

OCEANTIED

Oceantied aka Ketan Bahirat is a Bangalore based producer. He is associated with genres like Hip-Hop, Footwork¹, Juke, Breaks, Jungle and Drum n Bass. Known for creating experimental sounds/samples from his immediate surroundings,²Bahirat's music moves from lush downtempo numbers to skittery footwork cuts³. The producer absorbs and decodes many disparate genres of music to morph his style continually. His music is known to be contrasting with dreamy keyboard notes giving way to harsher moments. Oceantied is known as one of the few Indian artists to be a part of the legendary **Red Bull Music Academy Class of 2016 (Montreal)**⁴. Oceantied's first music video [Let You Go](#), was produced by Red Bull Music and raked over two hundred thousand views. It is a house track filled with smooth chords, catchy vocal loops and lush melodies featuring the stunning landscape of high altitude Ladakh⁵. Bosco Bhandarkar directed the stunning music video.

Oceantied has a big following in the independent music scene as an active DJ and achieved thousands of listens on [digital platforms](#). Oceantied's first release was a 4- track EP called [Tribes](#)⁶, followed by a 2-track EP [Paradise/Closets](#) (2016) on Indian record label **Knowmad Records**⁷(India). Oceantied has contributed to tracks on compilations by **Aeronema (Czech Republic)** and **Juke Bounce Werk (Los Angeles, USA)**. He is currently working on an ongoing series of club-oriented EPs called **On the Floor (Volume 1)**⁸ (**Volume 2**)⁹ (2019). Oceantied's most recent offering comes in a three-track release titled [Nostalgia 160](#) (2020), featuring 160 BPM edits of tracks that bring out a feeling of nostalgia. It also features a previously unreleased tune 'Pyaar Hua' which has been a staple selection in his DJ sets over the years.

He initiated a mini project on social media called [#1beat1week](#), which is an audio-visual collaboration project. In this project producers from across India and Globe collaborate with visual artists/animators/filmmakers¹⁰. Oceantied also hosts a monthly night in Bangalore known as **Ripple**. It is a way of pushing boundaries of the local club music scene in Bangalore, introducing the city to new sounds and music¹¹. Ripple, also extended to radio airwaves with a monthly residency at [Boxoutfm](#). Apart from Oceantied, Ketan featured on guitar for now-defunct post-rock band **Until We Last** and has also co-founded **Dasta**, which is a platform pushing culture and community in India.

Oceantied has shared the stage with legends like **AMIT, Sam Binga, Zed Bias, Pangea** and **Lapalux**, to name a few. He has toured at top-drawer clubs like **Cross Club (Prague)** and festivals including **Dimension** and **Outlook festivals** in Croatia. Oceantied performed at the first-ever Boiler room session held in India, [Boiler Room session \(2016\)](#) and for [BUDX Mixmag Lab](#). He has played at biggest Indian festivals like **IndiEarth Xchange (2017)**, **Nh7 Weekender**, **Vh1 Supersonic**, **Magnetic Fields** and various editions of **Krunk Bass Camp Festival India (2016-2019)**.

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