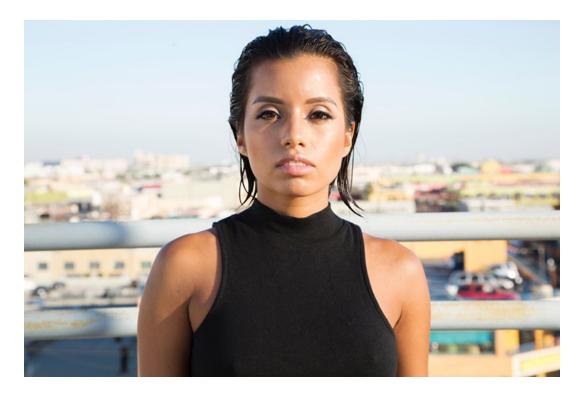
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Check our interview with Lupe Fuentes who's music is influenced by her Latin roots and the house music she heard in the streets and the nightclubs in Spain.



# Hi Lupe, thank you for having the time to chat with us.

Thank you for having me!

#### How did it all start for you, music-wise?

I have always been a very musical person. Going back into my childhood I remember always music playing in my house, from my Latin roots, styles like salsa, cumbias, merengue to classic rock, etc... I have always had music running through my veins.

# When did you start DJing?

I started DJing seriously around 3 years ago, but growing up in Spain, I had a lot of DJ friends that would let me mess with their turn tables. I have been a fan of electronic music even before I started DJing or producing. The way that the tracks are arranged and the fact that in the House underground scene it's not only about a track, but about a DJ creating a vibe has really

spoken to my musical sensibility from an early age.

# What kind of music did you grow up with?

I was born in Colombia and I grew up in Spain, so my roots come from a lot of different flavors. Like I mentioned before, I grew http://naluda.com/interviews/lupe-fuentes/

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up with music styles that range from salsa all the way to flamenco and classic rock. Some of the artists that my mom used to play a lot around the house were Isabel Pantoja, Maria del Monte, Celia Cruz, Ruben Blades, etc.

#### Explain your sound in 3 words?

Jacking, dark, techy.

# When did you decide to be a DJ full time?

3 years ago! I love music and I believe that life, in reality is very short, so I wanted to make sure that I would be doing something that I truly love. Something that makes me grow not only as a musician but also as a person. I promise that I will stick to it and learn as much as I can, even if I have to stand alone and fight for what I believe.

# What kind of music do you listen on daily basis?

I listen to house music, tech house, some techno. This is what I do, so I have the responsibility to stay "in the loop" with what is going on. But when I want to disconnect I listen to Classic Rock, Motown or soul music.

#### Which artists and styles inspired and influenced you?

There are a lot of people who inspired me. Other DJ's in my scene like Kerri Chandler, Sidney Charles, and Roger Sanchez. In terms of styles I definitely draw a lot of inspiration from Motown, latin music and soul. Lets just say that in my opinion they don't make them like they used to...

# How do you prepare for a set?

To be a DJ/producer is a lifestyle. I am always working on new music and I also get a lot of music from other artist/labels, so I always have fresh tracks to add to my sets. Mentally I just try to stay calm. I usually get very nervous before a gig, but once I am on the decks I feel like I am home and completely connected to the music!

# What makes you decide to play a particular record during one of your sets?

I always get fresh tracks that I am excited to try out and play in front of a crowd, and when I am there with the music, I stop thinking and tracks just rely on my instincts... the selection process depends on many factors like percussion, arrangement, bass lines, top lines etc... I just go with the vibe and the energy that I feel from the crowd.

# What's the best event you've played at?

I have a residency at Sound Nightclub in Hollywood, so I would say last time I played along side Roger Sanchez, the crowd were really educated in terms of music and the vibe was incredible.

# Most people you ever played in front of?

At Sound setting the tone for Sander Kleinenberg, it was really packed!

#### Describe yourself in 3 words!

Deep, Determined, Loyal

#### Where do you see the scene in the near future?

The underground coming above ground, people educating themselves more in terms of electronic music, especially in the USA.

#### Funniest thing that ever happened at an event?