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System 7

An "old hippy" tag has dogged guitarist Steve Hillage for years, but it is proving more and more inappropriate.

While he did indeed produce some rather self-indulgent ambient material during the bad old Seventies, Steve has been a regular clubber ever since.

His latest project, System 7, is completely current. Lacing its atmospheric sound collages with a drop of the hard stuff, the eponymously-titled double album brings together talents such as Derrick Mack, Alex Paterson of The Orb (whose stunning debut twin set Hillage contributed to) and singer Olu Rowe.

The new single 'Habibi', world music dragged through a sweaty sound system at three in the morning, is a worthy introduction to the System 7 sound. "'Habibi' means 'my love' in Arabic," explains Steve. "I've had a long-term interest in Arabic music, right back to the mid-Seventies. It's quite elevating." Quite so. Davydd Chong



'Habibi' is released by Ten on October 28

M-People

Manchester DJ Mike Pickering is back with a new group, M-People, who are about to create an impact with their second single, 'How Can I Love You More'.

It features the vocals of Heather Small who used to sing with Hot House. The song is an up-tempo affair built around the catchiest of basslines and a timeless piano and strings arrangement.

After leading a string of groups during the Eighties — Quando Quango, T-Coy and Dynasty Of Two — Pickering had a two-year break from recording his own material. "I got into remixing, which took up a lot of time, but achieved nothing," he moans. "I was just making bad tracks better." So he got back into writing and gathered together a loose-knit pool of musicians and singers.

M-People's debut LP, called 'Northern Soul' and due out in November, continues the emphasis on real songs and quality singers. Pickering says: "People who have never been to the Hacienda still think of us as the birthplace of acid house and expect us to be playing techno," he says. "But the biggest tracks at the club are all real songs, like Kym Sims' 'Too Blind To See It'."

Andy Beever



'How Can I Love You More' is released on de/Construction on October 7

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- 2 (3) DJS TAKE CONTROL SL2 (White Label 12')
- 3 (NEW) I WANNA THANK YOU Sue Chaloner (Pulse 8 12')
- 4 (NEW) THE PRESSURE Sounds Of Blackness (A+M 12')
- 5 (1) DO WHAT YOU FEEL Joey Negro (2 Records 12')
- 6 (6) COME BACK (For Real Love) Alison Limerick (Arista 12')
- 7 (NEW) HOLD ON (Hurley Mixes) — Clubland feat Kim Mizzel (BTECH 12')
- 8 (NEW) SHOW ME House Of Fire (Project X 12')
- 9 (NEW) GOTTA HAVE YOU Ecstasy (House 'N' Effect 12')
- 10 (NEW) REAL DREAM D.B.M. (UHM 12')



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