



Twisted Fire starter

WHEN WE DECIDED TO RUN A FESTIVAL OF FIRE, THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAN IN OUR MIND TO HEADLINE IT - THE UTTERLY UNIQUE PIERRE RAVAN. AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE LINE OF QUESTIONING WE HAD FOR THE PERSIAN DJ, WHO'LL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HUSH ON BONGOS. SO SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY OUR TENUOUS FIRE-THEMED INTERVIEW.

IF YOUR HOUSE WAS BURNING DOWN (AND GOD FORBID!), WHAT'S THE ONE RECORD YOU'D SAVE?

Well in my case it would be a big disaster, due to the fact that I still carry and play records and CDs and they burn really fast. But if I could make it to my record room, I'd definitely save Soul Vision's 'Come Into My Room', the Ben Watt remix. There are only 50 pieces of this on vinyl in the world, and it's impossible to get in anywhere on Digital format.

YOU'RE OF PERSIAN DESCENT, AND THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE A FIERY TEMPERAMENT. WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY?

If I may be honest then it's being judged, jealousy of people and the feeling of being ignored.

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YOU'RE RENOWNED FOR YOUR LONG-RANGING AND LONG LASTING SETS - WILL THIS PERFORMANCE BE THE SAME?

Well I hope so, and that's why I am asking all the music lovers to come early to join my musical journey from the start, when the fire is lit up and they can feel it in their hearts.



AND WHAT'S THE MOST EXPLOSIVE TRACK YOU'VE GOT IN YOUR BAG AT THE MOMENT?

Haha, there are many. But my favourite one is the Claude Monnet remix of 'Eternal Love' by Dagui Rodann and Timothee Milton. It's deep with a soultech sound and it's definitely not commercial.

YOU'RE A FASHION DJ AS WELL - WHAT'S THE HOT TREND RIGHT NOW?

After attending and playing for lots of fashion nights and trying on many clothes, I have to say if you are looking for anything Haute Couture then Tom Ford. And if you want to look like a DJ with a prêt-à-porter quality outfit, then I'd choose Maharishi and Yoshi Yamamoto Y3 collection.

IT'S GETTING A LITTLE CHILLY ON THE BEACH NOW, WHAT'S YOUR SURE FIRE TIP TO WARM THE CROWD UP?

Be early and open your Hearts and let your Inner fire warm you up. And most importantly, be united with everybody.

IF YOU WERE STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT ON YOUR OWN WITH JUST A FLINT, COULD YOU MAKE FIRE ON YOUR OWN?

I'd definitely try, but wouldn't count on it. I'm convinced I will get some help somehow.

FEEL THE BURN

Pierre isn't the only attraction on the night, however, as there'll be over 20 performers on the night all doing unspeakably fun things with fire. Here's a run down of our favourites...

DJ STAGE FLAME THROWER

As cool as it sounds, one press of the - presumably big red round button - will see a plume of fire arc into the sky from behind the DJ booth.

FIRE JUGGLING

Are you insane? Juggling with fire? Apparently not, as there will be four, presumably asbestos-clad, mad men and women hurling around flaming object.

FIRE EATERS

It might not make it into many cook books, but flames should be balanced part of any diet. Bad diet jokes aside, fire eaters will meet and greet clubbers on arrival.

ANGLE GRINDING



Using metal underwear - who stocks metal underwear anyway? - real angle grinders are used to dramatic effect by shooting off plumes of sparks and fire.

Not only that, but there'll be a 5 minute fireworks show around midnight, there are 5000 mix CDs to be given away on the night and there'll be a huge bonfire to keep you warm - marshmallows not included.

Xtreme Festival of Fire Full Moon, Nasimi, Friday December 17. Entry Dhs100 after 9pm.