

SYMO (James)

Cape Town techno and psytech innovator—dark, bouncy, hypnotic grooves from South Africa's underground. 🇿🇦🔪

Biography

SYMO, also known as James SYMO, is a DJ, producer, and label manager at Imprint based in Cape Town, South Africa. Celebrated for his electrifying performances and innovative soundscapes, SYMO masterfully blends dark, dirty, bouncy, and psychedelic elements into his sets. His musical journey began at age six with piano and other instruments, evolving into a fascination with production and DJing. After moving to Cape Town in 2020, SYMO reignited his DJ career post-COVID in late 2022 and has since become a dynamic presence in the underground scene. SYMO's versatility sees him exploring techno, psytech, dark minimal, downtempo, tech house, and progressive trance. With releases on respected labels including Imprint, AlpaKa Muzik, Subios Records, OMTECH, BeatCode, and Lucid Kat Recordings, he continues to push sonic boundaries with hypnotic rhythms, rolling basslines, and deep driving intensity.

Notable Releases

- '2025' – Imprint Selections (Compilation) – Imprint
- '2025' – Arctic Odyssey EP (with PSIDN) – AlpaKa Muzik
- '2025' – SUBilation, Vol. 9 (Compilation) – Subios Records
- '2025' – The Craving – OMTECH
- '2025' – I Trust – Imprint
- '2025' – Frozen in Time – AlpaKa Muzik
- '2024' – Pariah (with NEWIRE) – Imprint
- '2024' – Above Threshold (with Mark Valsecchi) – Imprint
- '2024' – Melodica VA (Compilation) – BeatCode
- '2025' – Let Me Tell You (Kota) – Lucid Kat Recordings
- '2024' – Bubbles & Fairy Lights – Subios Records
- '2024' – All Kinds (with NEWIRE) – Imprint

Full discography: <https://www.beatport.com/artist/symo-sa/1213141>

Gigs & Festivals Played

- Earth Dance Festival
- Twilight Festival
- Summer Camp
- Obsidian
- Root Festival
- Modular
- And Club
- Halo
- HABITAT

News & Media Links

- <https://soundcloud.com/james-symo06>
- https://www.instagram.com/james_sym0
- <https://www.beatport.com/artist/symo-sa/1213141>
- <https://www.betastate.co.za/post/james-aka-symo-cultivating-joy-and-sharing-it-with-an-audience>

Notes

SYMO is Label Manager at Imprint, a Cape Town-based label focusing on techno and psytech. He is recognized for his versatile production style that leans into dark, minimal, and bouncy edges of techno while maintaining hypnotic and psychedelic atmospheres. His bio states: “Fueled by a relentless passion for music, SYMO crafts immersive soundscapes — designed for the darkness.”

Links to external sites or press kits

- <https://soundcloud.com/james-symo06>
- https://www.instagram.com/james_sym0
- <https://www.beatport.com/artist/symo-sa/1213141>
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