



Unknown Hero Artist Biography 2017

Unknown Hero is a musical creator on a mission. He combines his extensive musical talents, which include composition, production, keyboards, and voice, with his lifelong love of heroes and their stories. Inspired by his experiences as a person of color, Unknown Hero creates a visual and musical world that is engaging and inclusive, inviting music and story lovers of all ages, genders, and hues to engage in a visionary fantasy. Growing up a fan of comics, anime, film, and video games, Unknown Hero couldn't help but notice the widespread lack of broad representation across the mediums. He was particularly dismayed that comic-lovers were offered almost no heroes of color to look up to. Using innovative combinations of music, visual imagery, and story, Unknown Hero has set out to right this representational wrong.

Unknown Hero has a long musical history and has collaborated with many great artists. Having grown up as his **San Francisco** neighborhood beat-maker (using Roland 626 and 505 drum machines with Casio and Korg keyboards, all mixed down on a Roland 4-track mixer), his music has always been a creative outlet. Over the years, he has created tracks and back beats for countless rappers, vocalists, and burgeoning music makers. He collaborated with producer/engineer **Dave Beigel**, and later continued independently, professionally producing music for a wide range of independent local artists who were looking for alternatives to large, commercial studios. Recently he produced Bay Area Artist **Reform** and has provided music for other artists, including the highly-esteemed avant-garde choreographer **Erika Chong Shuch**.

As a young rapper and beat maker, Unknown Hero performed around the Bay Area, including at San Francisco's iconic **DNA Lounge**. While performing with Dave Biegel, he was spotted and recruited to join the group **Mystery Tramps**, with whom he worked on a remix of Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone," currently available through Hot Trax. Inspired by iconic vocalists like Seal, Michael Jackson, and Stevie Wonder, Unknown Hero began to explore and develop his expertise weaving together rich vocals with instrumental melodies, expanding from beat-maker to songwriter, and developing the signature elements that continue to be a through line amongst his eclectic catalog. More recently, Unknown Hero teamed up with the late **Dwayne Calizo**, a local legend, vocalist, and vocal coach, to develop his range and expand his vocal repertoire.

Unknown Hero has broken through traditional genre boundaries, developing a fluency in Rap, Hip Hop, Electronic, Pop, and Rock music. He has a unique, widely appealing commercial sound, with fans from many walks of life and musical preferences. His debut album ***In My Head***, set to be released in October 2017 through his own label **Unknown Hero Music**, is an electronic album that reflects these divergent influences, blending elements of downtempo, trap, dubstep, rock, funk, R&B, and hip hop.

Each track has a place in a dystopian drama unfolding in the year 2125 on the **Planet Altarz**, where the dictator **Lord Kraven** and a mysterious figure known only as the **Unknown Hero** are moving toward a showdown. The cast of characters in this musical space odyssey include a middle-aged, newly rebellious **DJ Go Ji**; her son and conflicted Kraven-protector **Ken Ji**; a half-human, half-Altarian **Bounty Hunter**; and mystical warrior, secret songstress, and New Revolt member **Z'oa**.



Unknown Hero continues to develop dynamic and broadly relatable music, visual images, and engaging stories. He plans to build on the diverse characters and stories introduced with *In My Head* and fans can look forward to more dynamic, broadly representational, and engaging content for years to come.