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Catching Up With Darin Epsilon at Insomniac's Nocturnal Wonderland Festival—Plus Free Download

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Darin Epsilon... Not sure if it's his real name, but it's a cool one and it's what I've been calling him since the day I met this powerhouse three years ago. Darin's an LA-based, Chicago-bred DJ/producer on a mission to maintain quality in a scene that's largely driven by hype and shiny lights. He recently invited me to join him at **Insomniac's Nocturnal Wonderland Festival** where he shared the grounds with greats like **John Digweed** and Danny Tenaglia. Have a listen to his set from Nocturnal while you read the interview... *Lezzzgo!*

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DARIN EPSILON “LIVE AT NOCTURNAL WONDERLAND”

WHAT IS THE DARIN EPSILON BRAND ALL ABOUT?

That's a tough question to start off the interview, haha! Well, I like to think of myself as a connoisseur of dance music. The music I play and produce is considered underground, so my audience is primarily made up of people who are already well informed about electronic dance music. I sort of equate my music to drinking top-shelf liquor. If I had to sum up, I would say it's a cross between progressive house, tech house and techno.

SO YOU'D CONSIDER YOURSELF MORE OF A CHIVAS REGAL ROYAL SALUTE, 50-YEARS OLD THAN AN ICE-COLD BUD LIGHT?

Haha... Yea definitely

“After being at Nocturnal, I'd definitely say I have more fun at festivals because of all the excitement that gets built up from months and months of promotion. You could just feel the positive vibes in the air walking around...”

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU BRING TO A CROWD THAT IS SPECIAL AND UNIQUE?

The music I play comes from all over the world, which definitely contributes to a unique energy and sound. The producers behind the records that I play don't make a whole lot of money... so there's a genuine soul and passion behind these tracks.

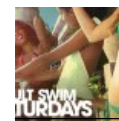
HOW WAS PLAYING AT NOCTURNAL LAST WEEKEND? DO YOU LIKE FESTIVAL SETS MORE OR CLUB SETS?

Nocturnal was great, I really enjoyed my experience there. I was blown away by Insomniac's level of professionalism and organization. They really think of everything and go completely out of their way to exceed people's expectations! After being at Nocturnal, I'd definitely say I have

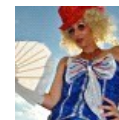


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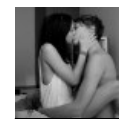
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more fun at festivals because of all the excitement that gets built up from months and months of promotion. You could just feel the positive vibes in the air walking around Nocturnal.

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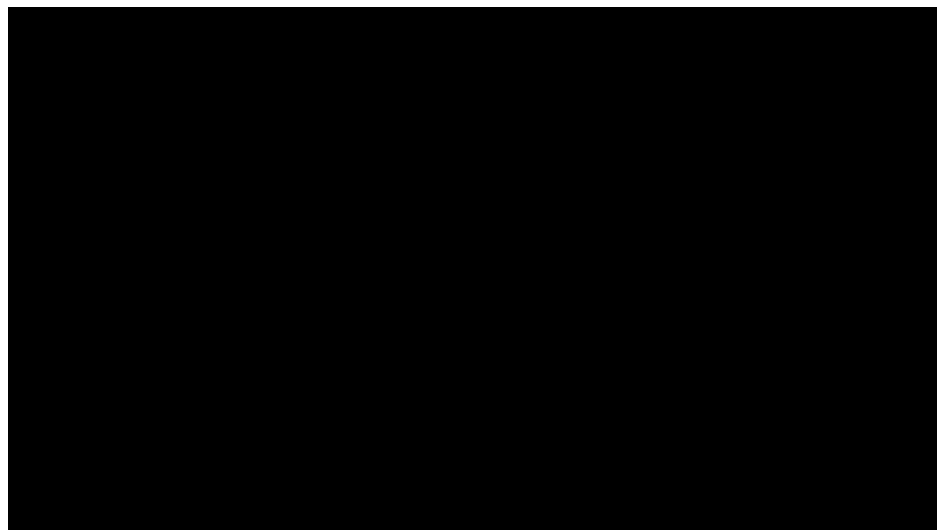
This past summer was super busy; I toured three continents with dates in the US, Kenya, United Kingdom, Peru, Costa Rica, Colombia, Canada and Mexico.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE STOP?

My favorite gig by far was at **Vertigo** in Costa Rica. The sound system there is pretty unbeatable. My show in Kenya was also very memorable. That was the first time I had ever stepped on African soil.

THEY RAGE IN KENYA?

Believe it or not, they could probably teach us a thing or two about partying. I mean they get real crazy. EDM is blowing up big time over there.



TELL US ABOUT YOUR RELEASE THIS WEEK!

My new single "**Lapis Lazuli**" was just released this week on **Flow Vinyl** with remixes from some very talented producers in Hungary and Brazil.

Beatport has given the package huge support with a front-page banner, as well as mentioned it in their Top 10 Must Hear Progressive House Tracks this week.

BIG THINGS POPPIN' FOR 2012?

I'll have at least five more releases by the end of the year on labels such as Renaissance, Ministry of Sound and my own label Perspectives Digital.

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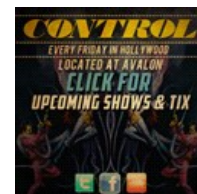
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Well, I reached a point in my career when I decided that it was time to branch off and do my own thing. And unfortunately, it seems that not many labels out there have the artists' best interests in mind. My radio show **Perspectives** was doing well, so I figured it would be a good idea to incorporate the name into the record label. Having my own label has been a mostly positive experience. It's given me so much flexibility and freedom. Now I can release whatever I want, whenever I want.

WHAT'S THE DIRECTION YOU'RE GOING WITH YOUR LABEL PERSPECTIVE'S DIGITAL?

I like to release quality tracks that I believe will stand the test of time. I'll sign just about anything that exhibits high production value and attention to detail.

FOR OUR LA READERS, DARIN IS PLAYING AT EXCHANGE TONIGHT.

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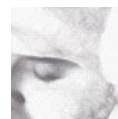
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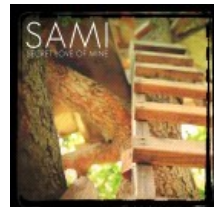
EDM Download: Yolanda Be Cool Gives The Japanese Popstars Remix of "Sweat Naked" As A Free Download; Remix EP Out August 13th Via Dim Mak

"Sweat Naked" features a grinding melody set to become a favorite this summer and festival season.



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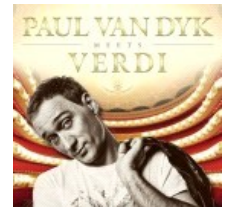
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