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UP-AND-COMING DJs ARE GETTING RIPPED OFF

THIS MONTH MIXMAG exposes the dirty tricks used by promoters to rip off wannabe DJs. Up-and-coming DJs are becoming the victims of shrewd business tricks, leaving them out of pocket.

Paul, a London-based DJ agent, told us: "There's definitely a lot of sharp practise going on at the moment, more than usual. Certain practises have re-emerged, particularly in the funky house scene."

Some DJs are only being booked under the agreement if they bring 25 or so paying friends. Others are being offered a cut of the door money on the friends they bring — only for the promoters to close the concession list early and take all the money themselves. Some promoters will double book a back room to house two sets of smaller club nights. This way they double their door takings, leaving the DJs to fight it out between themselves for decent timeslots.

Oliver Lang, who's made the step from wannabe to DJ, reveals: "You'd get to the end of the night and the promoter would say 'We don't have any money but at least you got to play'. Or you bring all your friends down and don't even get to play. It's a whole world of bullshit. They think

they can mess about up-and-coming DJs as there are so many out there."

DJs like Oliver who made their name in Ibiza are used to starting out on sub-standard wages. "I used to do seven days a week, ten hours a day and started off on £80 a week."

"Supply is in danger of outstripping demand in the DJ world," adds Paul. "There are some outrageous business practises going on right now and it's younger DJs who are carrying the can while the top DJs and promoters continue to reap the benefits."

Are you a young DJ who's been ripped off by a promoter? Let us know. Text 07781 481 476*, email nick@mixmag.net or write and let us know.

HOW TO GET ROUND THE TRICKS

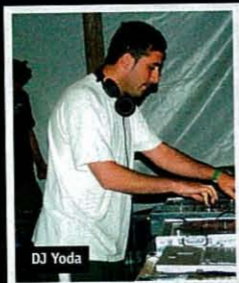
- ▶ Set a fee rather than agreeing to a door rate. Commission on the door will deliberately be run in favour of the promoter.
- ▶ If taking a cut of the bar, ask for an 'X reading' at the start then a 'Y reading' at the end. This will tell you the exact bar takings.
- ▶ Don't just accept 'the opportunity to play' as your fee. The money you're owed is paying for your expensive hobby.

LAKE OF STARS

FOR THE SECOND year running, Chibuku Shake Shake's promoter will have organised The Lake of Stars festival in Malawi. It's home to the original Chibuku: the local beer. here, Will shares his diary of Malawi's biggest music event

DAY ONE...

"I'm shitting bricks the size of Chibuku cartons on the morning of the festival, hoping everything falls into place. 900 three-day passes have been sold, but where are they all? I get down to Loz's dirty d'n'b set on Chinthech beach. Start to wonder where Felix from Basement Jaxx is. Bit of a slow start — not helping the nerves. A late night beckons."



DJ Yoda

DAY TWO...

"After two hours of teeth-grinding sleep I have to meet Malawi's Minister of Tourism. I feel rougher than a camel's tongue. Felix and DJ Yoda are in Malawi (good news) but they are at the wrong airport (bad news). Try not to panic. The Houstrained Boys do a wicked disco and house set. Felix arrives a bit late but still plays a great set for everyone!"

DAY THREE...

"Have hardly slept but the festival is amazing. During Felix's set last night he played 'Love Train', so we all went into Lake Malawi naked. Lots of fun. Gavin Morunda and Neil Meekin from Soulful Vibes were excellent. Lots of Chibuku (the actual beer) is being drunk. Yoda plays a special 80s set in the Beach Bar and everyone goes nuts. Have to drag the Black Missionaries off stage — they are ace but other people have to play! It's been another amazing Lake Of Stars, roll on next year."

See www.lakeofstarsfestival.co.uk for more info



Jaxx's Felix



It was all a blur after one too many Chibukus

A lake and a star, yesterday

"When I'm cleanin' windows"



Boosh!

GUESTLIST...

