

RAW MANIA

AN OVERVIEW OF CONTEMPORARY ROMANIAN MUSIC

VEXX aka MC Geamite Galigan is a poet, a lyricist and just generally an interesting figure in the Romanian contemporary music scene. Although he started about a decade ago, he has defined both a new message and a whole new way of delivering it – he writes and performs lyrics in Romanian, Romani (the Gypsy language), English and Japanese. Check this out! If you have a gig but no inspiration, just tear out this text and take it with you.

Wussup yall subterraneans?

Rugged, ruff & raw manians?!

This yo brother Vexx from the Romanian domain

Check this out

Cause I wanna give a shout out

To the local scene and crowd

Yeah – no doubt

This is what

Imma tell ya about

It's been some time now since we escaped the reds

And we started thinking with our own heads

At last all the evil surpassed

As we catchin up fast

We let our conscience free and we learn to free datas

You might be surprised

How many cats out here can make a party blast

So I put my pen to work and made this list of

Some of the important names I know the music scene consists of

(...I'm sure that other ones exist

Sorry if I don't know you or if there's anyone I missed)

It's just a personal view or – as we say – “thru my prizm”

Let's start with the electro heads that bring the magnetism

Lucian Stan and Shukar are the ones

Who bring mo dance than the Schonbrunn Lake swans

The Electric Brother

Comes wit jazz and all that other

Flavors of the retro

Into the electro

For all the music lovers to discover

Now let me drop a line

On some other dear brothers of mine

Khidja Clouds Society...

Well connected in the Balcan area

They records even sell in Bulgaria

...DJ Rusu and Flore

They raw to the core

Also got that sweet stuff fo ya

Like a non stop candy store

Beats galore in store and on the dance floor

...MC 'geamite Galigan is known from ol' to da new

He got props from Moldova Noua to Kishinev

Making rhymes like these

In three modern languagees

+ known to be rappin in sign language, braille and Japanese kanjis

The one & only Gypsy Bogdan (the Bogman) has been a

True legend from New York up to Funky Colenteena

Mo than ever befo he's rockin' floors

Riding green horses on the walls from Manhattan to Obor

Ion & Vali nicely lace the tracks

With mo breaks than the straws that broke the camel's back

Down with other cats like Tom Wilson & Rock

+ Camil is in the back with the needle on some obscure record

kind of like the needle in the haystack

Trigga & Seb up with the dub step

On the drum n bass tip they also got enough rep

Suie Paparude are like...how can I explain

Those rude Gypsy naked dancers that bring the rain...

Cause it's like a chain...

No prayin no rain

No grain no gain

How you gonna maintain

or dance If you ain'

got Suie to entertain?!

When it comes to hard beats you can't challenge Matze

He's like the Gutza of electronics – nobody got the gutze

We also got Yvat, Brazda lui Novac and such

producers like Silent Strike who reach ya with the Zen touch

And a lot of crossovers in the field of electronics

Like Ubic or Alien Pimp (Sonic Tonic)

Sultan/Hassan (Sunday People), Unu and Marika

And the Flama DJs such as UFE and Zicu

Blanos, Cypher and Dan Griober

They all bring the sounds that you like to dance over

Gojira is like gorilla meets Kujira

Got them phat beats in the intelligent dance era

With the aid of Kosak or D Laid

And by the way as they play

Most of'em get support from other cats who VJ

like TeHash & Serghei on the video decks

Casa Gontz or Dreamrec are also in full effec'

Koshimin he's not from Viet Nam

Nor from the land of Gengis Khan

But he's down with Vali Chincisan

Dilmana and Mi Ka also get props

Them both is da bomb but tender like Silvana drops

On the drum 'n' bass scene we got names like FutureGroove

Or Bully who have been for such a long time on the move

But not only Bucharest, other cities in the west

Of Romania bringin' crazy fests and plenty of events:

UFO and Bento got the TM Base fo ya

That's in Timisoara & in Cluj there's De La Hoya

DuBase, Roli Breaker, Laizaboy or BAU

Aria Urbana, MC Agent, DJ Snow...

You know who got the jazz, Aievea as well as

Slang, Butterflies in my Stomach and Blazzaj

Sorin Romanescu, Cristian Soleanu

Eddie Neumann or Rudy Teianu

Mara & Ati who now party with Zum

Iordache on the sax doin' his thing with Kumm

Lucian Ban or Vlaicu Golcea

They all put Romania on the map thru jazz culture

Now let me take the opportunity

To give a shout out to my peeps in the hip hop community

CTC, Cedryzk and the others in alliance

Zale, Phlo, FLU and the Turntable Science

Grant, Nemo, Wiz, JB and all the crews

from Brasov getting busy on the 1s&2s – one love!

DJ Dox & Brugner teach the hip hop class

On TV or telly or – as we say – “on glass”

Micutul Coae, BRG, Raparta and Butch

And all the Hades heads who is bringin' us the goodsh

Special dedication to the Sindicatul RANS

On the crossover tip we got K 'n' Fusion

Also when the hardcore melts comes Omul cu Sobolans

On the rock scene - Timpuri Noi, Vita de Vie

Travka, Emil, Sport Sangeros III and P.I.O.

Luna Amara, Implant Pentru Refuz

You might get into a Coma when they squash the metal juice

Now let me tell ya bout the house DJs in Romania

Raoul, Pagal, Internullo, Vania...

– by the way – check the names and don't take them in vain

Cause they internationally known up to Ibiza, Spain:

Rhadoo, Raresh and Pedro from the Arpiar

The Model, Optik, Negru or Ali Nasser

And also Piftek – I haven't seen him getting down

But I gotta mention him cause I like how that sound

You got “piftie” to “has”, you “pe felie” and plus

You got the technology to pump it up in yo “cas”

Last but not least – before I finish this

Gotta mention some other peeps who down wit' the music biz:

Stefan Tiron also known as Magatron

Much love out also to Oana Filipov

Omagiu, Neon and Blana (cu erori)

Takin stories to the stores like you never seen before

Feeder, Yazee, SoFresh, Nanca Bros.

Color, Ciubi, Dashe One, Sinboy & Milosh

Carecutare, Mircea Suciuc and Recos

Usk8, Teo, Cezar, Bart, Nox & Dragosh

Dumi, Dumitru, Eroilor Mafia

talpavideo.ro and potsasaceva

Herastrau, IOR Palatul Copiilor

After dark – on the incognito tip – Carol Park

Tricks displayed there are a second nature's marvel

Concrete does it, but they prefer marble

Check any name on Myspace or the net and catch my drift

None of them is bull or – as we say – “shitft”

Now it's time to finish and so I'm out of here

Been a pleasure. Peace. Vexx. A, B, C ya

