

Dougie Wardrop aka Conscious Sound

C'est en 1988 que Dougie Wardrop fan de King Tubby et Scientist crée son propre label "Conscious Sound" soutenu alors par les poids lourds du « Steppers », le légendaire Jah Shaka et l'opérateur Nick Manasseh.

En ayant grandi à Hackney, Dougie était aux premières loges pour expérimenter la force de cette musique encore underground et créer sa propre variation pour ce qui est devenu le « Steppers UK ».

Sa première production « Stepping Time » sort en 1989 sous l'alias « Centry ». Il devient alors un des pionniers de ce style si particulier aux côtés de Manasseh, Disciples, Jah Warrior... Inspirant nombreux sound system à travers le monde.

Dougie va rapidement travailler au début des années 90 avec ses amis et collaborateurs de longue date, Chazbo Chong et Culture Freeman au sein de Bush Chemists.

Dougie a sorti une quantité impressionnante de singles et d'albums vinyles sous son nom ou ses propres projets, mais on le trouve aussi très souvent aux manettes, notamment sur les productions de Steve « Jah Warrior » Mosco, Kenny Knotts ou certains remixes de Zion Train...

Dougie Wardrop est devenu en près de 30 ans un personnage incontournable de la scène reggae dub d'outre-manche et ne montre aucun signe de ralentissement.

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The roots of Dougie's story are to be found in the heavyweight "steppers" style of reggae and dub music that originated in the Jamaican studios of the late 70's championed by sound systems in the UK, in particular the legendary Jah Shaka sound.

Growing up in Hackney, Dougie was perfectly placed to experience the full force of this underground music in its natural setting of the sound system, absorbing its influence and eventually responding to it by creating his own variation in what became known as "UK steppers/roots/dub" with his first release Stepping Time under the alias Centry in 1989.

Alongside fellow UK roots pioneers including Manasseh, Alpha & Omega, Jah Warrior and The Disciples, Dougie pioneered this particular branch of the reggae tree, inspiring many more across the world, setting the foundation for the roots scene that continues to grow and flourish.

Working under a bewildering variety of aliases but perhaps best known as Dougie Conscious, after his most prominent label Conscious Sounds, Dougie has released a vast quantity of vinyl singles and albums and had a hand in countless works on behalf of others in the field since the early 90's. His skills at the mixing desk are constantly in demand.

Alongside his long time friends and collaborators Chazbo Chong and Culture Freeman as the Bush Chemists, Dougie's tireless enthusiasm and hard work continues to bring forth musical fruits, showing no signs of slowing down after nearly 30 years in the business.

Long may he continue.