

FEATURED BARTENDER

Elyse Jordan

By Gabby Goodner



Photo by Charles Street

Elyse Jordan is a bartender over at the best spot for sushi, Ten Asian Bistro in Newport Beach. Drinks are not the only things she's shaking! You can catch Elyse heading over to the conjoined club, 8Eighty8 to shake her booty all night, as one of the go go dancers for the hottest new nightclub in Orange County.

Elyse lives in Huntington Beach, where she's lived since high school. Prior to that she moved around a lot. Huntington Beach High School was actually the 12th school she attended. She believes it was this experience of moving around that has helped her with bartending. "It helped me chit chat with a variety of people and get to know the different kinds of personalities the world has to offer."

A few years ago, Elyse started bartending at small events to make some extra cash. Her mom was a bartender for 15 years so she has some knowledge under her belt. This side job turned into a full time job. Elyse has worked several places including: El Ranchito, 8Eighty8 Nightclub, Rodrigo's, and Ten

Asian Bistro. Bloody Mary's and margaritas are her favorite drinks to make...probably because she loves drinking them!

Elyse began go go dancing about four years ago and still can't believe she gets paid to do something she loves. She says people often ask her why she sometimes dances when the bartending money is better. She answers, "Because my peace of mind and happiness out weighs any amount of money."

When she's not working at the restaurant or dancing at the club, Elyse likes to keep things pretty mellow. She enjoys going out to dinners, bike rides to the beach, cooking, and going to concerts. Friends, music, and dancing are what gets her through her day.

Make sure you join Elyse at the Ten Asian Bistro bar for a Happy Hour Cocktail Monday -Friday 5-7pm, she can serve you up a \$5 beer, glass of wine or sushi roll. Something to get you started before you head over to 8Eighty8 Nightclub next door and rock the dance floor.

FEATURED GOGO

Brenda Reese

By Heidi Darby

NiteGuide Magazine's featured go-go dancer is not only a member of breakout electro group 51 Fifty, but also knows how to keep energy high on the dance floor.



NGM: What was it like dancing at the Las Vegas Bar and Nightclub Convention for Monster?

BR: Intense! There were huge names watching! I could actually see Camp Freddy to the right of the stage when we were performing... Just such a surreal feeling. I'd have to say I felt honored.

NGM: Favorite song to perform to?

BR: I'd have to say our Usher, OMG remix. As cheesy as it sounds there all my fav. We do such sick remixes to songs that the beats get me going from start to finish!

NGM: When did you get started go-go dancing, and what were your goals?

BR: I actually started go-go dancing at 16 in a little bar in Laughlin called "Lightning Strikes." My goals for go-going were just to have fun. When I moved to Las Vegas and started go-going at Wasted Space, the goal changed to just wanting some freedom in my dancing... Expressing myself.

NGM: What's on your mind when you are

onstage dancing?

BR: Oh geez... I'm literally laughing out loud. Well I think about the music, I think about being tight and strong in my moves. I try to stay smiling and not lip synch the entire time, aaaaand sometimes if I get tired I'll turn around and do my booty shake and think about my grocery list, lol! No, I'm kidding... Kind of!

NGM: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

BR: Rich and famous! No I'm kidding. In all honesty I'd love it if 51 Fifty did take off huge and took the world by storm! That's definitely a dream I'd love to see fulfilled! But if the fates don't see it that way, then I see myself married, kids, doing hair and teaching dance.

NGM: What are your turn ons/turn offs?

BR: Turn ons? A gentlemen... I love a guy who is chivalrous! I like my door opened and my chair pulled out things like that. A turn off? Feet! Ohh bad feet make me cringe!

FEATURED DJ

DJ GOC LAROC

By Kimberly Fisher

As part of our DJ Interview series, we sat down with Gavin O'Connor aka DJ Goc. He discussed his start as a DJ, the many places he's been, as well as his hopes for the future.

Where are some places you have DJ'd?

