

Cazy of superNature

While kids his age were outside engaging in childhood amusements with their friends, Cazy, an 11-year-old computer wiz kid, was engrossed in programming and writing music for computer games that he developed. With every effort and accomplishment, the young Cazy was laying the foundation of what would become a life-long passion of writing, programming, and producing his own genre of music.



Cazy, a.k.a. Carsten Schmidt, was born in Essen, Germany to an artistic family. His mother, a ballet-dancer in the early 60's, played classical piano and his father, a guitarist, performed with a 'skiffle' band. It was his father's guitar that inspired Cazy to learn to play an instrument, and it became the first instrument in a succession of many he would teach himself to play before progressing to more formal classical, jazz, guitar and piano training.

Growing increasingly knowledgeable in his particular field, Cazy, at age 14, financed his first sampler by programming. Motivated by his new purchases, the prolific teen composer went on to write and produce nearly one hundred instrumental tracks in a single year.

In 1989 Cazy founded and developed a sound for his first band Detune. This band, with his sister as lead vocalist, would go on to win several best new band awards. That same year, Cazy also produced and completed the first release for his dark wave side project, Adrenochrome, on cassette and samplers. (Industrial Rooms'- High Gloss/EGM.)

At eighteen Cazy, now a known underground producer in his own right, played live gigs with his band Detune while also earning a living recording, producing, and mixing local bands in his new 8-Track basement studio that he had installed into his parents home.

After graduating from high school Cazy established his own commercial recording studio in Geldern, Germany. He also founded his own P.A.- rental company and honed his craft as a live audio technician for well-known German bands.

By 1995, after releasing Detune's 'Demi Monde' debut CD, Cazy was ready to explore a new avenue of music. This came in the form of an electronic project that saw Cazy and his sister team up once again. Cazy saw the fruits of his labors come to fruition in 1997 with the success of his first commercial composition, a soundtrack for an avant-garde theater show titled Fata Morgana, 'this would be followed in 1999 by the sequel, Madrugada (released by Hazelwood Records/Frankfurt). After touring with the Madrugada theater company Cazy, with another producer, relocated to Cologne, Germany where Cazy once again sat at the helm of his own recording studio and earned a living recording and producing other artists. Despite his hectic recording schedule, Cazy found the time and energy to form another band home to riza. He also performed live in the hardcore rock band, senso unico', that went on to release a debut Cd Kreis as well as 4 Tracks on Cd-samplers.

Cazy's production prowess and his efficient, well-equipped studio fast gained a reputation as a "place to get things done right," a place of creativity, and a meeting place for local musicians; and this reputation was about to reach international status, thanks to musicians seeking musicians via the Internet.

In the year 2000 Canadian vocalist Kim and a fellow musician walked into Cazy's studio for the first time and began recording the initial tracks for a then untitled, Canadian/European project. Kim would eventually relinquish the project in favor of the more groundbreaking, creatively inspiring, superNature. Cazy and Kim knew they had found in each other a musical match to reckon with. Fraught with problems of beginning a new project and bridging the distance between the two musician's countries, Cazy overcame the miles by using his computer savvy.

A true Internet musical project, superNature's song ideas were borne on the wings of mp3 and wave files. With limited funds Kim made the journey from Canada to Cazy's studio for three thirty-day recording sessions, the final of which resulted in a daring new sound, the first superNature Cd.

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