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## Area:One gives you Oakenfold

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Like so many DJ's-in-demand, Paul Oakenfold finds himself constantly in motion. Just weeks before the start of the Area:One Festival — a convergence of rap, rock, pop and techno and the brainchild of Superstar Mohy — London-born Oakenfold has but a moment to spare. You see, he's jetting off to Ibiza, Spain.

And it couldn't be a more appropriate pre-cursor to the major tour. Oakenfold first visited the island more than a decade ago and discovered his "Balearic beat," the sound that revolutionists and the service in the s ized dane ized dance music in the U.K. and essentially made Oakenfold a bousehold name in the States

"I never wanted to be involved in a so-called band," admits the soft-spoken music guru. "I never wanted to play guitar. But I liked the thought of playing music."

when he encountered DJs mixing records and making beats in clubs, he saw the turntable as an instrument for the first time.

Oakenfold was a natural choice to join Area:One. "Moby saked me, so I said yes," he explains. "He sent me a nice little e-mail and I was like Yeah." I like what Moby does."

The line-up, which also includes OzzFest veterans Incubus, rootsy-crooner Nolly

Furtade and legendary Detroit Techno "Innevators" Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson and Juan Atkins, offers the most diversity on a single concert bill his summer. The concept works nicely in England, "says Oaken, fold. He hopes it succeeds State-side as well.

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"I'm happy to be able to play to a completely different audience," he says. "It will be good for me.

Oakenfold should know well what's good for him. He's built his career from the ground up. Once a courier shuffling along the subways in New York City, he was drawn into nightclub culture, tempted by the birth of hip hop, and landed work at record labels like Champion and Dof Jam where he'd get credit for

signing acts like DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince and Salt and Pepa.

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But Oakenfold sought more control, more influence over the dance floor. He began remixing and producing, launched his Perfecto label and made his mark on trance. He was even invited to open for U2's Zooropa Tour. With the recent release of his compilation, Another World, Oakenfold combines the unexpected. Timo Mana' Ubik falls alongside Led Zoppelin's Babe Im Conna Leave You. In Oaken's world Dead Can Dance is no longer alternative.

Oakenfold won't reveal much

Oakenfold won't reveal much about his upcoming set on the tour. He hadn't gotten to planning for it when we spoke in late June. "I'm building my own DJ booth to take on the road," he says, reaching for an answer.

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At present, he's inspired by film scores and British bands like Coldplay.

And Oakenfold is looking forward to returning to Detroit. The city has embraced him this year making his appearances at places like St. Andrews Hall as tunning success. "I really like Detroit," he says. "I think the

Paul Oakenfold

crowd is wonderful there. I was glad when Moby told me we were going to be there."

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Here it comes, Arca: One, featuring Moby, Outcast, Incubus,
The Roots, Nelly Furtado on the
Area Stage, Paul Oakenfold,
Carl Cox, The Orb, Rinocerose,
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world and jazz."

The biggest challenge for Dulzo, who began booking the acts in March, was narrowing

acts in March, was narrowing the programming down.
"It was pretty easy (to list the groups). There's a lot of great music in town," said Dulzo.
"There's hundreds of groups around Detroit good at what they do, We never claim this is the best 25 bands."

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"Michele McKinney, daughter of Harold, will talk about how music came from Africa," said

Dulzo.

"There's rock, reggae, folk; it's a good way to include a lot of people. Della Reses (star of Touched by An Angel) she's from here. She's more a singer than on actress. It's a reunion for some of the people to come back. The Super Sessions are more organized than a jam session. I'm also excited about Jack Scott from the 1950s country and rock-abilly era. And the Reflections and Contours, one of the first Motown groups in the '60s, teaming up. It's easy to get excited about Stevie, Della and the DSO but these are one hour sets (Reflections and Countours) back to back, a real case of freworks."

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