

## Welcome to Kahua Music!

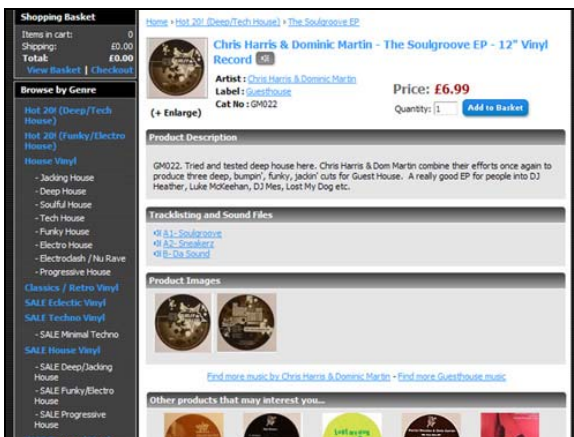
Kahua Music began in the Midlands where Ian Straker, Dan Sudron and friends began a small clubnight. In July 2005, after graduating from University Ian and Dan decided to set up a record shop in Middlesbrough in the North East of England focussed on providing a wide range of top quality dance music. The name Kahua (meaning 'playground' in Hawaiian) seemed fitting for the name of our new venture.

The location inside Middlesbrough's premier clothing store 'Psyche' was an ideal choice and allowed the freedom of running a traditional record store with modern values in a prime location. The online store [www.kahuamusic.com](http://www.kahuamusic.com) launched in July 2006. Orders are sent daily all over the world to aspiring DJs and established heavy hitters including Kerri Chandler, Dirty South, Jay Tripwire, Harold Heath, Greenskeepers, The Sound Republic and Rhythm Plate. In January 2007 Kahua was awarded 'Cool Cuts' status, placing it amongst the top 20 tastemaker record stores in the UK and further cementing its reputation as the North-East's leading specialist record store, with a reputation and customer base that stretched far further.



Kahua Music sells all forms of house music including deep-, jacking-, tech-, funky-, soulful-, electro- and progressive- as well as electroclash, hip hop, trance, breakbeat, techno and drum & bass. As well as vinyl, CDs there's a wide range of DJ and music equipment including turntable cartridges, headphones, record bags, books, magazines and t-shirts. Kahua is also one of only a few selected official suppliers of Retro/Paul Taylor CDs and merchandise; Retro is the UK's longest running clubnight and one of the best attended in the country.

Kahua's success is down to constantly staying on the ball, with new records arriving several times a week alongside an extensive back catalogue including many rare and sought after gems. By building up close links with record labels and distributors there's always a healthy stack of upfront releases and promos for sale. The website is updated on a daily basis and online orders are dispatched on the same day, making for a fast efficient service.



**Don't just take our word for it though!..**

### DJ Testimonials



**Jay Tripwire**

"Big Kahua Music is the place that ships me all my vinyl!!"



**Jay West (Drop / Flavor / Agave / Lowdown / Guesthouse)**

"Been shopping Kahua for a while now... comfortable web design, their customer service is top form, they get most promos right on time and it usually takes them less than others to bring me my stuff across the world! Plus they take the time to review their records themselves which shows they know what they're doing."



**Pete Jordan (Spectrum / Sound of Spectrum)**

"Kahua brings the best of both worlds, old fashioned record shop experience with excellent customer service and facilities, combined with a modern, easy to use website. I always pop by when I'm in the North East. Definitely one of the best independent stores in the UK. Respect."



**Pete Dafeet (Lost My Dog / Robsoul / Uni.form)**

"I've found Kahua Music to be one of the most reliable and dependable shops around; great customer service and quick delivery - you never have to wait long for your records to arrive. Above all, they are passionate about what they do - they seem to enjoy nothing more than finding fresh new music for me!"



**Tom Golden (Homegrown)**

"Brilliant service from these guys, they know what I like and always recommend good stuff, nice that they get a lot of promos in as well."

### A Selection of Customer Comments

**Dean:** Great really quick delivery, excellent CD!!

**Sandy:** Arrived really fast and very well packaged. Recommended seller, thanks again!

**Warron:** Great CD, exactly what was described and mailed out super quick!! Buy from here!

**Dez:** Just a quickie to thank you guys for an excellent site, with top notch music & ease of use with sound bites. One can't complain.

**Richie:** Fast delivery ,excellent packing and A1 product thanks!

**Simon:** Excellent tune from an ultra fast and friendly seller!!

**Claire:** Totally fantastic, couldn't wait 4 this vinyl!

**Paul:** Excellent vinyl, arrived promptly - highly recommended seller