

FOR many, South Beach Miami is the most magnificent and choicest of holiday destinations because of its eight square miles of designer stores, trendy hotels, miles of palm-fringed beaches, sumptuous first class restaurants and world-class nightspots. America's Ibiza becomes a hotbed of fury on the third week of March when the cream of the world's dance community takes up residence for a whole week of parties traditionally to showcase the forthcoming Summer's dance anthems.

2005 celebrated the Winter Music Conference's twentieth year and the fledgling M3 Summit's second year. Last year's successful launch of M3 (Miami Music and Multimedia) has seen a tripling of attendees and the merging of music, technology and film into the dance arena. M3's Masterlist (compiled by David Prince) is the definitive party booklet outlining details of the 450 or so parties which take place in South Beach and Downtown Miami culminating in America's biggest dance festival, the Ultra Music Festival.

Whilst many bedroom DJs and would-be producers gained benefit from the discussion panels, remix workshops and advice, most were in Miami for the parties which took place morning noon and night in bars, nightclubs, hotel poolsides, record stores, hotel suites, rooftops, gardens and beach clubs. That's why Miami has become such an important destination on the international clubber calendar. The sidewalks and promenades of Ocean Drive are just as you imagined from a Will Smith video. It's a delight to watch the cavalcade of slow moving sports cars with sound systems as pumped up as the chipped-up hairless Muscle Marys strutting their stuff on their way to the gay beach outside Tides Hotel. Pristine pretty boys are sipping Margaritas after lifting iron on muscle beach whilst roller-scating silicone-enhanced beauties parade their wares. Whether male or female, this is America's true silicone valley. This is

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Martini country and a playground for the rich and famous but, fortunately for us, it can be done on a budget. With cheap flights to Miami up for grabs and a weak dollar, rooms can still be found in one of the older Art Deco hotels in South Beach for under \$50 a night and burgers for 99 cents!

Many of the parties, like **Radio 1**, are free entrance and many are sponsored by liquor manufacturers, so even if you have not invested in an M3 or WMC pass, for a nominal door charge, you can get drunk in the sun for nothing. And let's face it, uprooting the cold British winter for mid 80's temperatures is just what the doctor ordered.

Fortunately most of the clubs, bars and hotels in South Beach are within walking distance and with music and parties everywhere, you really are spoilt for choice. This beautiful tropical palm-fringed setting is the only place some record labels showcase their artists. A DJ spotter's wet dream, where else would you be able to hear Blaze, Jon Cutler, Hardsoul, Jay-J, Jon Julius Knight, Brian Tappert, DJ Disciple, Grant Nelson, DJ Pierre, Joe T Vannelli, Robbie Rivera, ATFC and E-Smoove in the same club for barely a fistful of dollars?

The hip **Delano Hotel** designed by Philippe Starck was used throughout the conference and was our usual early evening venue where we lounged by the poolside quaffing a bottle of Sauvignon Blanc listening to the funky sounds of DJ Deep, Jerome Sydenham and the like before heading off to the cities famed nightspots. ▶



**David Morales & Tedd Patterson @ Def Mix**



**Hardsoul @ Defected**



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► **The Crobar** was host to some of the most prestigious parties like the amazing spectacle and choice choons of the **Def Mix** party featuring David Morales and Frankie Knuckles in the main room with a floorshow to rival anything in L.A. with the Rio carnival dancers and trannies. The world's top DJs were also here strutting their stuff. Regrettably a burst main outside meant that the Fire Marshalls turned off all the water so you can imagine the state of the toilets! It's still 72 degrees outside at 3am and even hotter in the club especially when Morales spun "you make me feel, mighty real."

The following night, all was back in order as the conference's oldest party **Magic Sessions** took up residence at the Crobar with Louie Vega and Tony Humphries spinning in the main room and **Soulfuric** records hosting the room upstairs with live PA's. With Carl Cox and Paul Oakenfold also hosting nights at the club, many opted to buy a week's pass which represented very good value for money. It also gave you priority at the door scrum where you have to be picked to gain entrance -there is no queuing in Miami, darling!

Other highlights include one of the most revered locations, the **Versace Mansion**, which opened its doors for the first time for the **Cielo** party. Better than you could imagine, the mansion was an impeccably designed masterpiece of sweeping staircases, galleried courtyards, fountains, mosaic pool, Roman pillars, lush tropical gardens and lawns like velvet. Simply breathtaking and literally jaw dropping stuff. When you add a

soundtrack of 40minute sets from maestros like Tedd Patterson, Roger Sanchez, Blaze, Nicholas Matar, Miguel Migs, Osunlade, Pippi and Martin Solveig, it really was too good to be true.

Bobby & Steve's annual **Soul On The Beach** daytime party at the **Clevelander** rocked well into the night and was supported by the likes of Danny Krivit and Kenny Dope Gonzales. Ben Watt's **M3 Sunset Sessions** at the **Raleigh Hotel** was awesome and Roger Sanchez's exclusive **Armani XChange** party on the rooftop of the **Tiffany Hotel** true eye and ear candy. Other affairs like the **King Street Party**, **Hed Kandi**, **soulgroove**, **Dub Fu**, **Om 10th Anniversary** and **Aquabooty** were a joy. Regrettably a few parties fell by the wayside due to non granting of licences and close-downs by police like the much anticipated **Circus** party from Yousef which would have featured Fatboy Slim's

exclusive performance and Frankie Knuckles and the **Release San Francisco** party. Others were marred on the Wednesday by a freak electric storm which decimated the top drawer **Defected** poolside party at the National Hotel and the **Masters at Work** party at Nikki Beach.

For those who the 5.00 am South Beach closure was too premature, clubs in Downtown were open 24 hours so the likes of Paul Van Dyk, Erick Morillo, Carl Cox and the like could spin until lunchtime!

With so many parties and styles of dance music, it was hard to highlight the famed tune of the conference, which will be shuddering dancefloors in the UK and Ibiza this summer but here are a few to whet your appetite, including this amazing quote from the first: "for the love of house, for the love of peace, for the love of dance, strictly for the love... strictly for the love of house music that's why we're all here together because we love it, because we need it, because we just have to have it..."

**\*NB: Reader's should note that the Mark Moore who wrote this article and the Mark Moore of Revoltage are two entirely different human beings**



Dancing in rain @ Defected



Lady Bunny and a dancer



Frankie Knuckles @ Crobar



Versace

► **MIAMI HITS TO LISTEN OUT FOR IN 2005**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Halo & Mr V             | 'For The Love Of House'  |
| Milo                    | 'Destroy Rock 'N' Roll'  |
| Lee Coombes             | 'Shiver and Shake'       |
| Seamus Haji and Emanuel | 'Weekend'                |
| Chab featuring JD Davis | 'Closer To Me'           |
| Racheal Starr           | 'Till There Was You'     |
| Freemasons              | 'Love On My Mind'        |
| Technotronic            | 'Pump Up The Jam'        |
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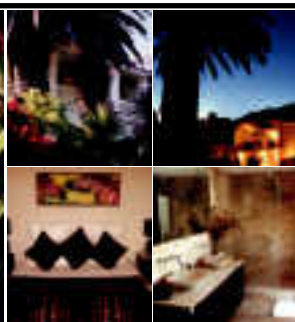


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