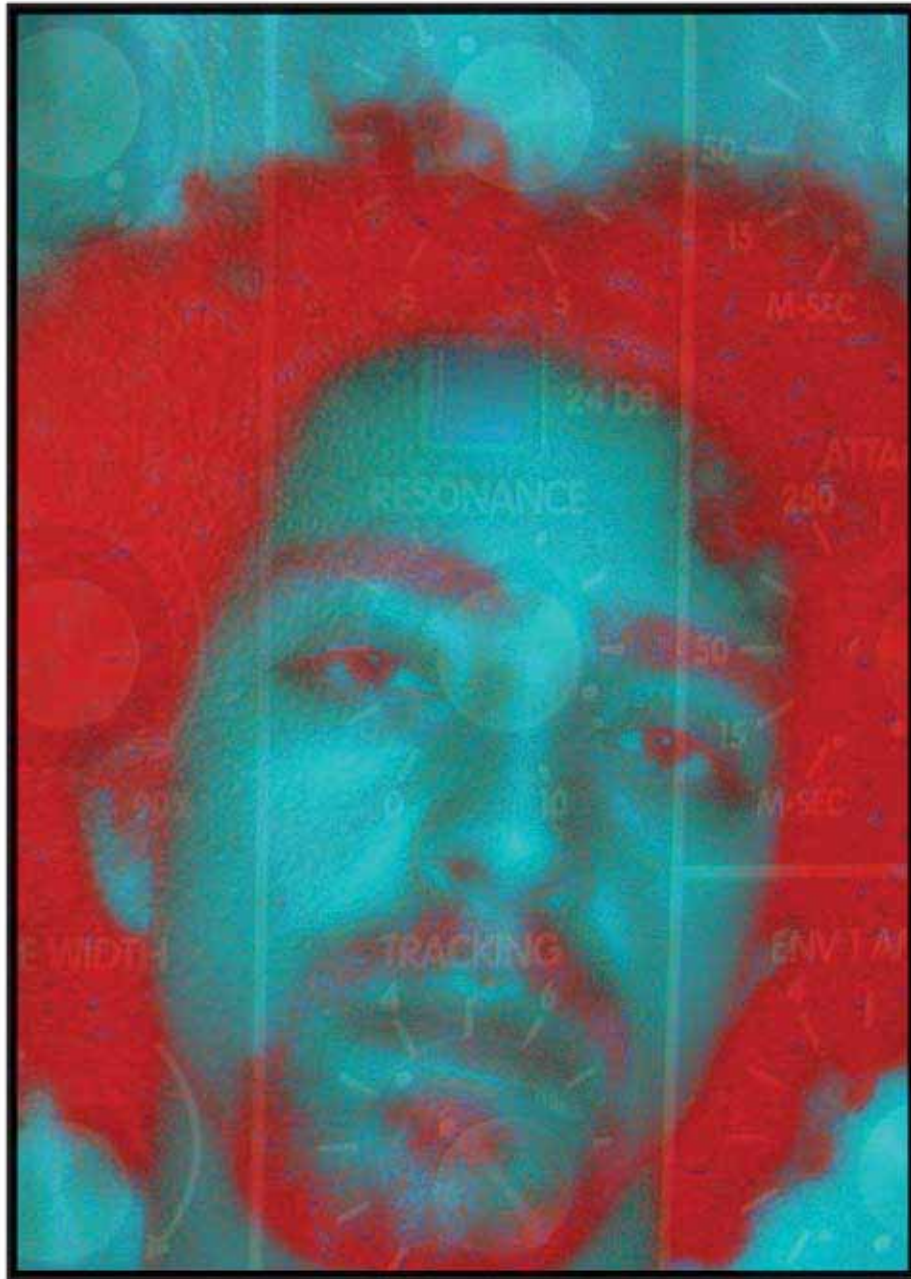


THE PRODUCER

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Everyone I talk to says you are the main man when it comes to producing west coast bumps. Name a few of the homies that you have produced?

Snoop Dogg, Dr Dre, Obie Trice, Eastsidaz, Kurupt, Westside Connection, Nate Dogg, lots more....

You have to be on the list of top producers who else do you dig and respect in production?

Of course the good Doctor DRE, Dj Quik, Alchemist, Evidence, Dj Muggz, Soopafly & Eminem are my favorites...

What kind of equipment do you use and are you into the high tech

computer shit for production?

I got a collection of vintage analog synths, so I mostly use real keyboards in my work like Rhodes Piano, Mini Moog, Arp Strings, Prophet5, Gibson Organ, Clavinet...but I also like to use Triton, Nord Leads, Moog Voyager, and that Roland Xv3080... I use Protools to record, but I haven't got into the software synths, I don't think they sound as good as the real thing.

Do you think rap has gone down in quality of producing or is it just different than the early 90s?

Yea, I think everyone has got into makin' beats on their laptops and home studios, and never really learned the real techniques of recording, because now the software does everything for you. Just because you can make a beat doesn't make you a producer...

How long have you been doing producing?

Well, I bought a Sequential TOM drum machine in the 9th grade, and my mom got me a keyboard in 10th grade...so I've been tryin' to learn to produce ever since...but its been a learning experience the whole way...I'm still learnin' and experimenting with sounds and music, and recording techniques everyday that's what makes it fun.

Now onto a different subject, a good rapper friend of mine told me you were of Arab descent is that right and where were you born?

I'm PalestinianI was born in Flint, Michigan....my mom n dad came to America in the late 60s....

Have people acted differently to you because of your race in the last few years or not?

Not people in general...but the POLICE, and people in the airport!!!! A few weeks after 9/11 I was in NYC with Snoop & Xzibit...me and Xzibit get in a car to go to the airport to fly to Detroit for Eminems Bday party...and the national guard stops our car on the bridge, and they take me out of the car to a interrogation bus, and I got interrogated by 2 FBI agents for an hour...That shit was sad...it really made me realize how bad Arab people are gonna have it now...