

# Razzmatazz

## **Short Artist Bio:**

The multi-talented, Dortmund-based artist RAZZMATAZZ wears many hats in the music scene. Not only is he a skilled DJ and music producer, but he also serves as an SND designer, bringing visual artistry to his performances. Additionally, RAZZMATAZZ is the co-founder of the esteemed Rekorder Collective, an independent organization that wholeheartedly supports and nurtures the vibrant music culture in Dortmund.

Adding to his impressive repertoire, RAZZMATAZZ is the host of the highly popular monthly "VIBRATE" parties, where he curates captivating musical experiences for enthusiasts and music lovers alike. Furthermore, he showcases his talents as the curator of the "Deep Rhythm" aftershow party at Schauspielhaus Dortmund, ensuring that the energy and rhythm continue long into the night.

Regarding his DJ sets, RAZZMATAZZ possesses an exceptional ability to curate eclectic mixes that span various genres and cultures. From the infectious beats of House and Afrobeat to the soulful melodies of HighLife and Disco, RAZZMATAZZ effortlessly blends diverse musical styles. He also incorporates Hip Hop, Soul, Funk, and Rare groove elements. The result is a sonic journey that encompasses the full spectrum of rhythmic delights, leaving audiences captivated and craving for more.

RAZZMATAZZ's talent and dedication to his craft have earned him a well-deserved reputation as a dynamic and innovative artist in Dortmund's music scene. His ability to captivate audiences and create unforgettable musical experiences is a testament to his creativity and passion for his work. RAZZMATAZZ continues to push boundaries, break barriers, and contribute to the growth and evolution of music culture in Dortmund and beyond.

Author credit: Fidel Amoussou-Moderan (Jump-A-Delic Recordz)

## **Long Artist Bio:**

**A Black Sonic Boom from Dortmund** Who is "RAZZMATAZZ"?

RAZZMATAZZ, born and raised in Germany, has always had a deep passion for music. As a child, Razzmatazz was exposed to the world of jazz through his mother, who would frequently take him to various jazz concerts. Meanwhile, his father introduced him to the vibrant sounds of Ghanaian Highlife music. These early experiences would shape RAZZMATAZZ's musical journey in the years to come.

15 years ago, RAZZMATAZZ discovered his love for DJing, and he quickly became a skilled turntablist. Throughout his last years, he honed his craft, spending countless hours behind the decks, mesmerizing crowds with his eclectic mix of sounds. Alongside his DJing endeavours, RAZZMATAZZ also delved into the world of sample production, mastering the art of manipulating pre-recorded sounds into unique, captivating compositions.

The origin of his name is an intriguing tale in its own right. His artist name stems from a street expression, used to describe a vibrant block party, when jazz music was played in the streets of New Orleans and New York in the late 1920's. This name perfectly encapsulates the energy and spirit that RAZZMATAZZ injects into his music. As a fellow student at the Kunst Akademie Düsseldorf & Kunst Akademie Münster, RAZZMATAZZ found himself pulled between two artistic worlds: painting and music. However, he soon realized that both forms of expression were inseparable parts of his identity.

RAZZMATAZZ's talent and dedication eventually led him to join a band, and together, they embarked on a remarkable journey, performing in over 40 cities. This experience broadened RAZZMATAZZ's musical horizons, and he found inspiration in a diverse range of genres, most notably jazz, hip-hop, techno, and Afrobeat. Current influenced by trailblazers such as J-Dilla, China Chameleon and Flako, RAZZMATAZZ embraced the fusion of these genres, creating a sound that was uniquely his own.

Over the past decade, "RAZZMATAZZ" has tirelessly sharpened his skills and taken the stage by storm, leaving an indelible impact on audiences worldwide. He has graced the stages of countless festivals and clubs, building an extensive performance repertoire that is nothing short of awe-inspiring. His experiences range from intimate venues to massive festivals,

and each performance is imbued with his unique artistry and magnetic stage presence.

One of the standout achievements of "RAZZMATAZZ" is his co-founding of the Rekorder Collective, a groundbreaking initiative that has brought together like-minded artists to collaborate and push the boundaries of music. Through this collective, "RAZZMATAZZ" has not only created a platform for himself but has also promoted and supported talents, fostering a vibrant and innovative music community.

RAZZMATAZZ's primary music mediums include the Roland Sp 808, synthesizers, drum machines, and Ableton Live. These tools serve as the foundation for his creative process, allowing him to craft intricate, energetic rhythms that transcend boundaries and genres. For RAZZMATAZZ, music is more than just a collection of notes and melodies; it is a profound language that fosters a deep connection between people.

RAZZMATAZZ's musical journey draws inspiration from the hybridization of his cultural heritage, intertwining various cultural elements to create a modern, futuristic vision of Africa. Through his work, RAZZMATAZZ resists cultural assimilation and embraces his blackness, constantly challenging and reconstructing his identity.

RAZZMATAZZ's debut album *The Heat*, serves as a powerful tribute to the global reaction following the tragic death of young black American George Floyd. It is an exploration of the African diaspora, seeking to reconnect with African spirituality and inviting his fellow descendants to reclaim their power and embrace their heritage. RAZZMATAZZ's music embodies strength, resilience, and the ability to overcome adversity.

RAZZMATAZZ's music effortlessly merges various influences, transcending conventional genres. His tracks incorporate elements from Detroit house, tripop techno, both uptempo and downtempo rhythms, and electro-jazz, resulting in a rich and diverse sonic landscape. His dynamic and lively rhythms have enraptured global audiences, consistently pushing the boundaries of musical innovation. Through his artistry, RAZZMATAZZ extends an invitation to listeners, promising a sonic voyage that is not only uplifting but also deeply contemplative.

In conclusion, "RAZZMATAZZ" is a musical visionary who has carved out a distinctive and unique sound production. His ability to seamlessly blend diverse influences and genres, coupled with his passion for experimentation, has made him a trailblazer in the modern music landscape. As the enigmatic artist continues to evolve and explore new artistic frontiers, "RAZZMATAZZ" is inviting the public into a sonic journey with his debut Album *The Heat*.

Author credit: Fidel Amoussou-Moderan (Jump-A-Delic Recordz)