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Setting a Standard in San DiegoDJ Fresh One

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Eyes shaded behind a pair of sunglasses and outfitted a fir from his friends at L-R-G Clothing, Fresh One, a.k.a Freddie Fresh, is easily one of the coolest, if not one of the most intimidating, men in the Downtown San Diego scene. Seemingly soft-spoken and a little bit mysterious, he has an air about him that subtly says, "I'm a nice guy, but don't waste my time."

"I'm pretty quiet," he explains. "And I tell myself not to be quick tempered. A lot of people know who I am, so I don't want to come off the wrong way. I can see why you'd think I'm mysterious, but really I'm just a normal dude."

Normal, however, is a relative term.

A native San Diegan, Fresh One started DJ'ng professionally straight out of high school. Things were simpler then: getting their start at Thrusters in Pacific Beach, who gave him a chance even though he was only 18, he was able to create a buzz and a reputation for himself. All that buzz lead to an introduction with DJHere's Matt Spencer and the rest, as they say, is history.

Seven years later, a young but experienced 25-year old, Fresh One now regularly headlines at Gas Lamp hotspots like Stingaree, Confidential, Aubergine and Envy. He is also co-founder of Sleeping Giant, a collaboration of musicians, MC's and DJ's. Sometimes mistaken as a recording label, Sleeping Giant is more of a promotional entity for motivated artists who want to make it in the entertainment industry.

During his tenure as a DJ, Freddie Fresh has experienced everything from fanatic girls lifting up their tops to show him the goods, to having people in the crowd throw money on the decks. And although he's always

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appreciative when fans are feeling his music, once in a while people just take it too far.

"When they throw \$100 at me, it's cool," Fresh One explains. "But most of the time people don't realize that the DJ is actually doing something. Sometimes people will try to talk to you like your standing at a help desk, and I could be in the middle of mixing a song."

However, with his DJ career on the upswing, Fresh One still has to think ahead.

"You can't DJ forever, you'd go deaf," he jokes. "Once you hit a certain threshold, when you're 35-40 years old, you just gotta stop. Sleeping Giant is one of my biggest projects, and I want to see it grow and grow with it."

All joking aside, Fresh One and his crew from Sleeping Giant are without a doubt a creative and professional force in the Downtown San Diego scene. Often partnering with DJHere to throw events, and always oozing a cool and hip attitude, locals know that if Fresh One is playing they're sure to have a good time.

At bigger venues, he'll usually be spinning music he likes to classify as "party rockin'" which is a mix of hip hop, 80's, rock and soul. However, as a diverse DJ, Fresh One is also well versed in lounge, acid jazz and trip hop.

To find out more, or listen to samples of his music or to keep up with him and his travels, check out www.giantsarise.com.

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