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# Dj Scratchy



If you want a great dj with a real track record through working with some of the greatest roots and uk pop icons then its got to be the inimitable DJ Scratchy.

dj Scratchy was the tour dj with the Clash from 1978-80. Prior to that, he'd been resident dj at the famed Dingwalls Dancehall in Camden Town, London. He also spun at all the major concert venues in the city, including the Roundhouse, the Rainbow, the Electric Ballroom, Hammersmith Odeon and the Lyceum, alongside the likes of the Ramones, the Cramps, Blondie, Black Uhuru and Iggy Pop, as well as touring the UK twice with Dr. Feelgood.

After his stint with the Clash, he hosted his own radio show 'Scratchy Sounds' on WHBI-FM and made regular appearances on the New York club scene that included the Mudd Club, Danceteria and Limelight. During the 1980s, he began to take time-out to concentrate on his alternative passion as a musician and in the 1990s he emerged as a photographer.

dj Scratchy returned to the decks early in the 2000s and was back in harness with Joe Strummer & the Mescaleros for dates in the UK and New York throughout 2002. He spins a "mixed-bag of roots music", flipping effortlessly between the sounds of London & Louisiana, Kingston & Colombia, Mali & Memphis. 2004 gigs included gigs alongside Jah Wobble, Joe Ely and Jesse Malin, the Iraqi-French group Aiwa and a fine rock'n'soul bill that included Jon Spencer's Blues Explosion and Tony Joe White.

2004 finished in grand style for dj Scratchy. Following the release of 'Scratchy Sounds: Ska, Dub, Roots & Reggae Nuggets', a CD selection from his ska and reggae favourites on Trojan, he embarked on a five week dj road-trip that took him to the Czech Republic, Germany, New York and came to a fitting conclusion on the successful and immensely enjoyable Pogues' Xmas tour of the UK and Ireland.

Recent London appearances have included the Boogaloo, Cargo, the Big Chill Bar, the Dirty Water Club, the Modern Blues Project at Notting Hill Arts Club and the Spitz Festival of Blues with Geneva's the Dead Brothers, who dj Scratchy also toured alongside in Switzerland, culminating in a 7-hour solo dj party in Geneva's notorious Cave 12. He was back at Glastonbury '05 for performances in the West Coast Dance Tent, Lost Vagueness and Strummercamp and has also recently played at the Magic Voodoo Revue, Leipzig, the Rock'n'Roll Station, Helsinki and the Usine & Moloko Bar, Geneva.!

Time to book now, enquire!

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