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## Georgie Porgie

Chris Allen talks to the remixer, songwriter, recording artist and record label owner about his latest projects and new album

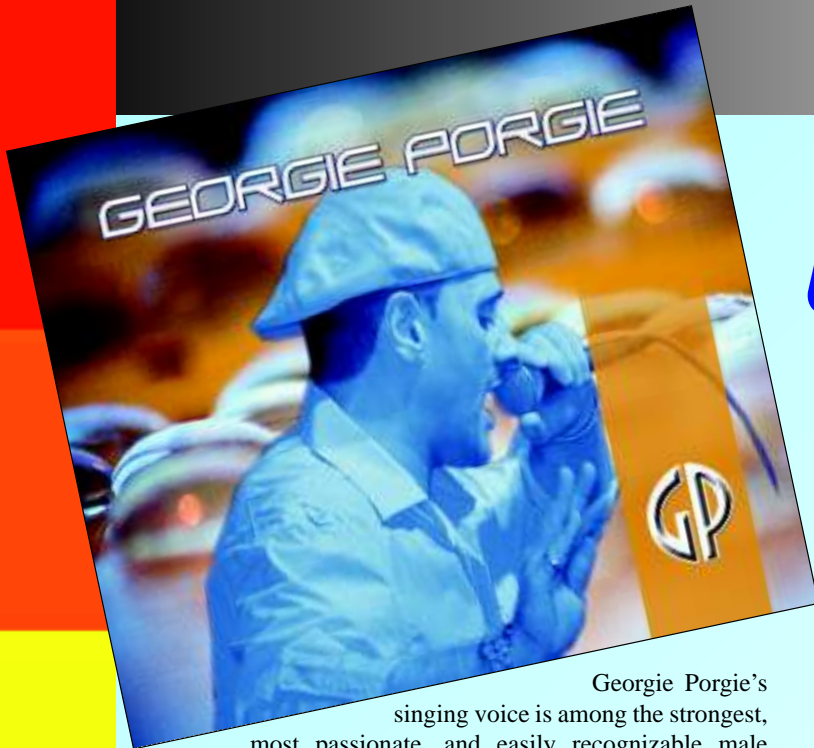
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of all trades. A young man still, Georgie is just getting started!

*Chris Allen: With a string of hit dance records dating back over a decade and your own successful label, you have been described as possibly being "the busiest man in dance music." It seems that - in this day and age - in order to really succeed in this biz called dance music, one has to take on multiple roles. DJs find themselves producing, producers find themselves recording, and so on. The job description never ceases to change. Would you agree or disagree with this, and how does your job description differ from - let's say - 15 years ago?*

Georgie Porgie: I agree - and you get an "amen" from me! Now in the music industry, you have to be able to wear many hats in order to survive. Due to the world getting smaller via the Internet, everything is moving a lot faster. Therefore, you have to be able to react to any opportunity that comes your way. And the key way is to be versatile.

*CA: What is Music Plant Records and who are some of its key artists?*

GP: The Music Plant family has grown over the years. First, the labels with the umbrella of the Music Plant Group consist of Live, Act 2, MODA, OMC, B Star Music Group, Chunky Music, Cheeky Records - and the list continues to grow. Artists - to name a few - are Pepper Mashay, Barbara Tucker, Jacinta, Rachel Panay, Frederick Ford, Ohsha Kai, TNT (Teri Bristol and Tod Miner, Jason Anton, Jamin G Helena Paparizou, Dimension X, John Kano Feat Gia 7, DJ Escape - and that list continues

*CA: Is Act 2 a part of this company?*

GP: Yes, they are growing each year with more incredible records. They are readying Rachel's album for a June release date.

*CA: At the end of 2006, on the Billboard Dance Chart, a magical thing occurred. Is it true history was made?*

GP: Pepper Mashay and I were blessed to have back-to-back Number One singles on the *Billboard* Dance Chart. We held the Number One position between the two singles

Georgie Porgie's singing voice is among the strongest, most passionate, and easily recognizable male vocals in the industry. Like Jennifer Hudson or Deborah Cooper, Georgie's vocals take you that place where all that exists are the flashing lights, the pumping music, and the joy in your soul. One could without doubt call him the King of the Divas; he's definitely got that "it" factor!

