

# KATALYST

Producing since the mid nineties, Sydney based Ashley Anderson initially recorded under the moniker of Moonrock with the late Illpickl, releasing a self titled album in early '98 to critical acclaim, and went on to contribute tracks to the internationally renowned "**Cafe Del Mar**". Katalyst as a solo artist had his first release on the internationally respected, "**Dope on Plastic**" compilation.

May 2002 saw the release of the Katalyst's debut album "**Manipulating Agent**". The first release for INVADA Records, this well crafted album received remarkable acclaim. **Triple J Album of the week**, the album went on to earn Katalyst an **ARIA** nomination and won the two most coveted "**Best Producer**" and "**Best Album**" awards at the 2002 Australian Dance Music Awards.

Late 2002 Katalyst enlisted some top Australian and UK producers to remix tracks from his album, "Manipulating Agent". The result was the remix album "**Agent Manipulated**". Released in April 2003, it cemented his position as one of the premier producers in Australia.

In 2007 Katalyst released the long awaited follow up album "**What's Happening**" enlisting guest vocalists from the US, the UK and Australia featuring J-Live, Stephanie McKay, Steve Spacek, Supernatural, Diverse, Katie Noonan, Mat McHugh (The Beautiful Girls), Adalita (Magic Dirt), Ru C.L, Hau (Koolism) and more...

"What's Happening" was Feature Album on Triple J in Sept 2007 and soon after was nominated for the prestigious **J Award** followed by another **Aria** nomination in 2008.

"What's Happening" was released worldwide on UK label **BBE**. Katalyst is in the esteemed company of artists such as J-Dilla, Jazzy Jeff, J-Live, Pete Rock and many more. The collaboration with Steve Spacek on the album was in Giles Peterson's top 20 tracks for 2008.

Katalyst went on to form a group with Steve Spacek called **Space Invadas**. Steve Spacek, is the acclaimed voice behind the UK groundbreaking group Spacek. Championed by everyone from Entertainment Weekly to Mos Def. Has worked with the likes of J Dilla, Slum Village, Common and many more.

Key tastemakers around the globe championed the album. Giles Peterson on BBC1 in the UK, Garth Trinidad on KCRW in LA, Tyler Askew in NYC, Andrew Jervis (Ubiquity), San Fran, Nova in France to name a few. The album was nominated for an ARIA Award 2010 and has been signed and released internationally on BBE Records.

He has just released the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 singles from his new album to critical acclaim. Its is due for release in August this year and features a host of local and international talent. There are so many great songs on this new LP and we look forward to playing you more in the coming months.

Katalyst has also just finished a project is with **Geoff Barrow** from UK super group **Portishead** who he has worked closely with for some years now. They are label partners in Invada Records which operates in Australia and the UK. The project is a hip hop album called **Quakers** and features an all-star cast of 32 MCs, mainly from the US. Due for release early 2012.

Katalyst has performed along side some of the biggest international acts to come to Australia,

including The Roots, Jack Johnson, Jurassic 5, DJ Shadow, DJ Premier, Guru, The Black Eyed Peas, Mix Master Mike, Ben Harper, , and many more...

Katalyst has played all the major Australian festivals including Splendour In The Grass, Big Day Out, Homebake, The Falls Festivals, Good Vibrations, Groovin In The Moo, Southbound and more.

## **LPs Releases.**

Katalyst – Deep Impressions  
Space Invadas - Soul:Fi  
What's Happening (BBE – released April 2008)  
What's Happening (Invada Records – released Aug 2007)  
Dusted – hip hop rare groove compilation  
Agent Manipulated Remix LP  
Manipulating Agent LP  
Moonrock self titled Album

## **Remixes.**

Anika -Yang Yang Stones Throw - Aug 2011  
Old Man River Vs Katalyst Mixtape 2010  
OC – "Times Up"  
The Beautiful Girls "Thought About You" Katalyst Remix  
McKay - "Jackson Ave" Katalyst Remix  
Ugly Duckling - "Slow The Flow" Katalyst Remix  
McKay - "Tell It Like It Is" Katalyst Remix  
Motown Remixed - The Undisputed Truth - "Smiling Faces Sometimes" Katalyst Remix  
Dynamo Productions "Casbah" Katalyst remix (Unique)  
Vassy - "Cover You In Kisses" Katalyst Remix  
Gift of Gab (Blackalicious) "Combustible"  
Machine Gun Fellatio - "Horny Blonde 40", remixed by Ashley Anderson & Geoff Barrow  
Rockmelons – "Game Tight"

## **Compilations.**

Ministry Of Sound Chill Out Sessions/ Brownswood Bubblers vol 3/ Like A Version/ Good Vibrations 2008/ \* Motown Remixed/ The Best of Cafe Del Mar Cafe Del Mar Volume 6/ Dope on Plastic Volume 3/ Homebake/ \* Splendour in the Grass /\* Home and Hosed Volume 1/ \* Sub Urban Files \* Vibes on a Summers Day/ and many more...  
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