

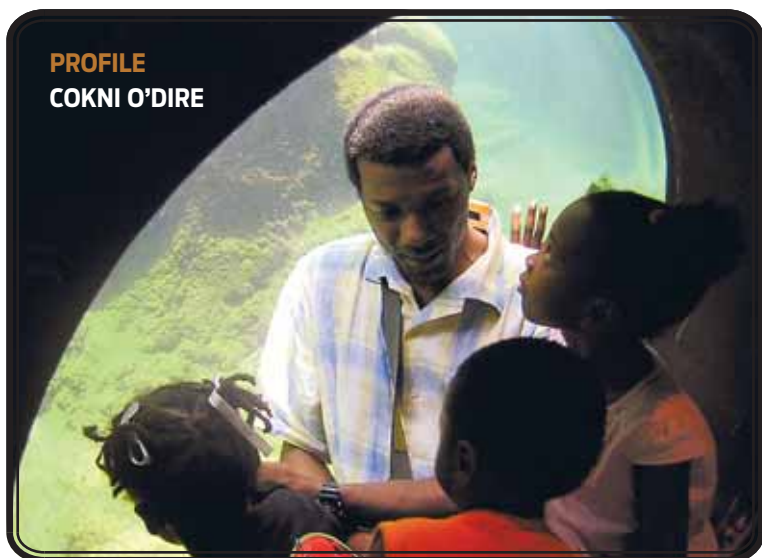
# nightclubs



## Clubs on The 33

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### NEWS FROM THE SCENE



PROFILE  
COKNI O'DIRE

## 'Decent' DJ gig

### Brit-born Cokni O'Dire moderates live radio show

Cokni O'Dire went from beat boxing and rhyiming with hip-hop's East coast pioneers in the early '80s to recording classic records with LA's new-school scene in the '90s.

Now a 10-year Dallas resident, Cokni's popping up on the radar again on both coasts, this time via the Internet with his new Ustream radio show *Decent Something*. The show streams live online every Sunday afternoon right from his home in Oak Cliff.



#### The lowdown

**Real name:** Otis Olivier Lyjasu Williams

**Age:** "Forty Doo Wop"

**Styles:** Reggae, hip-hop, soul and club classics

**Where to hear him:** *Decent Something* broadcasts Sundays at 5 p.m. at [ustream.tv/cokniodire](http://ustream.tv/cokniodire).

**Contact info:**  
[myspace.com/cokniodire](http://myspace.com/cokniodire)

**DJ NATURE  
HEY DJ**

**Q: So let's talk a little Cokni O'Dire history. How'd you get started with this music?**

**O'Dire:** My grandparents were record collectors. They, like many Jamaicans, relocated to England for work. That's where I was born. My father was a DJ/entertainer and, more than anyone, is my greatest influence. We migrated to the Bronx in 1970, where music was richer than caramel cocoa with marshmallow. I was hooked. We moved to Jamaica Queens, where every weekend in the summer were block parties, which is where I got inducted into hip-hop. I ran with the Albino Twins — one of their MCs was LL Cool J. I used to do the beatbox for him.

**Q: How'd you get started as a DJ?**

**O'Dire:** When I moved to LA, I took Djing more serious as I linked with turntablists Cut Chemist, Numark, Babu, J. Rocc, Rhettmatic, Marv Ski and Dem Man Deh. I was one of a few in the world that knew how to blend hip-hop, house and reggae appropriately. There was Bobby Konders, Sting International, me and Alywod. Everybody else was just real nice at one thing, but we took all the elements full hundred.

**Q: There's a pic online of you, Queen Latifah, Jamal Ski and Myka 9 freestyling at an LA spot called Brass in '89. Tell us about that spot.**

**O'Dire:** That was Brass, put on by my man Paul Stewart and Orlando Alguien in Hollywood. That was a mad sick spot, now called the Larchmont, that you could jam with great MCs like Latifah and Jamal Ski in the picture. That night was La's b-day, and I had a mad crush on her at the time. I sung happy birthday to her in a chant. Sick!

**Q: You've got a new Sunday afternoon show, 'Decent Something,' on Beatminerz Radio. It's live streaming video, and you're doing it from your back yard.**

**O'Dire:** I actually can broadcast from anywhere. Last Sunday was so nice that I took it to the yard. ... The interactive chat is fantastic because you can request, criticize or praise without disturbing my groove.

## CINCO DE MAYO PARTIES

**Lone Star Park's** Jose Cuervo Cinco de Mayo Celebration features music from local party band **Ice House**. Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. 1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie. \$5 general admission. 972-263-7223. [lonestarpark.com](http://lonestarpark.com).

**Access Dallas** presents **Cinco de Drinko** at **Purgatory**, an early celebration of Cinco de Mayo with \$3 tequila shots all night and \$150 bottle service. Saturday, doors at 9 p.m. 2208 Main St. \$15 for guys, \$10 for girls. 972-567-3068. [accessdallas.com](http://accessdallas.com).

**Knox Street Pub, Kozy** and **Quick** present **Fiesta de McKinney**, a party in the parking lot between Knox Street and Kozy, with margarita and beer specials and fajitas. A DJ and mariachi band will perform. Tuesday at 6 p.m. 4447 McKinney Ave. No cover. 214-528-5100. [knoxstreetpub.com](http://knoxstreetpub.com).

Cinco de Mayo celebration at **Industry Bar**. DJs will spin all night. Happy hour specials all night. Tuesday, doors at 4 p.m. 5427 Belt Line Road. No cover. 972-503-4637. [myspace.com/industrybar](http://myspace.com/industrybar).

**DJ Silver** at **Plush**. **DJ Krave** and **Sno White** will be on hand for this Cinco de Mayo celebration. Tuesday at 9 p.m. 1400 Main St. No cover. 214-606-1203. [plushdallas.com](http://plushdallas.com).

**Cinco de Mattito's** at **Mattito's Tex-Mex Cocina**. Outdoor fiesta with Sauza tequila tastings and salsa band **Latin Image**. Tuesday at 5 p.m. 3011 Routh St. No cover. 214-526-8181. [mattitos.com](http://mattitos.com).

**Big Shucks** and **Aw Shucks** offer \$2 Tecates, \$2 margaritas and \$5.95 ceviche. Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Big Shucks, 6232 E. Mockingbird Lane. 214-887-6353. [bigshucks.com](http://bigshucks.com).  
• Aw Shucks, 3601 Greenville Ave. 214-821-9449. [awshucksdallas.com](http://awshucksdallas.com).

**Maximo Cocina Mexicana** celebrates with a fiesta featuring live mariachi music and flamenco dancers. A margarita lounge will offer \$5 Don Julio and Jose Cuervo drinks. Tuesday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. 5301 Alpha Road, Suite 80. 972-233-5656. [maximodallas.com](http://maximodallas.com)

Cinco de Mayo coincides with **Humperdink's** usual Texas Tuesday and will feature not only its regular \$2 drink specials, but also ZZ Top tribute band **Trio Grande**. Tuesday at 8 p.m. 3820 Belt Line Road, Addison. 972-484-3051. [humperdinks.com](http://humperdinks.com).

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