

## **Tablist Lounge @ The 13<sup>th</sup> Note Café, King Street, Glasgow. 18<sup>th</sup> December 1999**

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For a while now I've been watching with some interest both the progress and growth of one of Scotland's tightest hip hop DJ crews, the Freakmenoovers. In that time they have both grown in terms of the size of their team as well as the amount of gigs on offer to them. The Freakmenoovers comprise of Nice, Dema, Bunty and newest recruits Richie Rufftone and Tablemannerz - 5 DJs who all separately and collectively can be found providing the hip hop vibe at some of Scotland's more open minded of venues like Glasgow's Yang and Art School, Greenock's Café Continental, Edinburgh's Venue etc. For those nights the Freaks split up into mini teams, also going solo and performing with live bands, where they can be caught performing differing musical output. They mainly leave their real turntable gymnastics for the Tablist Lounge, which offers them an opportunity to play with some of the country's best scratch DJing talent as well as those bedroom enthusiasts who contact them in advance.

The night itself went without a glitch and that is saying something when you consider at one time there were four DJs all giving the vinyl a seeing to. December's Tablist Lounge saw Dema, Nice and Bunty share the limelight with new recruit, the highly skilled Tablemannerz - who could hardly keep himself away from the decks and mixer. The night also offered a member of the audience an opportunity to showcase his skills for the Glasgow hip hop audience.

The Tablist Lounge has taken a steady rise in its attendance, with each month that passes getting busier and busier. Who knows how long the 13<sup>th</sup> Note will be able to hang onto this progressive collective? I for one am sure it won't be too far in the future when I hear they've moved on to new pastures.

There aren't many evenings out that can bring you so close to the DJing art of hip hop and without question the Tablist Lounge is were it's at. And at the ridiculous entrance fee of £2 a head it's a steal.

If you like your hip hop and you are a true head or an interested bystander you can't go far wrong with these guys. Mark my words this time next year you are going to know these guys like old friends.