



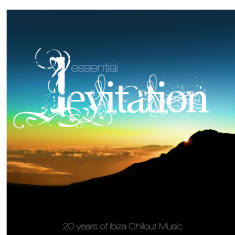
LEVITATION - BIOGRAPHIE

(short version)

The three producers **Ingmar Hansch, Marcell Meyer und Chris Gilcher** strike first with a 12" EP in **1992 on 23 Records**. They're using the name of „**Orange 8**“. The music of this early piece is in line with the then booming Techno-movement in Germany and sounds totally different from the Downbeat productions which will follow, but the playful and melodic elements of Levitations can already be traced. The **first album** is released in **1996 on Open Mind Music**. On that record, faster Trance-tracks and slowed-down Hip Hop grooves are unified to a common statement. Influenced by Ingmar's work as an inhouse-producer at **Logic Records Frankfurt**, the sound is stamped by the collaboration with **Marc Spoon (Jam & Spoon)** and the contact with **Underworld and Leftfield**.

Via the release of **Café Del Mar Volumen Cuatro**, the track „**Out Of Time**“ gains worldwide recognition in **1997**-the instrumental will be featured on the promotional campaign „**D2 turns into Vodafone**“ in **2002**. „**More Than Ever People**“ feat. **Cathy Battistessa**, released with **Café Del Mar Volumen Cinco**, is the big breakthrough only one year later. DJ and compiler **José Padilla** plays the tune every evening at sundown, until he resigns from the Café del Mar. **1999** is another year for Levitation to deliver a strong contribution for **Café Del Mar Volumen Seis** with „**Oh Home**“. Hannover's finest House label „**Peppermint Jam**“, run by **Mousse T.**, drops a vinyl-remix-package of „**More Than Ever People**“, starring remixes of **Can7** and **Sounds Of Life**.

2003 sees a co-production with world-famous classical- and jazz-piano player **Friedrich Gulda**. The Piano-tracks he recorded the preceding year of his death, are the basis for the title „**Years Passing By**“ of **DJ Pippi, Friedrich Gulda and Levitation**. In the consecutive years, some of those tracks are recorded, that will eventually comprise the album „**Essential Levitation**“ in 2012. Ingmar, who has been living and working on the musical island from the end of the nineties, teams up with the internationally acclaimed singer **Mocci Ryen** (e.g. background singer of Patti Labelle) and produces some vocal tracks also with Danish singer **Anne K**.



After a long pause of creativity, in which all committed producers pursue their own projects, Chris and Marcell are founding their own record label „**Whirlpool Records**“ in **2011**. They win **Anusch Mehdizadeh (VIRGIN, EMI, Deluxe Music)** for the position of label manager. At the moment, the team is busy to plan „**Essential Levitation – 20 years of Ibiza Chillout Music**“ for release in **February 2012** - an anthology of 20 productions – some, which have been crafted over the past 20 years and others, which have been recorded especially for the album over the last three years.

LEVITATION „ESSENTIAL LEVITATION - 20 Years Of Ibiza Chillout Music“
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