

# TIBASKO

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- Featured as Pete Tong's 'Future Stars' 2021
- A Billboard Dance 'Emerging Artist for 2021'
- *Alma* EP – 1m+ Spotify streams
- TIBASKO DJ Mag HQ – May 2021



**“The prodigious duo continue to surpass expectations as they morph into the stars of the future” – LWE**

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It all started with a couple of friends making tunes in their bedroom. Now, British electronic duo TIBASKO have been touted as upcoming stars by some of the biggest names in dance music. Childhood friends since the age of 12, with a shared love of electronic music and production, Ken Petalcorin and Andy Bowden first became acquainted in Hertfordshire's Welwyn Garden City, but neither could have dreamt they'd be where they are quite so soon.

In his teenage years, Bowden was entranced by minimal and underground electronic music - learning to DJ during his time in the West Midlands at Worcester University. Former indie rock front man/guitarist Petalcorin was born in the Philippines and spent time in Japan before moving to Welwyn Garden City in 2000. With Andy's knowledge of the dance music scene and Ken's production skills, they forged a partnership in 2018 and created the Omusaré label to showcase their talent. Incredibly, the smooth Balearic sound of their self-released debut EP, *Alma*, exploded on Spotify and the twosome were instantly discovered.

By the following year, *Alma* had collated 1 million Spotify streams, putting TIBASKO firmly on the dance music map. Later that year, they signed to Billy and Al Webber's Another Rhythm label, where their sound began to morph into a more melodic techno/break beat style.

**“TIBASKO have power in their strain of electronic music that melts breaks and melodic house into something you'll want to dance to with your eyes closed” – Billboard**

Throughout 2019/20, a string of singles and EPs such as *Imperium*, *Vertigo*, *Resistance* and *Reverie*, showcased TIBASKO's versatile alchemy of dance music styles. The duo were championed by the likes of The Blessed Madonna, John Digweed, and Franky Wah, while being listed as 'Ones to Watch' for 2020 by both BBC Introducing and Kiss FM. The pair also seized attention from radio heavyweights such as Annie Mac, Danny Howard, Ben Malone, and Pete Tong who named TIBASKO as future stars for 2021 and had them accompany the accolade with a BBC Radio 1 'Future Stars' mix.

May 2021 saw the release of singles *The One*, followed by *Let Me Tell You* in June, firmly establishing TIBASKO's epic, highly melodic electronic sound, seguing between breaks, electronica, techno and trance. *The One* has been supported relentlessly by super-producer Diplo on SiriusXM, BBC Radio 1 and 1Xtra, with the duo also featuring on his Revolution dance music satellite channel with their own TIBASKO Guest Room Mix. Further radio support arrived from Pete Tong, Jaguar, and Kiss FM's Ben Malone as the track peaked at #9 on Music Week's Cool Cuts chart.

**“TIBASKO is essentially a unity of their sonic expertise, contextualised in an alluring soundscape of music influences” – EARMILK**

Represented globally by leading entertainment and media agency William Morris Endeavor, during lockdown TIBASKO live streamed exclusive sets for Jaguar's 'Utopia' and, significantly, DJ Mag HQ who regularly invite some of the world's best DJs to perform. Meanwhile, Andy and Ken began their post-Covid live comeback with a swathe of DJ shows including The Cause, Queen's Yard Summer Party, Creamfields, Motion Bristol, the Detonate Festival and their first European booking at the Poney Club in Toulouse.

Focusing on their release schedule for the remainder of this year, TIBASKO's eclectic menagerie of styles promises further intriguing shifts in tone as they aspire to reach a deeper emotional connection with their audience. With plans for further single and EP releases - 2021 is set to be a year that sees the duo's career truly blossom.

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