



IN THE MIX

Spotlighting the hottest DJ's in Southern California

MIKEY BEATS

Interview By Leslie Terhorst

I would like to introduce; P.B.'s very own beat bustin' badass, Mikey Beats! I had to find out more about this (musically driven, politically charged, I ♥ my community, amazing) guy. Not only to find out what his plans are for his future, but also the future of our Pacific Beach neighborhood, that he's called home for most of his life. For a guy that lives in Pacific Beach and doesn't drink... there has to be more to his story. Here's what I found out:

RIS: What gives you your passion for music?

MB: I feel like music creates its own passion and I'm just along for the ride. Ha! I am lucky though, because i can express my passion for music in front of people. I am the selector.

RIS: Who has inspired you the most?

MB: Jenny Beats is my idol! Have you seen her? She is so hot. My wife is so hot! We've been together since high school and she is the source of all my confidence and smiles. She inspires me to strive for greatness.

RIS: You play with Spit Finger. What's the difference on being center stage as a DJ, compared to being a part of a big band?

MB: Being a DJ is a blast and I am thankful for being able to play other people's music, for other people. When I play in the band, other people get off on our original music. You can't beat that feeling. Another difference is when I Dj with Split Finger, there are no requests, except for our songs. And another difference is the check is split in 6 ways.

RIS: There's another side to you, should we say a political side. You just ran for PB Planning Group. What inspired you to want to get more involved in the P.B. Community?

MB: Since I am semi-politically conscious, I figured I should become community conscious too. I started by talking to a good friend of mine Sara Berns, the Executive Director of Discover PB who is very active in the PB community and is a saint. She brought me to my first PB Planning Group meeting and I was hooked. I ran for a seat, lost and then lost again a month later when I tried to fill another seat in my census track to some guy that didn't even run in the general election, and was twice my age. Curious how a majority of the PBPG voted for a guy that didn't even campaign. Then again, the PBPG hasn't been known to be the most fair or open-minded. I see that changing soon though.

RIS: How can other people in their own communities get more involved?

MB: If you want to get involved in your community start with talking to your neighbors. An excellent site get in touch with your neighbors is nextdoor.com. If your neighborhood is registered, that site will connect you with local activities, meetings for community groups and local non-profits. If you live in PB, come to the PB Library on Thomas and Cass on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm and start learning about our community.

RIS: Where does Mikey Beats see himself in 5 years?

MB: I have been in PB ever since I was old enough to catch a bus from Bay Park where I grew up. I have lived in North PB for 8+ years and I own two businesses registered in PB. I am going to be here for decades to come. Musically, I see myself producing local talent and booking local shows. Personally, I want to have started family with Jenny Beats and have a dog I can tackle and snuggle with.

RIS: Last but not least, where's your favorite place to grind?

MB: North P.B. has the greatest food!!! Oscar's is the greatest Mexican seafood this side of Ensenada. Once you try a Taco Especial on a flour tortilla and then wash it down with some of Juan's fruit water, you'll know why I rave about this place. A place is good when you see Leilani from Leilani's waiting in line for some seafood soup! Leilani's is also up there with Oscar's. Her Hawaiian style food is the best this side of the islands! I get the Sam Spam, extra green onions, a side salad and Manapua if they haven't run out. It doesn't get more North PB or more delicious than that.

"When I play with Split Finger I scratch and sample... When I Dj solo, I fist pump and blend. Two very different high energy vibes."

