

# biography

## JC CULTURE

A culture of fun, bright lights, techno/dream dance and slick sampled music may not, on the surface, sound all that different to what many other groups have to offer. But add "JC" to the "culture" and you have sibling duo Nicos (19) and Aliko (17) Vouris with their belief in the power of music to change lives, move bodies and address issues such as peer pressure, rebellion, ambition and the greatness of Creation.

Originally a drummer like his father, at some point Nicos started experimenting with drum sounds on a keyboard. One thing led to another and he was soon programming and arranging the other sounds, whilst his sister Aliko sang along, making up the lyrics spontaneously. This birthed the songs and sounds of J C C U L T U R E .

When JC Culture opened for MIC at a concert in Cape Town in July 1994, Sarepta Music immediately saw their potential. After more than 18 months of interaction and guidance their self-titled debut album is now a reality. Co-produced by MIC's Gunther Schroeder the production and arrangement are superb. Although the album can broadly be described as Techno Dance, it does present a variety of different styles within the dance genre. "His Greatness" and "He Loves You" fall within the hit Dream Dance phenomenon which is charting big time world wide. These two songs could almost be described as dance symphonies. "Pressure" displays more traditional House rhythms, whilst "Rescue Me" and "Free" show distinctive Urban Rap and Dance influences. "Where" is the one slow ballad on the album which not only reinforces the immense qualities of Aliko's incredible voice but is also the true story of the death of a teenage friend.

Based in Cape Town J C C U L T U R E have been playing gigs in and around the Mother City for over 2 years. They have also recently toured more widely, performing in Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg, Kimberley and Windhoek. They have performed at all sorts of events including Clubs, Raves, Youth Groups, Churches and were even a hit at Cape Town's JC Roxx (heavy rock) Concerts for two years running. Although there are only two members in the group they have a number of young dancers who are rehearsed to appear with them when possible.

JC CULTURE is more than a dance act and more than a passing phenomenon. They represent an infectious, joyful and sometimes poignant "JC" Culture that is poised to take the world of The RaveCulture by storm.

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