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[Remixes]

- 01 Love is in the Air [Remix]
- 02 Press Play [Instrumental]
- 03 Mammamuka [Instrumental]
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- 05 Secret Weapon [Reggae Instrumental]
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- 09 Choc-O-Block Freak [Acoustic Instrumental]
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- 11 Love is in the Air [Dub Version]
- 12 Mammamuka [Dub Version]
- 13 Press Play [Dub Version]
- 14 Secret Weapon [Secret Dub Mix]

In April, 2012, d-Wizz was approached by members of John Steel Singers (JSS) to perform a short set of songs for Tim's wedding reception, which was to be held at The Zoo, in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley. A specific request was that "Love is in the Air" be one of the songs in the set. d-Wizz invited the other members of JSS to perform on stage with him.

The song was rehearsed at Wizzard! Rehearsal Rooms a couple of times before the event. It was suggested that this arrangement should be recorded for posterity. The idea was discussed for more than a year, and recording eventually started on 01 July 2013. In addition to the title track, five of d-Wizz' original songs were also selected to receive special treatment by members of JSS.

This collection consists of two volumes:

808978 contains the main versions of all six songs (11 tracks total). It is released on compact disc, cassette and a limited edition 12" vinyl record.

808967 contains remixes, instrumentals and dub versions (14 tracks). It is released on compact disc only.

The compact disc release is available as a single (808978) or double (808967) disc set

d-Wizz sang all lead vocals on the six tracks, and played all the live drums. A couple of songs use MIDI backing tracks which were programmed by d-Wizz. All other instruments and backing vocals are by members of JSS.

All songs were recorded at Wizzard! Rehearsal Rooms, and engineered and mixed by Luke McDonald of JSS, except "Love is in the Air", which was engineered by Miro. All post-production and remix/dub versions were created by d-Wizz as adaptations of the original mixes.

Some brief comments about the songs in this collection:

#### Love is in the Air

The most involved of all the tracks in this collection is the title track. d-Wizz sings the lead vocal and plays the live drums. Lots of additional help by JSS.

At Tim's reception, an extended jam version was performed. We attempted to reproduce this arrangement on the recording. An edited "single version" also appears on this collection without the jam session. d-Wizz made a remix of this track using the original production and additional elements.

#### Press Play

This song was written in 1995, and performed in public for the first time at Tim's reception. d-Wizz had only finished the MIDI backing track a few months earlier, using his electric drum kit to record directly to MIDI. Mitchell's Prophet '08 provided a fat bass sound. The drum sounds on the original demo were changed for this version. An acoustic version was also made for this collection.

#### Mammamuka

Lyrics written by d-Wizz' mother under the pseudonym The Song Factory in 1991. One of a batch of songs given to d-Wizz in 1993, soon after he began writing his own songs. The melody was composed in 1994 by d-Wizz, with the rest of the music coming in 2003, when this song was recorded for the Demo Singles Box Set #2 project. The demo recording appeared on d-Wizz' Fav Trax compilation, released in 2005. It has been a personal favourite of JSS, so d-Wizz was honoured to perform this with a few members of the band at Tim's reception. On this collection, it receives the full JSS treatment, and an extended remix by d-Wizz. d-Wizz is still working on perfecting the dance moves for the Mammamuka!

### Choc-O-Block Freak

Lyrics and melody written in April, 1995 (hence the reference to Easter eggs in the song), this was always intended by d-Wizz to be a B-side, but it has evolved into one of his most popular compositions. The MIDI version was finally completed and recorded in 2003. On the demo version, d-Wizz used his "mini kit", featuring two roto toms. The same roto toms were used for the recordings in this collection. Two versions appear here; the first is a full band arrangement of the blues version, which is how the song is performed live by d-Wizz 2.0. The other is an enhancement of the original MIDI demo.

### Secret Weapon

This song is another of d-Wizz' compositions that was transformed by being introduced to d-Wizz 2.0. It is now a regular part of d-Wizz 2.0's live set. When d-Wizz 2.0 began playing the song, it had not been completed by d-Wizz since its initial concept as a techno song in 1999. A completely new approach to the song led to the reggae/swing groove and brought the song alive. For this collection, d-Wizz recorded a special drum track with his electric drum kit, changing some of the drum sounds in MIDI later. Guitar and bass were played by JSS. As a special bonus, a "techno rock" version was also created by d-Wizz, which changes the song yet again, bringing it back closer to what was originally intended. This second version, which is 100% MIDI, also contains a rap breakdown by d-Wizz.

