

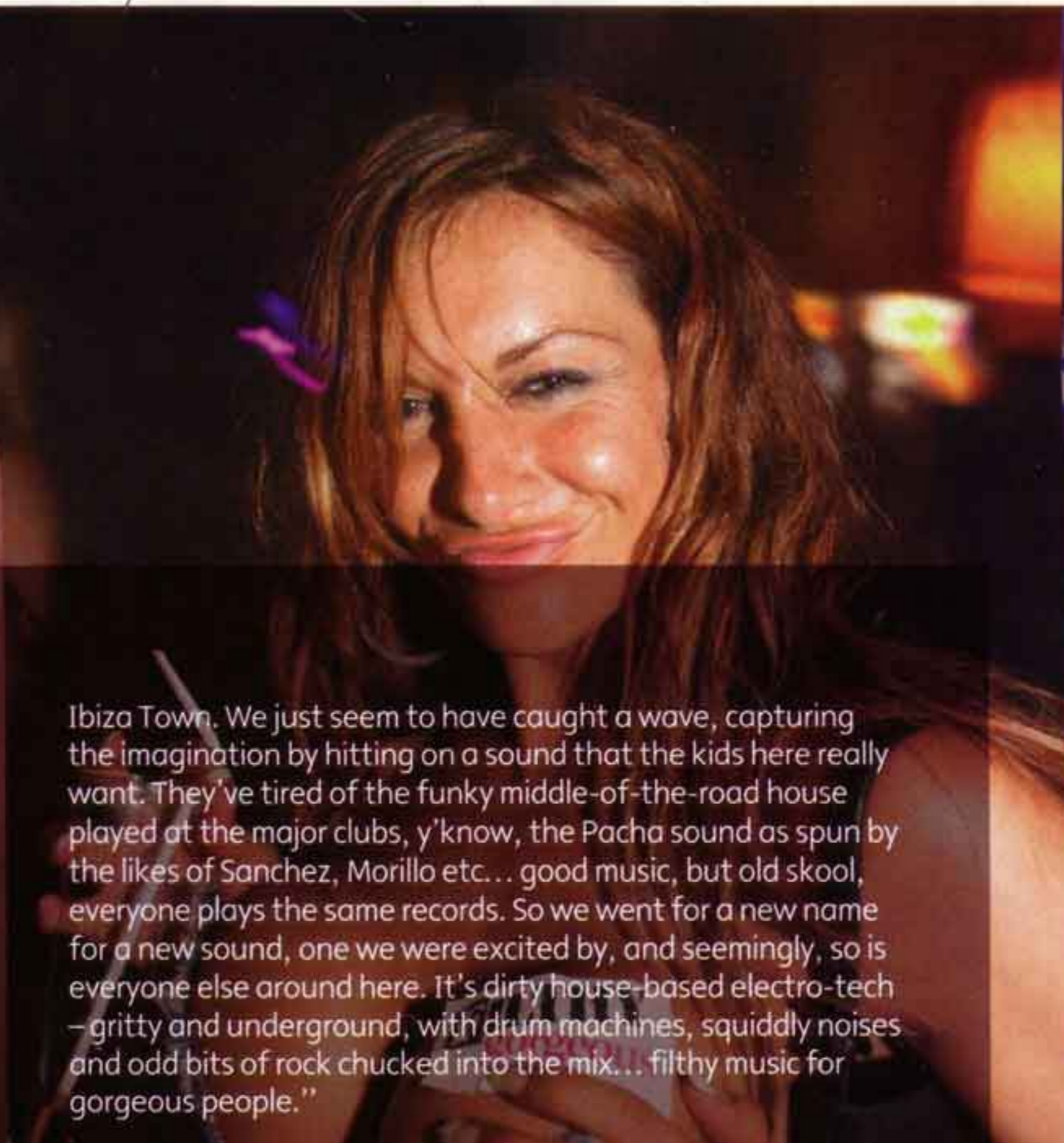


★ IN WITH THE NEW

In particular ELECTRIC SEX, FILTHY GORGEOUS and SHIPWRECKED are at the forefront of developments. ES has been tearing up the Eden Funky Room on Fridays during Dusted, FG have experienced similar feelings at Hush each Saturday, while Shipwrecked moves from place to place, carrying its committed crowd as and when. For some years Garlands has held this crowd in their grasp, but as that promotion has moved up a level to a mainstream event at Eden, so other fresher island-developed events have stepped in. The four mentioned are planning to combine for one end of season mega-bash, since each has so successfully captured the imagination of the local crowd they want to send off the season together. But what happens beyond the summer? Electricsex have already been building a solid reputation in the UK, holding monthly events at Inigo in South London for the Brits off-season. Now Filthy Gorgeous is likely to follow suit.

Scott Martin and Jamie Gittins are the duo behind Filthy Gorgeous. Scott spent three previous summers as resident DJ at famous sunset strip clubbing-bars Sugar Sea, Savannah and finally Café Mambo. He opted out of chilling house this time around in order to concentrate on building his own event, Jumpstart, plus holding down a DJ residency at Space for We Love and being involved in the promotion of Dusted's debut season at Eden. Jamie meanwhile DJs and runs entertainment at Orange Corner, another popular beach bar in San An, and runs an event called Refresh in London during winter months. Their combined Filthy Gorgeous thing has really taken off though, immediately capturing the imagination of the large, knowledgeable, influential and undeniably party-centric worker-community of the town, the young British and Irish hordes who drive the whole Ibiza club and bar scene.

Jamie: "It's been amazing, after just two parties at Hush in June we were offered gigs with Kinky Malinki at Pacha London in October, plus another at Penelope's, the huge new venue in



Ibiza Town. We just seem to have caught a wave, capturing the imagination by hitting on a sound that the kids here really want. They've tired of the funky middle-of-the-road house played at the major clubs, y'know, the Pacha sound as spun by the likes of Sanchez, Morillo etc... good music, but old skool, everyone plays the same records. So we went for a new name for a new sound, one we were excited by, and seemingly, so is everyone else around here. It's dirty house-based electro-tech - gritty and underground, with drum machines, squiddy noises and odd bits of rock chucked into the mix... filthy music for gorgeous people."

Scott: "There's so much wicked music around, but everywhere was doing the funky house thing. We didn't know if the tougher sound would work, because even last year at the Savannah Funky Lounge I'd get because we vocalise it a bit' from people, so we're thinking, hmmm, do they want it any other way. But look how fast things change around when you hit the right note at the right time."

Jamie: "I haven't been this excited about music for years. I mean for years I was a funky house convert myself, great. But suddenly it just felt that it had been around too long, I liked the sound, but realised that I wasn't inspired by it any more. Then suddenly, wow, I'm inspired again. And the great thing is, since we weren't being booked to play what we wanted, so created something for ourselves, we've become the main focus, not just the warm-up set. We get to play what we want and people are liking what we play - wicked! A major reason why the sound is working so well in San An is Danny Graham at the Solo record shop. He's so into the sound and as a result he's got everything you could want, amazing sounds... what a shop, spot on."

Similarly Electricsex - steered by DJs Ryan O'Gorman and Andy G - has been working within the environs of a major club, and in association with a main promotion at Dusted. Their Fridays at the Eden Funky Room have been ripping it up with a similar sound, enjoyed by visiting club tourists and worker-types alike. They were responsible for a number of highly successful 'secret happenings' in a magnificent sea-cave setting last summer and have since been gradually building upon that 'cool and cred' reputation.



Jamie Gittins



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