

DARSHAN JESRANI ~ ADULT SECTION



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Darshan Jesrani's recording project "Metro Area" (together with partner Morgan Geist) on the Environ label has left an indelible mark on the dance music landscape. Known for its forward-looking, freestyle recombination of influences, Metro Area's work revolves around classic production styles and the songwriting focus of disco, new-wave/synth-pop and R&B, Metro Area has injected much needed doses of funk and sensuality, mood and space back into the loop-based and seldom-subtle world of underground dance.

Their 2002 debut album elicited superlative responses from The New York Times to The Onion, from web-logs to the Wire. Metro Area won a place among Rolling Stone's "Top 50 Albums of 2002", a rock and rap-dominated list for which most club/dance projects are not even considered. Further accolades include BBC/Radio 1's "Dance Album of the Year" and a "Best New Artist" prize at the 2003 DanceStar/American Dance Awards.

In 2007, Darshan caught the collective ear with his co-writing, production and remix work (alongside Ewan Pearson and Klas "Sasse" Lindblad) on "It's All True", the debut single from beloved UK singer Tracey Thorn's (Everything but the Girl) solo album "Out of the Woods" (Virgin). This release made waves in broader arenas and was touted as a fresh and uplifting update of the Funhouse-style, vocal-led, New York City synth-pop sound of the early/mid-80s.

Darshan's extended "Parks Dept. Dub" remix of "Starlight", an underground hit by celebrated and hungry New York disco upstarts Escort (July 2006) landed on the year-end top-10 lists of many DJs known for their selections and taste.

The latest chapter (EP number 7) in the Metro Area series was released November 2007 to superlative praise, and the duo now set their sights on the completion of a Metro Area mix for highly-regarded mix-CD series Fabric (November 2008) and a new full-length album (2009).

Early 2008 saw the release of Darshan's remix of Mock & Toof's "Black Jub" on their Tiny Sticks label, as well as the debut release from new project Arcade Lover (with Dan Balis of Escort, Lisa Shaw and Jonathan Maron of Groove Collective) on Manchester's Tirk Records.

These days, Darshan stays very busy with regular DJ bookings world-wide, the approaching completion of a new studio and recording space in Brooklyn, his party Strobe Lodge with DJ extraordinaire Citizen Kane and new Metro Area material with Morgan Geist.