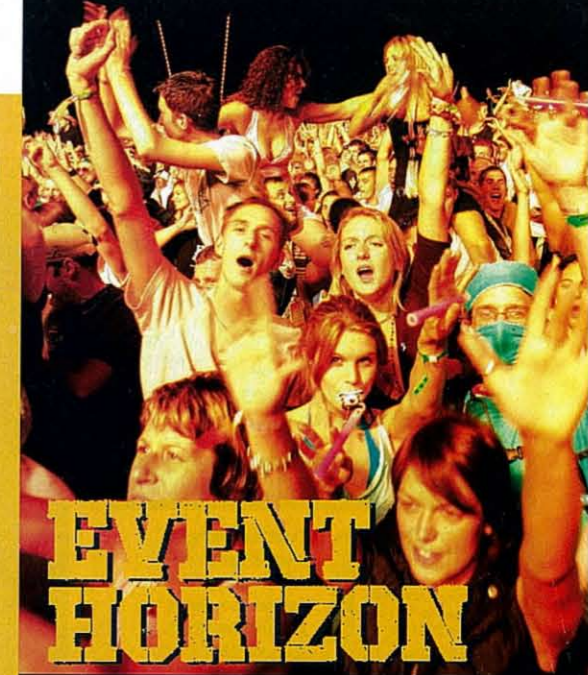
- 1 THE MIGHTY BOOSH Fresh, trippy and giggle-filled. Like mushies but without The Fear.
- 2 DJ TOUCHÉ Has more scratch tricks than Paul Daniels with chicken pox.
- 3 ARTOIS BOCK Stella at 6.2%. Arrives here at Christmas. Be afraid!
- 4 OFFY RUNS FROM THE CLUB QUEUE You're gonna be here a while. Send a lone mate for some beers while they still only cost you a quid.
- 5 HOLLAND AND BARRETT The inverse of your dealer, really.
- 6 THE RED ROOMS, HAMPSHIRE The Manor venue, also soon to be the worst-kept secret in clubland.
- 7 MAKE DOHERTY HISTORY T-SHIRTS Get from www.shotdeadinthehead.com.

BLACKLIST...

- 1 NINTENDO GAMEBOY MICRO Get a PSP, cheapskate. Size matters.
- 2 MOBILE FRIENDS NETWORKS If you wanna chat, MSN or text us. We refuse to sign up to this spamster.
- 3 CROWD PLEASERS 'Seven Nation Army', 'Drop The Pressure', 'Song 2' — move on!
- 4 BLAZERS AND JEANS Leave it to Will Young and Darren Day, it's not 2004 anymore.
- 5 ONE IDEA One amazing single, then an identical follow-up. Coburn, we mean you.
- 6 THE JOKE ABOUT THE DYSLEXIC DJ... ...he threw away his vinyl cos he got CJD.
- 7 MOBILE PHONE SALESMEN They'll tell you it stops your shit stinking if it means making a sale.



Will Young: suit jacket



EVENT HORIZON

WHAT TO SPEND YOUR BRAINCELLS ON THIS MONTH...

- #1 MIXMAG PRESENTS BOSH LIVE 2005 October: Sat 29th, The Arches, Glasgow. November: Sat 12th, Escape, Swansea. Sat 19th, Tall Trees, Yarm. Sat 26th, Manchester Academy. December: Fri 9th, Radisson Hotel, Galway, Ireland. Sat 10th, The Coach, Banbridge, N Ireland. Eddie Halliwell returns to showcase his scratchtastic hard trance skills in conjunction with your beloved Mixmag. Info:boshlive.com
- #2 DEFECTED IN THE HOUSE UK TOUR October: Sat 22nd, L'America @ Liquid, Cardiff. November: Sat 5th, Pacha, London. Sat 12th, Southampton Uni. Sat 19th, Shindig @ Digital, Newcastle. Sat 26th, Funk U @ Zinc, Southend. December: Sat 3rd, Pacha, London. Sat 17th, Shindig @ Digital, Newcastle. After claiming Pacha Ibiza as their own every Tuesday, the house heads are nipping round the UK to spread the funky and tough stuff. Info:www.defected.com
- #3 AMSTERDAM DANCE EVENT Thurs 27th-Sat 29th October, Holland. The closest thing the Dutch have to Sonar returns for its 10th year. Big club nights and events will be happening around the city for three consecutive days and nights. 45,000 clubbers are expected to hit the town for this event alone. Info:amsterdam-dance-event.nl
- #4 GOODGREEF'S BIRTHDAY Sat October 29th, Nation, Liverpool Goodgrief turns five, celebrating with an eff-off do at Nation. It's Halloween so dress suitably. Ben Goodgrief says he's asking the DJs to get decked out in fancy dress too. Info:goodgrief.com
- #5 THE FABULOUS GODSKITCHEN Sat November 5th, Newcastle Metro Radio Arena The Metro Radio arena is to become Las Vegas for the night when Gods transforms its two arenas with neon and showgirls. DJs confirmed are Armin Van Buuren, Judge Jules, Fergie, Tall Paul, Above & Beyond, and more. It's a nine-hour boshathon. Viva Las Vegas! Info:www.godskitchen.com
- #6 SOUTHPORT WEEKENDER Fri 4th-Sun 6th November, Southport The 37th Weekender will, as always, provide a soulful soundtrack to the UK's best respected weekender. House, funk, soulful stuff, The Bacardi B-Bar and DJs like Gilles Peterson, Norman Jay and Tony Humphries. Info:southportweekender.co.uk/events/
- #7 VOYAGE Fri 4th-Sun 6th November A weekender with a twist — it's at sea. 20 DJs will be playing in two music areas including K90, Nick Sentience and Phil Reynolds. Includes unlimited breakfasts, all-night cinema and an afternoon with a German oompah band thrown in. Deals start at £99. We'll be there. Remember — what happens at sea stays at sea. Info:www.radicalescapes.com, 08708 488 222