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Les Chat Dans Les Chapeaux The Hatistry Of JK's Hats 1992 - Present Resource Series & Guide



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An Introduction:

Through the 10 consecutive Jamiroquai-Related Projects I have so far released to the Online Jamily, I have really made a bit of a 're-discovery' about a lot of things about Jamiroquai over the past 30 years I didn't either know about, have confirmation about or didn't even know existed during their time. And one of the remaining aspects of Jamiroquai I always wanted to explore more was JK's Funky trademark headgear. There have been pop stars of music's past who separated themselves from their fellows who also had their own 'style', be it clothing, sound of their music they made or being the original harbinger of a new musical movement.

Jamiroquai or should I say JK's style was in funky headgear which unwarrantedly in the early days of the band, with their debut album, "Emergency On Planet Earth", would make people claim that the band's was profiting from co-opting native american/ethnic cultures, be it with the style of hat that J wore, JK's uncanny Stevie Wonder vocal range or by the musical styles they were perceived to have emulated in their music, which was circumstanced ridiculousness done with a purpose of dis-crediting the musical influences that they were celebrating and honoring with their own musical spin that played on their debut album.

But JK's hats were also an exercise in self-expression as much as their radical ecologically sound protest music was, and those hats and their evolution a sight to behold over the past 8 album eras of Jamiroquai's output.

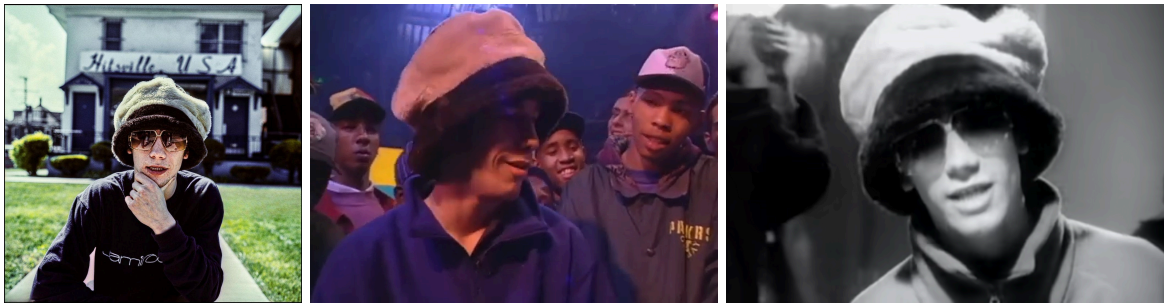
I put A LOT of research into this 11th project of mine, trying my best to catalog all the radical changes that JK's hats went through, from the acid jazz roots to world music disco to house music hums and the neon-laden cybernetically kerfuffling futura funk ethos they have all explored.

I hope everyone in the Online Jamily enjoys this new series/resource guide, doing to the best of my ability, mostly focusing on his 'original/milliner/commissioned' made, a look back and forward to all the bewilderingly amazing hats that JK has shared with us over the past +31 years of their musical majesty. Again, as I countlessly say, THANK YOU to everyone who have enjoyed my resource guides, my online work and continue to be so supportive of this JamiroFan! Cheers!

Emergency On Planet Earth/The Return Of The Space Cowboy Album Eras 1992-1995

Hat #1 | The Cream & Black-Colored Furry/Fluffy Hat

Circa 1993-1994



Maker Of Hat:

Purported To Have Been Made By JK's Mum, Actress/Celebrity/Singer Karen Kay

Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- Worn By JK At Various Live Jamiroquai Gigs Throughout 1993-1994
- Worn by JK at Jamiroquai's UK Television Debut On The Music Variety Show, "Raw Soup" In Mid 1993.
- Worn By JK In Jamiroquai's Third Short-Form Music Video Release For Their 'Emergency On Planet Earth' Single, "Blow Your Mind", In 1993.
- Worn By JK During An Early 1993 Jamiroquai U.S.A. Publicity Tour At Various Motown Historical Locations In Detroit, Michigan, In A Photographer Steve Pyke Photoshoot.

