DJ AYA

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Zurich-born, Berlin-based DJ AYA has a keen eye for finessing the vitality, sexiness and punch of any given dancefloor. Their first love, UK bass, captured their imagination over a seven-year stint in London and brought her into electronic music's binding fold. Bass' quintessential groove and playfulness have been a lens informing AYA's gravitational pull towards different genres. From immersive, clean techno kicks to diasporic motifs like grime vocals and reggaeton beats, AYA saw mixing as an opportunity to express the wide-ranging palate they'd long-cultivated as a listener.

In only a handful of years, AYA's career has quickly blown up to whirlwind status with a far-reaching roster of weekly gigs, including standouts like Khidi in Tbilisi, Boiler Room sets in Lisbon and Berlin, and label Live From Earth's Panorama Bar showcase. AYA, whose intention is always "to bring the queers to dance", finds great inspiration in the camaraderie of Berlin's local scene, along with exploring new underground communities in cities like Istanbul and Tokyo.

A self-described "hypegirl", AYA continues to champion their distinctive sound, faithfully meshing their bass-y roots and floor-ready drive. For full AYA immersion, future production is in the works and being perfected. Never slowing down, AYA's upcoming movements include a thorough Asia tour and further pivots outside continental Europe. Back home, she anticipates a busy spring and summer - most excitedly Europe's queer weekend of the year, Whole Festival.

sharp intuitiveness. She's rightfully become an important player in Berlin's new wave of DJs channelling the city's limitless energy and sense of possibility.