



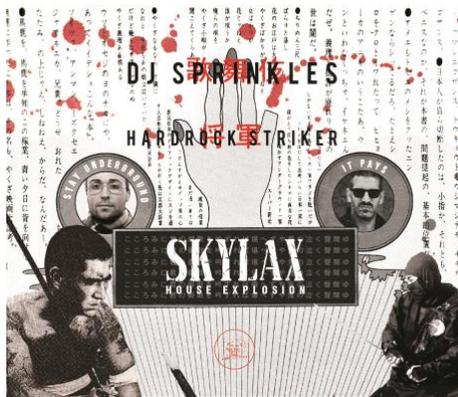
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Eight years since *A Short Introduction To The House Sounds Of Terre Thaemlitz*, and a long, fruitful relationship thereafter, DJ Sprinkles and Hardrock Striker begin a new project, teaming up as SKYLAX HOUSE EXPLOSION (S.H.E.)

A nod to Thaemlitz' work as *Kami-Sakunobe House Explosion (K-S.H.E.)* that started in 2006 – the critically acclaimed album for which, *Routes Not Roots*, was reissued on Skylax in 2011 – S.H.E. presents a compilation celebrating the run of Skylax Records which started in 2004 by DJ and producer Hardrock Striker. Constantly ahead of the curve, whether pre-empting the revival of balearic, poolside vibes, or proto house and electro boogie, he and the Skylax crew have cultivated a sound that looks forward with a respectful nod to the histories of Chicago, Detroit, NYC, and other vital dance cities. The two members of S.H.E. take on a mix either side of the CD, which accompanies a three-piece vinyl compilation featuring previously unreleased music curated by DJ Sprinkles and Hardrock Striker, owner of the label. The compilation will form a template for future projects under S.H.E., which is one in a number of outings partnering Skylax Records and Comatonse Recordings, the label run by Terre Thaemlitz since 1993.

Over the years, Skylax has supported trans house producers such as Lady Blacktronika, most recently, Octo Octa and has reissued a series of Terre Thaemlitz records that were previously hard to come by - and in some cases, unknown. *Queerifications & Ruins*, the collection of DJ Sprinkles remixes released on Mule Musiq in 2013, also features Hardrock Striker's *MotorikLife*; the DJ Sprinkles remix making an ominous twist on Martin Luther King's famous words at the Washington Monument.

For years DJ Sprinkles been synonymous with the finest mixes of deep house in existence; setting the absolute bar for early 90s NYC joints on the *Sally's II Tribute Mixtape*, revealing the incredibly broad Sprinkles range in the *Module Party* mix series and most recently in 2013, *Where Dancefloors Stand Still*, shining a nuanced light on the fuzoku laws in Japan. On the first disc of this mix CD, Sprinkles channels an all at once energetic and subdued sonic pallet – much like her work as *Kami-Sakunobe House Explosion (K-S.H.E.)* – presenting a mix that leans heavily on the sound of SKYLAX RECORDS. Very much the straight up house that the label is known for, but saturated in references to Paradise Garage, The Loft and the ballrooms of Midtown Manhattan – the lens through which DJ Sprinkles has always conveyed the material realities of domination, discrimination and violence. In parts, the mix belies the insistent deeper mood of Sprinkles shows in recent years, but this is by no means an unfamiliar approach; Terre Thaemlitz has always maintained varying guises, genres, dynamics and styles at once, often standing in opposition to one another.



On disc two, Hardrock Striker draws from his label signees of the more recent past, such as Jason Grove, Octo Octa, Fuckthegovernment. Ltd and Urban Inc. In complimenting the mix from DJ Sprinkles, Striker packs more of a bag for the upbeat parties he is known for in Paris, while not straying too far from “deep” sounds that are allied with his label. The mix features friends from the back catalogue of Skylax as well unheard tracks coming soon on one of three exclusive vinyl releases. Having been a dedicated producer and label-head for two decades – first with Parisonic - collaborating with a vast array of producers, he introduced many of them in the music game such as Simoncino, Nick Beringer, FTG, and Sameed. Here he unearths some overlooked gems from the last two decades, before ending with his work on the Peter Black & Hardrock Striker record, *Dreamtime*.

House music is ubiquitous in clubs around the world. Few institutions and imprints have stayed afloat in its short lifetime, so for a label to be celebrating with such an ambitious and extensive project, it's fair to say: Stay underground, it pays.