But there's much more to Georgie Porgie (aka George Andros) than just an awesome set of pipes and a sexy face. This man writes, produces, and remixes records for not just himself, but a long list of incredible talent - all the while running Music Plant, the parent company of several independent dance labels, including Texas-based dance pop diva Jacinta's Chunky Music.

Georgie's unique style of house is all his own. No stranger to our dance floors or the *Billboard* charts, some of his biggest hits include "I Believe," "It's Over," "Life Goes On," and the classic that inspired a mourning nation - "Love Is Gonna Save The Day." In the 1990's, he penned the hits "Baby Come Back To Me," "Everybody Must Party," and "Let The Music Pump You Up" - to name a few.

Known for kicking out positive and uplifting house tracks filled with grooving bass lines, jamming piano riffs, smooth filtered guitars phrases, and soaring vocalsm Georgie released his first full length album - *Love Life & Be Happy* - in 2005. This masterpiece contains several of his previous hits from the 90's, those beyond 2000, and more - including one of my all time faves: "Sunshine."

I recently caught up with Georgie for a quick chat online. Like so many of today's dance industry players that I've had the pleasure of interviewing, Georgie Porgie is a jack



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## DJ Chris Allen talks to the "King of the Divas" about his work, upcoming projects, and that record-setting Billboard Dance Charts feat.

"I Believe" and "Lost Yo Mind" for three weeks! Since I had penned my own single and helped pen Pepper's, I went into the books as the first to ever achieve this on the *BB* Dance Charts - joining the ranks of such artists as the Bee Gees, who achieved this task on the pop charts.

*CA: Tell me more about your recent involvement with our mutual pal Jacinta and how that came about.*

*GP: We reconnected in Flagstaff. Then after intense conversations over the phone, we decided to work together. I am very excited about Jacinta as an artist - she is a bright light that is about to get the whole industry's attention! Her new single "Secret" is a smash!*

*CA: As well as that slamming mix of Jac's new track "Can't Keep It A Secret," you have remixed quite a few very successful artists. Are there any that you hope to add to that list someday soon, but haven't yet had the opportunity?*

*GP: I am very happy to announce that I will be remixing Deborah Harry's new single - it is a real honor. As far as a wish list, I would love to work with Stevie Wonder; the man is brilliant!*

*CA: Is there one remix in particular that made you stand back and say to yourself, "Yeah baby, I did that"?*

*CA: Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." I stood in the studio and played the acappella over and over. I could not believe that I was hired to remix this classic.*

*CA: What other projects are you currently working on that you can tell us about?*

*GP: I have just finished at least 12 new singles - from Jason Antone's "Be Free," Barbara Tucker's "Love Vibration," to Anais' "No Es Grantia," Jennifer Pena "Tuya" - and the list goes on...*

*CA: On your Myspace.com profile, there is a banner add for a television show called "Turn It Up America" that will feature not only you, but artists from your label. Are you excited about this new venture?*

*GP: Turn It Up America - my first TV show that will air in late April. I am so excited that I will be able to bring the music that I love to the homes of Americans.*

*And let them see - first hand - real dance artists singing*

real dance songs! The compilations will be available in stores on April 24th. This is going to be huge!

*CA: I have read that your classic hit song - "Love Is Gonna Save The Day" - was inspired by the events that occurred on September 11th at the beginning of this decade. Was it your goal to write such a powerfully moving song, or did the track's positive message and energy grow all on its own?*

*GP: I had just come off the road with my single "Life Goes On," and people wanted another uplifting record. I had finished "Love I Love," but everyone wanted an uplifting record. So I penned "Love Is Gonna Save The Day." And that morning, when the buildings came down, I could not believe that I was gifted with lyrics "I woke up this morning feeling this pain; mamma, can you take it away..."*

*Then I was invited by mayor Giuliani to be in New York's first parade after 9/11.*

*The Columbus Parade Committee had built me a float. I sang the song over and over for three hours on the parade route. The NBC announcer summed it up when he said, "Pop dance artist Georgie Porgie (Continued on Page 26)"*