Hat #2 | Part #1 | 'Mushroom-Shaped' Fake Animal Fur Hat

Circa 1993 - 1994



Maker Of Hat:

Purported To Have Been Made By JK's Mum, Actress/Celebrity/Singer Karen Kay

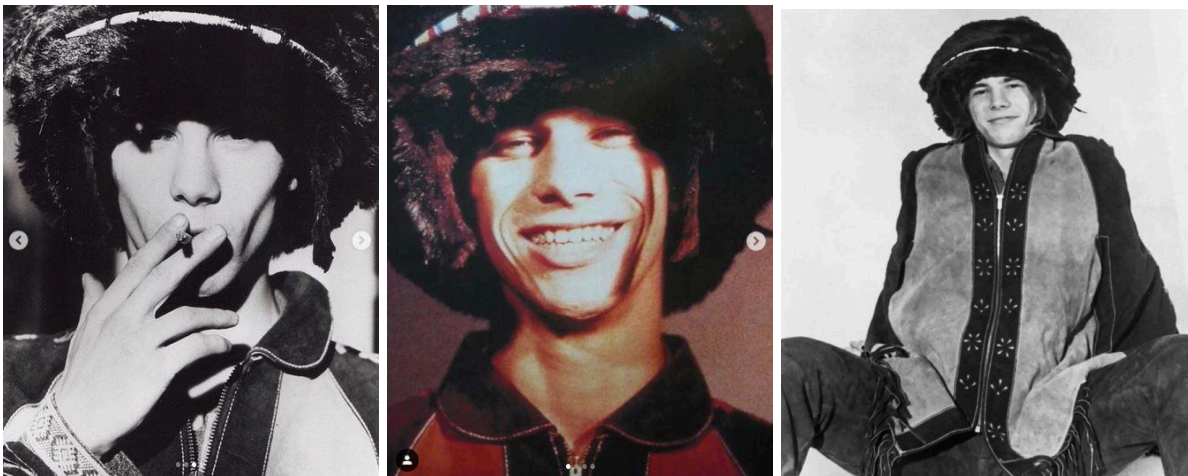
Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This hat's first appearance was on a young JK, before Jamiroquai had been formed as a band, at an impromptu concert in late 1992 where musicians from bands, comprising the 'London 1991-1992 Acid Jazz Music Movement', performed together at London's esteemed 'Acid Jazz Cafe'.
- This hat made appearances in Jamiroquai's first two music video releases, for the first two singles 'When You Gonna Learn?/Too Young To Die', from their debut album "Emergency On Planet Earth" in 1993.
- This hat, and its various variants, made appearances during the 1993 through early 1994 Jamiroquai live tour gigs.

Hat #2 | Part #2 | Various Pictures Of The 'Other Variant Looks' Of This Hat



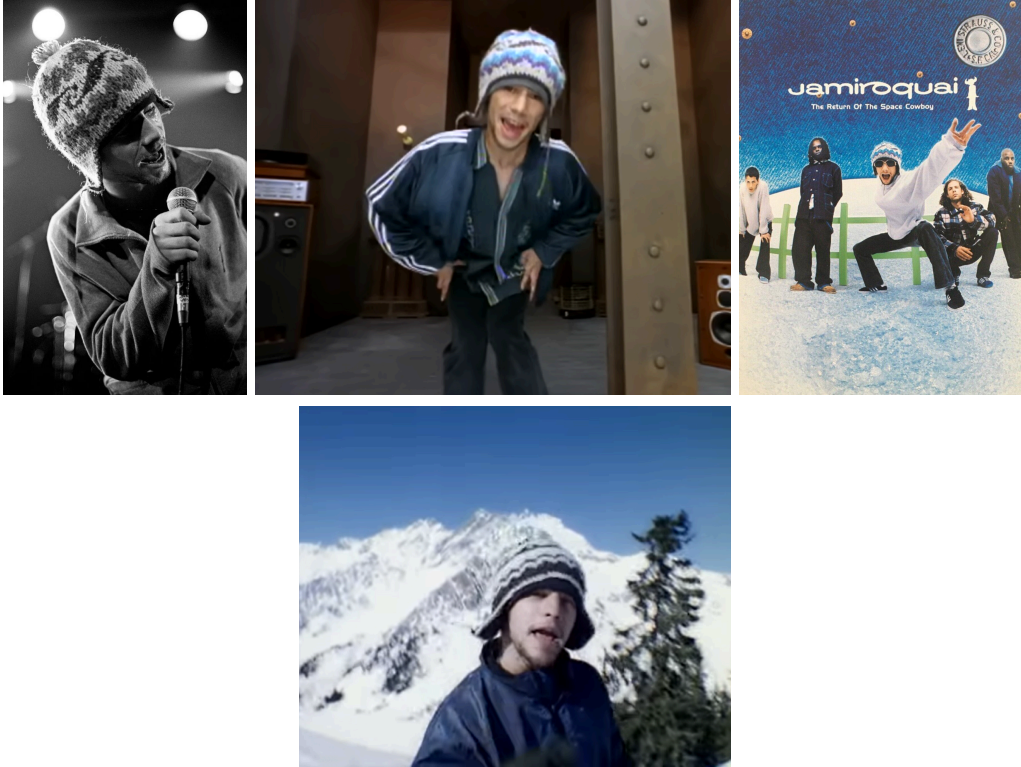
Variant Look #1 | Small Fork Horns & Covered In Pendleton Fabrics/
Tribal Beads



