta between 1989 and 2005. In 1990 he published the first edition of the *Reggae World* fanzine which lasted four issues.

Artists that have been remixed by Manwel T include General Smiley, Messiah Dread, Zion Train, Coldcut, Public Enemy, Daddy Rings and John Brown's Body.

'Manwel T Meets Mind's Eye Dub At The Temple Of Dub' - Manwel T's debut album - was released by Dubkey in April 2009.

the album...

The elements of the first eight tracks on Manwel T's second dub album were made available on the web for remixing purposes by Alpha & Omega (UK), Dubmatix (Canada), Hotdrop (Spain) and The Slackers (USA). A quick search on the net would provide you with many different versions of these tunes by all kinds of remixers. The last four tracks on the set were sent to Manwel T for remixing by Soul Remedy (Belgium) and Urban Dub (UK). The styles vary from 60s rocksteady to current steppers. What keeps it all together is Manwel T's precise mixing style.

As stated on the album back cover, the tracks were all mixed on a PC, hence 'Virtual Dub', but track seven is not a dub tune. It is a recently mixed straight instrumental version of the classic Slackers song from 1997, though the vintage feel of this one might prompt some to assume that this is some lost Jamaican gem from the late 60s!

'Virtual Dub' should appeal to all dub fans. Whether you're into King Tubby or Aba Shanti, this will please you aplenty!