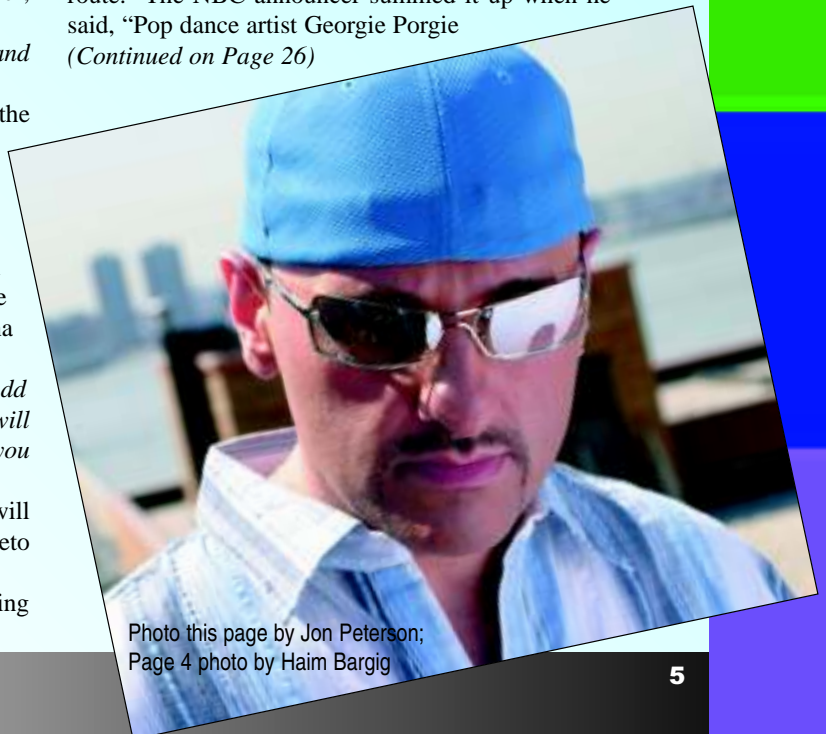


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has brought life back to New York." I don't think I have to elaborate any more on this situation.

CA: *I have often said that your voice is possibly the strongest, most passionate, and most recognizable male vocals in the industry - King of the Divas! What got you into singing - was it church or school or just something you sought out to do?*

GP: God's gift - I have been truly blessed!

CA: *Do you play any instruments?*

GP: Piano - and I count my voice as an instrument.

CA: *Are you professionally trained or self taught?*

GP: Self taught. I did not have the money to get lessons when I started, so I listened to great singers over and over and studied their techniques.

CA: *For the techies, what are you running in your studio?*

GP: Digital Performer 5.0 with all the works!

CA: *Is there any hardware or software that you are partial to?*

GP: Digital Performer 5.0, because it is a musician's tool - rather than Pro Tools, which is a great base for an engineer

CA: *When you're not flying around the globe and find yourself just chilling at your pad, what does George Andros enjoy the most?*

GP: Family and friends - I love to go hang with people who I love; it is always a great time!

CA: *In what way did the music of your childhood affect your career?*

GP: Music with a soul is what affected my childhood. It has created my foundation for where I am today.

CA: *Georgie, thank you so much for making the time for this quick chat. Is there anything you would like to add in closing?*

GP: Thank you for taking the time to interview me. And thank you to all my fans for all their love and support throughout the years - you have made my dream a reality! Words could never express how much I appreciate each and every one of you - God bless you all!

Georgie Porgie's incredible full length album - *Love Life & Be Happy* - several of his single remix EP's, and quite a few releases from many of the artists under Music Plant - including Pepper Mashay - are available for purchase online at iTunes, PerfectBeat, and Beatport. Visit him online at MySpace.com or [www.MusicPlantRecords.com](http://www.MusicPlantRecords.com)

Chris Allen is a Texas-based DJ, radio personality, musician, and writer. Learn more about Chris Allen online at [www.myspace.com/djchrisallen](http://www.myspace.com/djchrisallen).

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