Variant Look #2 | Tribal Beads & Attached Long Hanging Hat Strands
Near The Ear Region Of Hat

Hat #3 | Part #1 | 'Bolivian Wool Knit' Hat(s)

Circa: 1994 - 1995



Maker Of Hat:

The only outlier of JK's original hats, this and its other styles, were made in Bolivia, mostly out of the yarn produced by Alpacas.

Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This wool hat would make random appearances on JK's head throughout the 'The Return Of The Space Cowboy' Tour of 1994-1995.
- Two of these styled hats would make appearances with JK in two music video releases from Jamiroquai, for "Light Years" & "Space Cowboy", in 1994 from their album 'The Return Of The Space Cowboy'.
- JK would wear four different versions of this Bolivian Wool Knit Hat during the years of 1994-1995 on tour/press events/etc.

Hat #3 | Part #2 | Various Pictures Of The 'Other Styles Looks' Of This Hat



Wool Hat Styles #1 & #2 | The Most Commonly Worn JK Wool Hats; Very Similar Design Style



Wool Hat Style #3 | Worn JK Wool Hat At 1994 Live Gigs



Wool Hat Style #3 | Worn JK Wool Hat At 1994 Live Gigs

Traveling Without Moving/Synkronized Album Eras 1996-2000

Hat #4 | Part #1 | The Black Fur 'Top Hat(s)' Circa 1996 - 1997



Maker Of Hat:

This hat would mark the beginning of ALL of JK's original headwear, from this point on, being manufactured/commissioned through & made by professional Hatter, AKA Men's Hat Maker.

Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This hat, which to many is the 'mainstream signature hat' of his original head repertoire from over the years, was seen on JK during the 'Traveling Without Moving' world tour from 1996-1997.
- This hat would be seen on JK in the two music video releases from 1996-1997, for "Virtual Insanity & Alright", from their 1996 album "Traveling Without Moving".

Hat #4 | Part #2 | Various Other Colors Of The Black Fur 'Top Hat'



Fur Top Hat Color #1 | Cream Color Fur Hat

Only seen in the promotional photography for Jamiroquai's "Alright" song performance on American Comedy Variety Series, 'Saturday Night Live', in 1997.



Fur Top Hat Color #2 | Pink Violet Color Fur Hat

Made a couple live appearances, during the 1996 part of the 'Traveling Without Moving' World Tour.

Hat #5 | Part #1 | 'Peacock-Feathered' Fancy Hat(s)

Circa 1998 - 1999



Maker Of Hat:

Professional Hatter

Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This hat, the original 'Lillywhite colored' variant, would make multiple appearances on JK during the 1998-1999 'Synkronized' World Tour, including live performances at Woodstock 1999 & the Tokyo Dome in 1999, & a couple TV performances in this time additionally.
- Two other color variants of this hat were produced and worn by JK during the 1998-2000 'Synkronized' album era.

Hat #5 | Part #2 | The Other Color Variants Of The 'Peacock-Feathered' Fancy Hats



Peacock Hat Color #1 | Red
Worn during Jamiroquai Performance on Jools Holland New Years Eve 1999
Hootenanny TV Music Show.



Peacock Hat Color | Black
Worn By JK most notably in the music video release for the single,
'Supersonic', from their 1998 album "Synkronized"

