

margaret dygas

english biography

Life as Margaret has experienced it has had more than it's fair share of unusual twists and turns, she quips about life in a very positive light 'Never a dull moment!' With a childhood that began in Poland, at aged 11 she escaped to Germany with her family before eventually moving to the States, initially to San Jose, California. In the late eighties the music she was surrounded by and adhered to was old school hip hop; there were house parties every weekend and lots of chillin' in the backyard. Her discovery of house music started in New York in the early nineties when she moved to study fashion at the renowned Fashion Institute of Technology. Before long her college friends had introduced her to the whirlwind underground club scene, dressed up club kids, intimate basement techno nights, jungle gatherings and scores of insane house parties.

Captivated by the British dance scene, she moved to London in the summer of 99. Her first job there was on the door of Home, her day job was as a make up artist and she began to play out at parties and warming up in clubs. Then four years ago she decided make this her full-time career. Her wide musical background has made her keen to experiment with new sounds and styles through out the years. Now more on the electronic side of things, where the choice is endless, Margaret has found herself where she is most comfortable, from dub to techno and anything in between.

Margaret has been a regular feature on London's electronic scene playing at clubs such as Fabric, The End/AKA and The Key. She was a resident at label night Underline and has been supporting growing underground parties such as Multi Vitamins, Run, Minimallondon.com events, Stink at the T Bar as well as Technique in Leeds. Her music has been well received in Berlin where she was fast becoming a friendly face at clubs like Panorama Bar, Arena, Club Der Visionäre and Watergate. She was also part of Crosstown Rebels mini tour last year and was invited to play at Monza at Space in Ibiza in 2006, and now for the summer of 2007 in Privilege she returns there.

Over the years her DJ travels have taken her all over the world and opened even more doors of opportunity, playing for some of the biggest events in Europe. In winter of 2006, Margaret moved to Berlin where she started her monthly residency at Panorama Bar - playing for some of the Cadenza label nights - as well as regular visits to one of her favorite places in the summer time, the infamous Club Der Visionare. Other towns in Germany also hold a special place in her heart and Margaret has residencies at Heimatmelodie / Hotel Shanghai in Essen and Heimatmelodie/ Versteck in Dortmund.

Now making moves into production, with her first release on Contexterror in July 2007, her DJing style continues to develop and blossom. The electronic-tech vibe of her present sets incorporate the deep and minimal sounds she loves but retains the driving funk of her musical past.

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