### Computer Chaos

A song written in 1994 which remained just a set of lyrics for nearly 20 years. In April 2013, d-Wizz was playing with loops and came up with the bass and drum loop which forms the foundation of the track. As no melody had ever been written for the verses, it was decided to make these a rap, therefore the production is deliberately sparse. Further development of this song may be forthcoming in the future. d-Wizz invites you to enjoy the public debut of yet another unfinished song finally coming to see the light of day.

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### **LOVE IS IN THE AIR**

(Harry Vanda & George Young)

Love is in the air, everywhere I look around  
Love is in the air, every sight and every sound  
And I don't know if I'm being foolish  
Don't know if I'm being wise  
But it's something that I must believe in  
And it's there when I look in your eyes

Love is in the air, in the whisper of the trees  
Love is in the air, in the thunder of the seas  
And I don't know if I'm just dreaming  
Don't know if I feel sane  
But it's something that I must believe in  
And it's there when you call out my name

Love is in the air, love is in the air  
Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh

Love is in the air, in the rising of the sun  
Love is in the air, when the day is nearly done  
And I don't know you're an illusion  
Don't know if I see true  
But you're something that I must believe in  
And you're there when I reach out for you

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### **PRESS PLAY**

(d-Wizz)

Well if you wanna play the game of love  
You gotta know the rules, don't you know  
You've got to give it everything you've got  
You've got nothing to lose

Light up my heart, your love's the spark, ready to start so

Press play, let's play the game of love  
Press play, that's what I'm thinking of  
Press P-L-A-Y, press play, press play

As soon as I laid eyes on you  
I went into record, don't you know  
So keep it comin' baby, don't you know  
It's much too good to pause  
Don't stop now!

Over the top, we've got the lot, until we drop, we

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## **MAMMAMUKA**

[The Song Factory / d-Wizz]

Do you know the dance called the Mammamuka?  
(Mamma-mamma-mamma-mamma-Mammamuka!)  
It's just a funky dance called the Mammamuka  
All you have to do is shake your hips  
And pretty soon you'll be into it  
The Mammamuka!

Just move your body to the bom-bom beat  
Just like this baby, oh you move so sweet  
When I start dancing I lose control  
I just wanna go go go  
The Mammamuka!

When you start doing the Mammamuka  
You just can't stop it the Mammamuka!  
This dance is spreading all over the land  
All over the world people get up and dance  
The Mammamuka!

Let's all do the Mammamuka  
We can't stop doing the Mammamuka...

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## **CHOC-O-BLOCK FREAK**

[d-Wizz]

Yum! Yum ! Got to have it!  
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Choc-o-block freak

I've got a little problem and it's not unique  
Like so many other people I'm a choc-o-block freak  
I can't get enough of it morning noon or night  
You'll find me here indulging in pure delight

My face has broken out - zits all over my skin  
It's the biggest case of acne in the history of man  
But there's no hesitation when I see that brown stuff  
My mouth goes into overdrive and I can't get enough

Well by now it should be obvious I've got a sweet tooth  
But if you're still a little sceptical I've got some more proof  
Went down to the candy store just the other week  
And bought 5,000 Easter eggs - I'm a choc-o-block freak!

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## **SECRET WEAPON**

[d-Wizz]

Something 'bout 'cha baby drawing me closer to you  
[A] chemical reaction when I found out about you  
You lit a fuse to my heart, the explosion is only the start

Goin' crazy in the night when I think about you  
In my bed I can't sleep, oh baby what did you do?  
I've got to see you again, I don't know where this will end

You're an undercover agent, I'm your latest prey  
My defense is ineffective when you come out and play

You've got a secret weapon and I surrender, you win the game  
Everytime we meet I can feel the heat of this love in flame

Nicely you entice me, now I'm under your spell  
You spin a tight web for me, oh baby you do it (so) well  
There ain't no words I can say, I'm helplessly going your way

You lit a fuse to my heart, the explosion is only the start  
I've got to see you again, I don't know where this will end  
There ain't no words I can say, I'm helplessly going your way  
You've got a secret weapon baby!

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## **COMPUTER CHAOS**

[d-Wizz]

Confusion in the city, the computer's broken down  
No one knows what's going on, there's chaos all over town

In the centre of the city everybody goes to work  
But the computer's broken down and everybody's gone beserk

Computer chaos in the middle of the city  
Computer chaos oh it really is a pity  
Not enough bytes in its memory  
It doesn't know that I am me  
Computer chaos today

Until you came around here everything was fine  
You've made the city crazy, the sun don't even shine

The city's gone all black, the computer cut the lights  
And it can't turn them on again, 'cos it's run right out of bytes

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