A Funk Odyssey/Dynamite Album Eras 2001 - 2006

Hat #6 | Part #1 | The Bladed 'Shogun' Hat(s) Circa 2001 - 2005



Maker Of Hat:
Professional Hatter

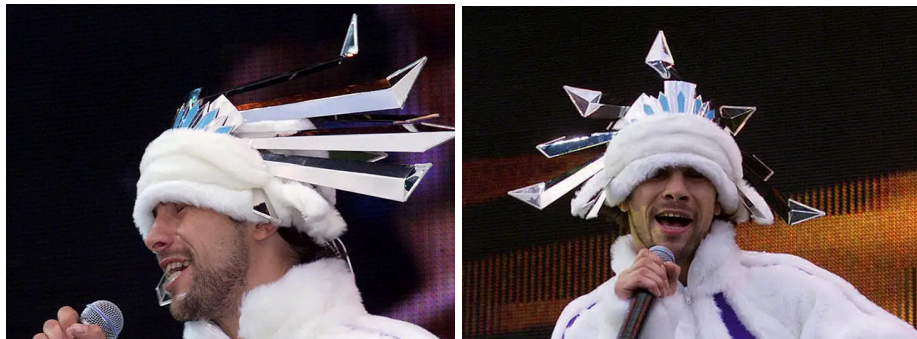
Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This has been reported, over the years, to have been one of the MOST EXPENSIVE JK original headgears ever to be produced for any Jamiroquai album era, but no definite price of each hat made was ironed down or ever confirmed by JK or the band's management.
- This series of hats were prevalently worn by JK, during the 2001 - 2003 'A Funk Odyssey' World Tour, & it's connected TV Performances & in the music video release for the lead singles "Little L".
- Four variants of this bladed hat were produced, some in precious metals, including pure silver & gold, a short bladed version & a carbon steel-bladed version covered in shiny trinkets to enhance the 'light-refraction' of the hat.

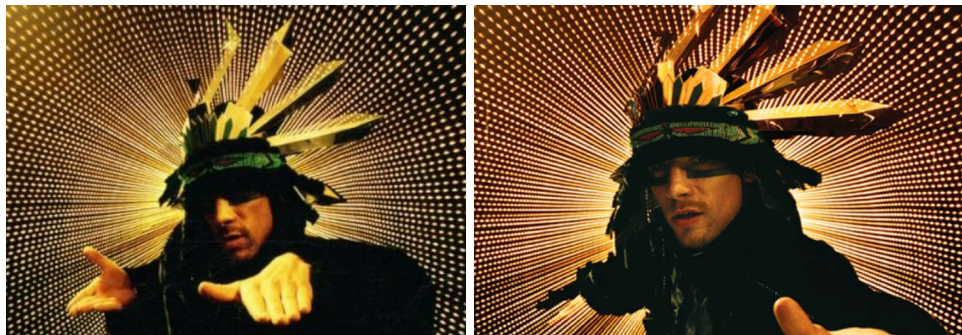
Hat #6 | Part #2 | The Other Variants Of This Bladed Shogun Hat



Bladed Hat #1 | The Short-Bladed Variant



Bladed Hat #2 | The Long-Bladed Pure Silver Variant



Bladed Hat #3 | The Long-Bladed Pure 24 Karat Gold Variant
Featured In 'Love Foolosophy' Single Release Cover Arts

Hat #6 | Part #3 | The Other Variants Of This Bladed Shogun Hat (Continued)



Bladed Hat #4 | The Long-Bladed Carbon-Steel Textured Variant
Made its live debut on J's Head in 2005 tour dates for Jamiroquai, also has shiny trinkets embedded on its blades to increase 'light refraction'.

Rock Dust Light Star/Automaton Album Eras 2011-2020

Hat #7 | The 'Goose-Feathered' Hat Circa 2009 - 2012



Maker Of Hat:
Professional Hatter

Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This hat, very similar in design to the Bladed 'Shogun' Hat of the "A Funk Odyssey" album era, would make its debut on J's head during the 2009 - 2012 'Rock Dust Light Star' World Tour and in the album's liner notes photography for Jamiroquai's 2010 album 'Rock Dust Light Star'. This hat would make a return appearance at multiple Jamiroquai gigs in 2022.

Hat #8 | The 'Automaton' Hat

Circa 2017 - 2020



Maker Of Hat:

Commissioned By JK to be made by German/English Designer & Engineer, Moritz Waldemeyer.

Technical Statistics & Prominent Sightings Of This Hat:

- This Automaton Hat, made by Moritz Waldemeyer, and inspired by the Pangolin, was a technical wonder featuring a remote control for the hand to trigger a multitude of LED lit lighting arrangements alongside the effects of raising and declining of over +12 prehensile blades & powered by a nearly 15 pound weighted battery pack that J wore on his waistline.
- This hat and its variants were seen on J's head throughout the Jamiroquai 2017 - 2020 'Automaton World Tour', TV performances & in the music video releases, for the self-titled lead single 'Automaton' and third single release 'Superfresh', from their 2017 album "Automaton".

Hat #8 | Part #2 | The Other Variants Of The Automaton Hat



Automaton Hat Variant #1 | 'The Framework Model'

This was the first iteration of the Automaton Hat that made its short appearance in the music video release for the album titled single "Automaton".



