

## bitboutique vs. ashley slater- songs from the biglounge remixed by cycle repair (12" Vinyl, BBTQ002)

### BBTQ002 – new 12" including Merry Xmas (other side) and Husband (this side)

On the second 12"-Vinyl release coming from the Label 'Bitboutique Records' from Zurich, a first remix-project called "Cycle Repair" consisting of Bitboutique Labelmanagers Stefan Guettinger, Mike Tschudi and Sämy Gmuer rocks the dancefloor with its' remixes of the Ashley Slater Songs „Merry Xmas“ and „Husband“.

„Merry Xmas“ electrifies the pre-festive mood and convinces by means of the luscious „Yeah, Merry Xmas“-Sample by Ashley Slater – at last, a nice Xmas song you can dance to. „Husband“ on the other hand does the job with its' 80ies attitude, dirty bassline and four to the floor asskickin'vibe.

### How the remixes came to be

The original versions can be found on **Ashley Slater's** solo album „BigLounge“. Together with **Norman Cook**, by now better known as „**Fatboy Slim**“, Ashley Slater became famous as singer, songwriter and producer of the combo „Freakpower. The Hits on the Album, „Rush“ and „Turn on Tune in Cop out“, are still being played on the radio regularly. Intense Tours, which gave Ashley his legendary status as a genius frontman, and a second album followed until 1998. Things quieted down then, as Norman wanted to be Fatboy Slim exclusively. In January 2002 Ashley published his long awaited solo-debut „BigLounge“, which has been described as „*The bastard offspring of Tom Waits and Björk*“, 'Bing with a Bong' and 'Tony Bennett on Acid'" (www.ashleyslater.com).

The Album, released on the Independent-Label 'plush' from Paris, was followed by „Afterhours Pilled & Chilled“ a DJ-promo remix-double-CD of diverse tracks from the album, together with further vocal tracks. Ashley's voice for a remix? With pleasure. Cycle Repair chose „Merry Xmas“ and „Husband“ - Bullseye: the demos rock, the label and Ashley are thrilled, and together with his management in Zurich, the decision for a joint-release is quickly made. Actually produced for the Double-CD „Ashley Slater's BigLounge Afterhours“ which will appear in February 2003, the 12" release of the two Cycle Repair-Remixes now forms the spearhead of the project.

### Cycle Repair

Cycle Repair is the second in-house production team after Dictaphone (see/listen BBTQ001), consisting of Stefan Guettinger and Mike Tschudi - who already rocked swiss clubs under the name of Dictaphone - and Sämy Gmuer, better known under his DJ-Alias „RX“. After the first two Remixes, the trios' studio is already resonating with new sounds, so we can expect further releases by Cycle Repair in 2003, as well as a live-project.

### Bitboutique Records

Bitboutique Records was founded in 2001 and is based in Zürich, Switzerland. The label aims to release varied and high quality electronic music. The first release on Bitboutique Records was already well received by critics and the crowd. Quote Tobias Thomas (Spex November 02): "Dictaphone come from Zürich. Their "Suitcase e.p." flirts relaxedly with electro, lets basses bounce Modernist-style and is so charming and sexy as one can probably only learn to be in Zurich." Bitboutique Records is a team of six, which consists of producers, djs and music lovers. Aside their residency at the futuristic Club „Tonimolkerei“, Bitboutique musicians regularly perform in various other clubs and lounges. (www.bitboutique.ch)

### Release Details:

**Artist:** Ashley Slater (Cycle Repair Remixes)  
**Title:** „bitboutique vs. ashley slater“  
 remixed by cycle repair  
**Format:** 12" Vinyl  
**Label:** Bitboutique Records  
**Catalogue-Nr:** BBTQ002

### Tracklisting:

**A1:** Husband  
**B1:** Merry Xmas

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