Sky Hotel (Aspen, Colorado), Rain (Las Vegas, Nevada), Tabu (Las Vegas, Nevada), Mokai (Miami, Florida), Trousdale (Hollywood, CA), Roxbury (Hollywood, CA), Avalon (Hollywood, CA), Les Deux (Hollywood, CA), Hyde (Hollywood, CA), The Viper Room (Hollywood, CA), Bardot (Hollywood, CA), Las Palmas (Hollywood, CA), Playhouse (Hollywood, CA) House Of Blues (Hollywood, CA), Xenii (Hollywood, CA), Conga Room (Los Angeles, CA), 90 Grad (Berlin, Germany), COMO CLUB GOLD (Pforzheim, Germany), Club MAO (Shanghai, China), Black Box (Sofia, Bulgaria), Club Hollywood (Milan, Italy), Cuixmala (Carreyes, Mexico)

Your favorite DJ?

Two to recognize are Roc Raida and A.M.

Where can we find you playing?

Since 2004 I've been DJ'ing every week, NON-STOP, in Hollywood and that has kept me super busy as a hometown hero. This year it would be fun to tour other Southern Cali cities. I've heard of a few new nightclubs that could be fun to rock. In San Diego there's "FLUXX" and O. C. has "8EIGHTY8."

How did you get started?

Once I finished high school, I scored a gig working for Irving Azoff (he's a modern day music biz mogal). I learned a lot working under his wing and have been grateful ever since. To be frank, actually, that's when my education in music began because I'm just now getting started!

What would you never spin?

Any song recorded by the Jonas Brothers.

Best job so far?

DJ'ing a wedding reception at night on a private beach with wild animals and Tahitian fire dancers in Careyes, Mexico.

3 Words that describe you?

Party or die!

Dumb questions people ask?

I don't believe dumb questions exist. On the other hand people always amaze me especially when a person stands still for nearly 20 minutes, staring at me, hoping to make eye contact with me, to eventually ask: "Can you play that song that goes (then they attempt to hum strange, out of key, sounds) la, laaa, laa, la, la, la, laaaaaaaa. Nah, nah, naaaaaaaah. You have that song, right?!"

Where will you be in 10 years?

Onstage, cold chillin' in a B-Boy stance, still.

What would people never know about you?

Most people wouldn't know that I just started making beats this year. I can't wait to release my first batch of bangers!

If you weren't a DJ, you would be a...

An actor or an underwear model.

GOC LAROC

FEATURED BOTTLE HOST

Jacqueline Pascual

By Christian Williams

Jacqueline Pascual is a bottle host at Marquee Nightclub, the hottest new nightclub in Las Vegas. Jacqueline shared with NiteGuide how she keeps herself focused, in shape, and centered in one of the wildest cities in the world.

NGM: How does it feel to be a part of the hottest new night club in Las Vegas?

JP: It feels so amazing to be a part of the hottest new night club in Las Vegas. I moved here two and a half years ago to pursue dancing in a show on the strip. With much prayer, hard work, and sweat working at Tao Beach, I feel like I am finally where I want to be. I have a ridiculously fun job with an incredible management team as well as coworkers and a wonderful schedule.

NGM: What are your hobbies, what do you do for fun?

JP: I have few things that I am highly passionate about; one being dance.

I also love to learn about health and nutrition, and cook. I am really into the raw food diet. I love to make good healthy food and desserts and share them with people.

NGM: What brought you to one of the most known cities in the world?

JP: I am from Union City, California. It's located in the Bay Area. After graduating from U.C. Riverside with my B.S. in Business Administration, I moved back home. I had been looking for "business jobs" and my boyfriend at the time asked me, "What are you doing?!" This is not you. I did some serious prayer and within a week or two, we were in Vegas, with not much but each other and a dream.

NGM: Where do you see your self in 10 years?

JP: Right now I am focused on a couple of things. My goal this year is to buy two pieces of property. One to live in, and one to rent. From there, I want to continue buying more and more property to make passive income through rent. While being single, I want to develop a relationship with the Lord beyond anything I can imagine, while serv-

ing Him and doing his work. I want to travel the world and do mission work, helping the needy. I want to touch and inspire as many people as I can, to live a fulfilled life through loving the Lord and having good health.



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