Automaton Hat Variant #2 | 'The Short-Bladed Version'

Prevalently used and seen on JK during the first two years of the 'Automaton' World Tour of 2017 - 2018.

Hat #8 | Part #3 | The Other Variants Of The Automaton Hat (Continued)



Automaton Hat Variant #3 | 'The Long-Bladed Version'

The short-bladed hat variant did come into some sorely needed repair, so a secondary Automaton hat, with longer blades, was developed and used by JK on stage during the final 3 years of the 'Automaton' World Tour of 2018 - 2020. It

also made a return appearance at gigs in 2022 after a Jamiroquai band touring break from 2020-2022 due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

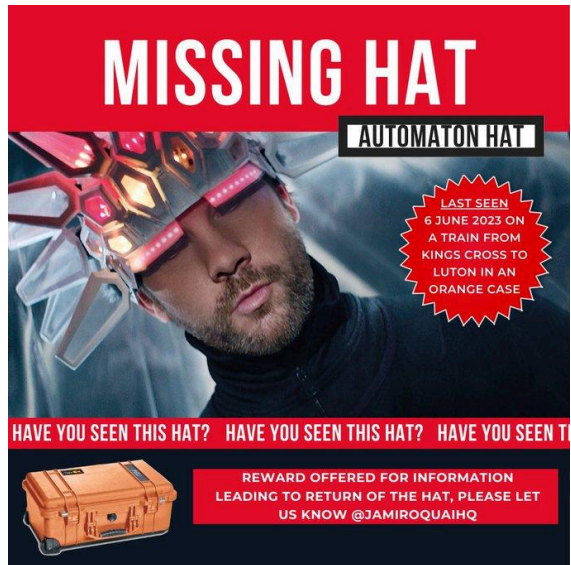
Additional Hats Information | Section #1

“Other JK Hat Stories”



Story #1 | “The Missing Hat On An Airline”

On an 1996 episode of the popular American Late Night Talk Show, “The Tonight Show With Jay Leno”, during the post performance interview, JK admitted, after being asked by Jay about his hats, that he had lost his trademark ‘Black Top Hat’ on an American Airlines flight from the East to the West Coast USA during the ‘Traveling Without Moving’ USA leg of the tour and asked if anyone who finds it to send it back to him as soon as possible, no update was ever given on if the hat was ever found and returned to JK or the band Jamiroquai.



Story #2 | “The Summer Of A Stolen & Then Returned Automaton Hat”

During the Summer, in June 2023, having been sent by Jamiroquai Management for basic maintenance to hat creator, Moritz Waldemeyer, the Automaton Hat got stolen while in transit on a train. 6 months would pass without knowing the stolen hat's whereabouts when the joyous news came on Jamiroquai Official Social media that the hat had been found, still in its original condition, and turned in back to Jamiroquai Management by a good samaritan.

Additional Hats Information | Section #2

“The One-Off JK Hats From Over The Years”



One-Off JK Hat #1 | ‘The Louis Vuitton Hat’
Made By Louis Vuitton, Given to and worn by JK during a Louis Vuitton Fashion Private Gig back with Jamiroquai in 1996.



One-Off JK Hat #2 | ‘The Fanmade Birded & Flowered Hat’
A South American fan made and gave JK this springful hat. J even wore it on a Jamiroquai performance on ‘The Tonight Show With Jay Leno’ in 1997.



One-Off JK Hat #3 | 'Black & White Small Head Hats'

This was a pair of small, coming in separately black and white variants, hats that were worn by JK on the 1998 - 1999 Jamiroquai 'Synkronized' World Tour. Unknown who the maker of these hats but safe to assume they were from a professional hatter.



One-Off JK Hat #4 | 'Louis Vuitton Black Top Hat'

Might not have been officially affiliated with JK of Jamiroquai, but the Louis Vuitton fashion director, the late Virgil Abloh, was inspired by Pop Music luminaries, from Michael Jackson to the aforementioned JK of Jamiroquai, for the 2019 Fall/Winter Fashion Line from Louis Vuitton. This JK-Inspired Black Top Hat would be sold in official Louis Vuitton Fashion Boutiques for a limited time at a hefty price tag of \$1,500 per hat.

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- Be sure to check out my previous aforementioned +10 other Jamiroquai Resource Guides at [THIS SUMMARY LINK LIST](#) on Reddit and thank you again everyone!

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~JamiroFan2000~

