

## The Art-Beat of Tel Aviv | Specialty Track 2 | Tomer Moked Kutiman “Thru the Summer Camps” Handout 2

Ophir Kutiel (Hebrew: אופיר קותיאל; born April 21st 1982), professionally known as Kutiman, is an Israeli musician, composer, producer and animator. He is best known for creating the online music video project, ThruYOU, a self-titled album, and the viral on-going series "Thru the City" .



### Thru Jerusalem

In June 2011, Kutiman was chosen as the "Artist of the Season" for "The Jerusalem Season of Culture" and he created the video "Thru Jerusalem". This piece differs from his past mixes, as he himself approached and shot the musicians, rather than finding them on YouTube. Although Kutiman filmed the musicians himself, he did not provide any guidance or direction as they played and mixed the footage himself. In July 2011, the song won First Prize in the global *Call for Music Videos of Palestinian-Jewish Duos or Groups* presented by the [Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue](#).

### Thru Tel Aviv

Following Thru Tokyo, Kutiman teamed up with [The British Council](#) and [The Space](#) to create Thru Tel Aviv. Mix the City invites people all over the world to create their own interpretation of Tel Aviv. Kutiman recorded a four-minute YouTube video of musicians that represent the diverse voices of Tel Aviv including Akka-born Palestinian musician [Ziwar Bahlul](#). The release of the video was accompanied by the interactive website Mix the City.

