

# MAADSTORK

## BIOGRAPHY

What would a hip hop crew sound like if the lyricist had a degree in creative writing, and decided to tell stories in rhyme over fat beats instead of inside the pages of a paperback?

MAADSTORK is Kiwi lyricist Ruben Ayers and Australian turntablist Ki Flett.

Ruben became a weekly patron at the legendary Can I Kick It!? freestyle open mic night and learnt the art of freestyling alongside some of Melbourne's best rappers.

Writing songs with humour, poignancy and optimism, in the flavour of artists such as Danny Brown, Common, Mac Miller, Earl Sweatshirt and Aesop Rock, he became focussed on honing his lyrical craft, performing across Melbourne a staggering 58 times in 6 months.

Enter friend, turntablist and street artist Ki Flett, bringing his love of turntablism, golden era and alternative hip hop. Under his artist name Ohki, Ki's unconventional street art can be found in inner city laneways of Melbourne and online.

In 2019, Ki and Ruben formed MAADSTORK and have garnered a loyal following, and not just for their alternative take on hip hop, but also for their passion for building up the scene in Melbourne with multi-act showcases they organise to help lift up other up-and-coming Melbourne musicians.

MAADSTORK make their Australian festival debut on Nov 22 - 24 at Bohemian Beatfreaks in Queensland.





Interview with CCTV



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