

# Reality 8-Bit Distorted

8-Bit, for those of you who still in 1997, haven't heard, is a one man, insane, noisecore "ill-attempted definition and label for an unidentifiable and un-labelable music made in unconventional ways" (not in the Sonic Youth tradition) techno artist.

8-Bit (a.k.a. Cihan Kaan) is actually made out of clay, has a pal named Pokey and enjoys taking long walks on strips of recycled metal in other realities.

*Distorted Underground* is 8-Bit's latest endeavor. Some of the artists finding their way into the mix include Adolf Ceaser of Resonance (actually Adolf is one of Cihan's many hosts attempting to create a global unconsciousness to ensure his existence on this plane) and Temporal (also really Cihan). There are some other artists on this compilation but that's not what this article is about.

*Distorted Underground's* ten songs include four from Cihan. The most noteworthy is Temporal's "Haffelhoss" (look at that closely) which is actually a techno rendering of the theme song of the eighties television classic *Knight Rider*. Other Cihan productions include: "LookFeel" (Resonance) and "Dysrhythmia" and "Celibate Nympho," both by 8-Bit.

8-Bit claims, and I'm forced to agree, that he's actually a shaman, stolen by the mother ship (not George Clinton's).

8-Bit, in a fit of passion, stole the mother ship back (not P-Funks) and crashed it onto the hard drive of an old Amiga 500 (a commodorean computer) where it was ground and eventually mixed with saffron.

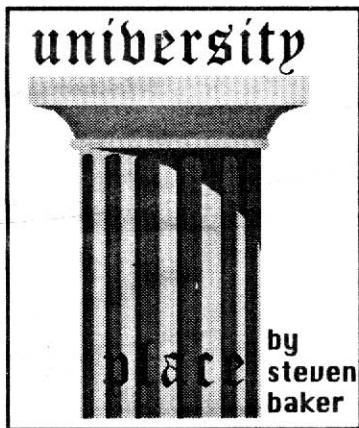
Eventually, 8-Bit poured his concoction into an outlet where a

big as he has become. He would have been completely happy capturing the few true fans of Techno still out there. Cihan makes music for exactly that reason . . . to make music. "Anything else that happens as a result is cool," he says.

Last week *Distorted Underground* reached #8 on WBCR radio. Cihan also tells me that he has an uncommonly large number of fans in the Gerritson Beach area.

Cihan has also directed a few videos, including a video for electric Frankenstien, the new Atomic Babies video premiering on MTV's *Amp*,— an all Techno show — and is currently directing a new video for Frankie Bones.

*Distorted Underground* (released on Kado records which is owned by the inventor of fabric packing tape) is currently available at most better Techno shops including: Liquid Sky, Satellite and Throb. If you are having a hard time finding these places, right about now it should be available at the Tower records nearest you.



plug, connected to a vast hallway filled with lost women, laid in wait. Dictaphone in hand, 8-Bit then recorded all the noises from that hallway . . . which is where his music actually comes from.

Cihan never expected to be as

8-Bit  
*Distorted Underground (High Intensity Electronic Music Compilation)*  
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