Tracklist:

CD1

01 Garage Shelter - Soul 2 Soul (An Outro)
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Wax Classic 12 (2014)
Extract from the ep Garage Shelter "Garage Shelter"

02 An Espresso - Club Called The Garage
Soon to be released on DJ Sprinkles & Hardrock Striker as S.H.E I
"Under the Garage" Ep
Unreleased

03 Jason Grove - John Blue
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 137 (2014) Extract
from the lp Jason Grove "Skylax"

04 Nick Beringer - Gasp
Produced & written by Nick Beringer (2014)
Unreleased

05 Simoncino - Inga's Creme (Chez Damier Morning After Mix
part One)
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 124 (2011) Extract
from the ep Simoncino "The warrior dance part.2"

06 Soul System aka Nicholas - Everything Must Change Originally
released strictly on vinyl as Wax classic 2 (2011) Extract from the
ep Soul System "Lost tapes 1"

07 Sameed - Bad You
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 141 (2015) Extract
from the ep Sameed "Ma Thang!"

08 Damien Zala - Shake Vibration
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax classic 4 (2015)
Extract from the ep Damien Zala "Sweet & dirty"

09 F.T.G. & Belfie & Alex Tea - Public Enemy
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 138 (2015) Extract
from the ep F.T.G. "F.T.G. N' Friends"

10 Joey Kay - All Night
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax extra series 2 (2015)
Extract from the ep Joey Kay "The heart & soul of joey kay (A
chicago retrospective 1990 – 2012)"

11 Lady Blacktronika - Right Direction
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 136 (2014) Extract
from the ep Lady Blacktronika "It's a blacktronika world"

12 Carlos Nilmmns - Gwen's Song
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax Classic 3 (2014)
Extract from the ep Carlos Nilmmns "B.L.U.E."

13 Violence FM & The Underground Soulsavers - Soleil Mauve
Soon to be released on DJ Sprinkles & Hardrock Striker as S.H.E
III "Under the Garage" Ep Unreleased

CD2

01 Lady Blacktronika "Again see spring"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax Extra Series 4 (2017)
Extract from the LP Lady Blacktronika "A lonely space program"

02 Sinan Kaya "Whats's mine"
Soon to be released on DJ Sprinkles & Hardrock Striker as S.H.E II "Under
the Garage" Ep
Unreleased

03 Urban Inc "Beatdown"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax 139 (2015)
Extract from the Ep Urban Inc "Pleasure planets"

04 Jason Grove "Streets"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Wax Classic I (2011)
Extract from the Ep Jason Grove "Lost Cuts I"

05 Love Island "A feelin'"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as A Fistful of Wax 3 (2017)
Extract from the Ep V.A. "A Fistful of Wax 3"

06 Octo Octa "We will be together forever"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as SKYLAX 143 (2017)
Extract from the Ep Octo Octa "Aimless"

07 Rosenhaft "Voyager"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as A Fistful of Wax 4 (2017)
Extract from the Ep V.A. "A fistful of Wax 4"

08 Concept e25 "What did you say"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Wax Classic 9 (2013)
Extract from the Ep Concept e25 "Garage Sessions 1"

9 Kuba Sojka "Walk on moon"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Stay Underground It Pays 4 (2013)
Extract from the Ep Kuba Sojka "Future Mind"

10 Groove Riddim Featuring Nathaniel X Project "The Difference"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Wax Classic 13 (2014)
Extract from the Ep Groove Riddim "Ride the riddims 1"

11 Niko Marks "Real funk don't die"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax Classic I (2012)
Extract from the Ep Niko Marks "Indestructible"

12 Signal ST "Bongo Trax »
Soon to be released on DJ Sprinkles & Hardrock Striker as S.H.E I "Under
the Garage" Ep
Unreleased

13 Mike Sharon "Free your mind"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as A Fistful of Wax 2 (2013)
Extract from the Ep V.A. "A Fistful of Wax 2"

14 Garage Shelter "Attempt" (Lonely heart dub)
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Skylax Classic 5 (2016)
Extract from the Ep Garage Shelter "Garage Shelter & friends"

15 Peter Black & Hardrock Striker "Dreamtime"
Originally released strictly on vinyl as Jakarta I (2005)
Extract from the Ep Peter Black & Hardrock Striker "Dreamtime"