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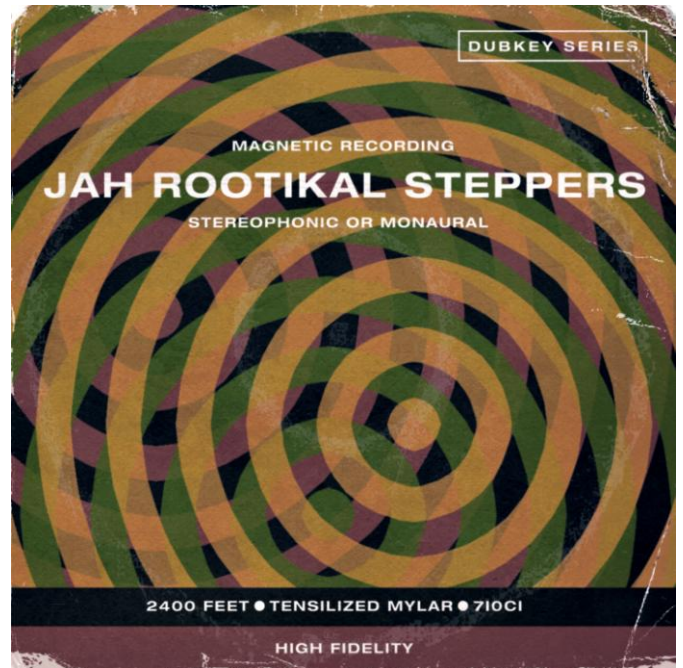
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ARTIST: JAH ROOTIKAL STEPPERS

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TRACKS: 12

RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 2013



the artist...

Jah Rootikal Steppers is the brainchild of longtime reggae fan Si Gains. In the 70s, after listening to people like The Upsetters, Prince Far I, Tappa Zukie and King Tubby, he started collecting reggae vinyl, and he now owns thousands of records.

A multi-instrumentalist, Si enjoyed success between 2000 and 2004, releasing a number of singles and an album, and appearing on several compilations as Dubclash.

Based in Grimsby, England, Si has been playing in several local bands of various styles. In 2013, he got together with Sam Aisthorpe, Ellis Blake and O Roy to record the 'Jah Rootikal Steppers' album at his home studio.

the album...

This is Dubkey's first steppers album by a UK artist. 'Jah Rootikal Steppers' it says on the tin, and that's exactly what you get! Rasta-inspired heavy roots steppers, dubbed the way they should be!

As is the case with all steppers releases, the metronomic bass drum is king here. The bass is loud, and the melodica is present on most of the tracks. Other highlights include great percussion sounds, sirens, sick electronic effects, and a peculiar trombone!

'Jah Rootikal Steppers' features nuff innovative ideas but it also pays homage to the 70s originators of dub. Playback on huge bass bins is highly recommended.