

## **World DMC Champions Shiftee (US) vs Switch (UK)**

### **DJ Shiftee (US)**

Turntablist. Party rocker. Harvard math grad. Battle DJ. Composer. Producer. DMC World Champion. Musicians of Shiftee's calibre are few and far between. Known as an emerging force on the international DJ scene, New York City's DJ Shiftee has translated his intuitive math geek mentality into far-reaching success on the turntables.

In 2007, Shiftee won the DMC Supremacy World DJ Championship, becoming the first American ever to win the crown. This victory has served as the catalyst for widespread international recognition, allowing Shiftee to take his talent and creativity across Asia, Europe, and the U.S. to some of the world's biggest clubs and most prestigious venues. Along the way, he has opened for artists like The Roots, Talib Kweli, RJD2, Murs, Pharoahe Monch, and A-Trak. Shiftee now additionally spends his time figuring out new and innovative ways to rock a party, applying the same Harvard nerdery to the dancefloor that made him a world champ.

### **DJ Switch (UK)**

Anthony John Culverwell isn't the kind of DJ you'll see very often - Switch builds his rep by firmly keeping his hands on the ones and twos. As a four time national DJ battle champion, and current world champion, his shows contain a repertoire of visual tricks so quick you'd think he was stuck on fast-forward, technical skill that leaves half the crowd with their jaws hanging, and musical selection that keeps the other half dancing till they drop.

Switch has spun alongside and warmed up for such current names as Kano, Aquasky, DJ Kentaro, the Scratch Perverts & Pendulum, but also a veritable tsunami of old school veterans, Q-Bert, Jazzy Jeff, Sugarhill Gang, Grandmaster Flash & Public Enemy. This world champion is the next step in the evolution of the DJ - you'd be mad to miss him.

"You never know what he's gonna play next!"

"He is just pure genius...he just keeps busting out new stuff all the time."

"Blimey, he's a cheeky little blighter isn't he?"

"What does this guy put on his corn flakes?"

### **INJA – MC**

Inja is a hip hop, drum and bass, grime and dubstep MC / Host / Performer. He performs solo, and as part of The Skuff and Inja Show and Taskforce.

## **MC RESIDENCIES AND HOSTING**

### **UK DMC HOST**

In 2009 Inja became the new host of the world's biggest DJing competition. He will be hosting the UK heats as well as the UK and World DMC finals at the O2 arena in September 2009.

### **RESIDENT MC at WARNING**

For over 10 years, Inja has been resident MC at the UK's longest running Drum and Bass night, Warning. Held at the Junction, Cambridge, this night is a constant sell out, hype of a drum and bass night with a little dubstep upstairs.

### **RESIDENT HOST at STINK LIKE SOCK**

Inja is the current host of the South of England's biggest and heaviest Dubstep night.

## FOUNDER AND HOST OF SOUNDCLASH

Soundclash is Inja's very own hiphop, grime and dubstep night which takes place bi-monthly in Cambridge's centre. Rooted in a desire to bring live music to the city, Soundclash provides a platform for highly established as well as local, up and coming artists. These nights are not to be missed, as the vibe flexes between rarely found sing-a-long mosh pit antics to intense lyricism and high bass line energy.

## ABOUT

### INJA

*"Spits pummelling lines with robot like precision" Blues and Soul Magazine*

*"Homegrown Favourite" Hip Hop Connection*

*"Lines worth an Ivor Novello, surely" DJ Magazine*

Inja has released and toured two solo hip hop albums. He is currently working on his next solo release, a hip hop and grime heavyweight work with production by Gunjaman and features from the likes of Taskforce, Skinnyman, Fallacy, Kyza and Orifice Vulgatron of Foreign Beggars. He has performed solo as a hiphop, drum and bass and dubstep MC all around the UK to Europe and across South America from Rio de Janeiro and Bogota.

### THE SKUFF AND INJA SHOW

*"Definitely for the clubs" Knowledge Magazine*

*"Heavy" Big Smoke Magazine*

*"Some of the most progressive hip hop in the UK" I Dj Magazine*

Skuff & Inja are one of the most explosive UK acts to date, known for their stellar performances, highly acclaimed solo projects and monstrous collaborations. During the process of recording their most devastating project yet the pair have found themselves spread across the widest spectrum of music, in and amongst legends such as Mr Scruff, Roots Manuva, Arctic Monkeys, Task Force, Logistics & Skinnyman to name a few. Following the volcanic lead single Ital/Holding Out they are now fully equipped to drop the bombshell full length LP on the world.

Skuff is a designer for Supremebeing, a clothing company set up with friends, and handles all the pair's artwork. Inja promotes the SoundClash nights, hosts shows, and is a youth worker at a local secondary school. Inja also jumps behind the boards to record & mix all vocals for the up coming Skuff & Inja Show LP, sharing production duties with Skuff, Delegates of Culture, Freezin, DJ Nappa & Mr Thing. Not to forget Toe, the sick super producer with a stream of dubstep releases in the pipeline, who mixes all beats and rains fire DJing their live sets.

Their shows are known for their whirlwind energy, depth & tight delivery, performing with the likes of Public Enemy, Pharoahe Monch, Common & Kano. They truly must be seen to be believed.

### TASKFORCE

Inja is part of the legendary UK hiphop family, Taskforce, and performs regularly with this crew both solo and with The Skuff and Inja Show. Hailed since its inception as one of the best underground hiphop collections on mother earth, if you don't know this group, it would be an idea to get to know. From the front cover of every UK hiphop publication to the BBC's Daily Politics these guys are in demand and firmly rooted in the UK's hiphop hall of fame.

### DELEGATES OF CULTURE

Inja was a founding member of the Delegates of Culture, one of Cambridge's first rap crews. Formed in 1998/99 by joining the strengths of two crews: MENTAL MINDS, made up of local MCs Inja, Skuff, Sclass, Prolo and CoLAB and including members from further afield such as Bee 109 from Stockton on Tees and Ill seer from Ontario, Canada. After their first well received demo led to collaborations with the likes of Roots Manuva, Jehst, Aspects and to

working relationships with artists such as Task Force, Phi Life Cypher and Untold. Their first official album release was in April 2009 with "Bad Guys", pure Delegates with Mr Thing on the cuts.

#### INJA RESIDENCIES

2001-2006: Rawganics (We won Second best hiphop night in the country 04/05, Scratch got 1st place)

2003-2008: Ebonics (Hiphop)

2006-2008: Chester P's 5 Word Freestyle Comp (Hiphop)

1998-Present Day: Warning (Drum&Bass, longest running DNB night in the country)

2008-Present Day: Stink Like Sock (East of Englands Biggest Dubstep Night)

2006-Present Day: Dj Kayper's BBC Asian Network Tours

2006-Present Day: SoundClash (My own Hiphop Night In Cambridge)

2005-Present Day: Task Force Live Show's (Hype Man & Performer)

2006-Present Day: The Skuff & Inja Show (Performing like a stage show monster across the UK/EU)