

# CAN THEY DIG IT?

Yes they can - like Gilles Peterson, these are British DJs, producers and passionate music fans whose vintage finds, clubs and compilations have far-reaching impact

## SOFRITO SOUNDSYSTEM

This DJ/production combo (Hugo Mendez and Frankie Francis) is celebrated for lively 'tropical warehouse' parties that combine vintage Afro-Latin dance stormers

and exclusive new cuts. The Sofrito sound breaks 'world music' boundaries.  
<http://sofrito.co.uk>

## JAZZMAN GERALD

The Jazzman, aka Gerald Short (main picture), is a vinyl obsessive who believes rare records shouldn't just be the preserve of rich 'insiders'. He started out with a record stall before founding a highly collectible label and shop (of which Peterson is a keen customer). His slogan?

We dig deeper.  
[www.jazzmanrecords.co.uk](http://www.jazzmanrecords.co.uk)

## RUSS JONES

Intrepid London DJ Russ Jones, aka The Hackney Globetrotter (left), has proved a crucial conduit for global styles, including bhangra and Latin. His club nights are a blast; his compilations include the

Future World Funk series and Arriba La Cumbia.  
[www.hackneyglobetrotter.com](http://www.hackneyglobetrotter.com)

## CHERRYSTONES

This is the crafty pseudonym for DJ/producer Gareth Goddard. His many fans include Creation boss Alan McGee, his discoveries span psych-rock to soundtracks and you can sample these fruits on ace compilations including Hidden Charms and Word.

[www.myspace.com/djcherrystones](http://www.myspace.com/djcherrystones)

## KAREN P

Originally Radio 1's youngest producer (aged 23), Karen Pearson was Peterson's right-hand producer before launching radio production company Folded Wing. Her Broad Casting club nights, podcasts and work with Red Bull Music Academy has charted thrilling music territories, from hip hop and broken beats to

Ethio-jazz.

[www.karenp.co.uk](http://www.karenp.co.uk)

