

Festival Baby Meets Sigma

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If we needed to see a psychologist (which we probably do, because we're cer-azy) we'd go and see Sigma (Freud). Sentences like that are one of the many, MANY, reasons why we at Festival Baby are music journalists rather than chart topping DnB DJs. Another reason is that we got banned from the Guild of DnB DJs for being too awesome. Oh, and also for our constant lies.

Luckily for you, the world of DnB has been kept warm - or super hot! - by Sigma. We had a little chat with Joe (one half, obviously) about their choons, what festivals they're playing this summer, and cagoules. That's right, cagoules.

Hey there! How's it going?

Good good. We're just getting our stuff together for Ibiza Rocks tomorrow, and then we're doing [Glastonbury](#) this weekend. It's non-stop. We've got loads here and a good few abroad too, like [Sea Dance](#) in Montenegro.

What's your best festival memory?

You know Exit festival Serbia? We went there, probably 'bout six years ago with some friends.

Who did you see?

Can't remember. It was just the general vibe to be honest. We saw Snoop Dogg, now that I think about it, but it was mostly just about the Dance Arena. It's set in a moat in a castle. When the sun starts coming up in the morning, it's just a wicked vibe.

What's the weirdest thing you've seen at a festival?

When I was a kid, I was about twelve years old and I went on holiday with my family in Cornwall. We went to Lizard Festival in Penzance. I brought my mate along, who's black. They had a Rastafarian Tent, but it was just a load of white guys with dreadlocks! I walked in with him and they basically started worshipping the ground he walked on. It was very weird.

What are your festival essentials?

Well, for a start, take wellies.

We forgot those at Isle of Wight.

Ah, mate, I bet your shoes are ruined.

A bit, but you'd be surprised how well a pair of Converse hold up, even in the mud.

Still, you should know this, you're a festival website.

Yeah, but we're idiots

Ha! Fair enough. Wellies are important. A pair of shades for if it gets too much and you want your own space. And a cagoule. Sorry, that's a bit boring.

No, wish we'd done this interview a couple of weeks ago, mightn't have ruined our trainers.

Yeah, true.

We were speaking to Andy C recently and asked him which he prefers, drum or dass. After a bit of cajoling for an answer, he said drum. Would you agree?

[After a bit of cajoling to answer our stupid question] Erm, no, I'll go for the bass. It's vital to any sound system. It's the foundation, like.

What festivals are you doing this summer? And which festivals would you like to play which you haven't?

Loads. To be honest you're best off looking at our [site](#) because I'll forget right now. I'd love to play [Coachella](#) and [Isle of Wight](#), but other than that we've been lucky enough to tick off loads from the bucket list.

(If you're wondering, Sigma are playing, among others: [Hideout](#), [Sea Dance](#), [Brownstock](#), [Grape](#), [Sziget](#), [Pukkelpop](#), [Frequency](#), [V Festival](#) and [Sundown](#))

Do you prefer playing festivals or attending as a guest?

I enjoy both really. If you're not playing, there's less stress, but, obviously, the feeling you get when you do perform is amazing. A bit of both.

How do you spot a festival dickhead?

Well, I think the first sign is usually really muscly dudes with vests and stuff. You know, bros.

We were at Parklife recently. There were a lot of muscly bros. And it was scary. Because we aren't muscly bros.

Really?! I wouldn't have expected that about Parklife. But then, that's the way it is now. Any festival with a lot of dance acts can be a bit of a bro-fest. It's odd. Oh, another sign of a

festival dickhead is someone with a tie around their head. That's a bad one. School tie round the head, bad sign.

What's the best way to get over the Festival blues?

Well, going back to that time we went to Exit, we landed in Serbia then went back up through Budapest, had a week there and went to all the baths and stuff. It was amazing. Came back feeling fresh, which was amazing after a five day festival.

Your new single Glitterball, what's that about?

I suppose you'd say it's a love story 'bout two people meeting in a club, seeing each other each side of the dance floor. We've all been there haven't we?

We haven't? But that's a different story.

That's a shame.

Guess so. Anyway, which do you think is better, Dodgeball, Thunderball or Zoe Ball?

I don't know what Thunderball is.

It's a Bond film.

Really. How do I not know that!? I'm definitely going for Thunderball.

It's one of the best ones. It has sharks and everything.

And I haven't seen it!? Well, I'm gonna have to sort that out.

It helps if you have a lot of free time on your hands and you don't have a girlfriend.*

Ah, well, I'm still gonna watch it.

You've done a lot of collaborations. If you had to do a collaboration with Slipknot or Liberty X who would you go for?

Slipknot. We've done a lot in the pop world recently so it would be interesting. It could be good. We'll have a word with our management.

Sounds good. Remember to say it was our idea, though. If you were gonna have your own festival, what would it be like?

I'd actually try and go a bit left-field from what we usually do, maybe something quite chilled like a cinematic orchestra, that kind of thing. It's easier to organise and you don't attract so many of the bros.

Good idea. Of all the letters of the Greek alphabet, why did you go for Sigma?

No reason, really. We were just stuck for a name and wanted something that looked good. You could come up with something elaborate if you want?

Well, we checked the Greek alphabet and it probably is the best of the lot to be fair? Kappa's taken and Eta's a military group.

Yeah, Kappa's taken, that's a good answer. That said, turns out there's loads of companies called Sigma. There's a camera lens company, a pharmaceutical company.....

Yeah, but you've got your own nice DnB niche within that.

True, true.

Thanks Joe!

Well, he was nice, wasn't he? Probably for the best that he called the group Sigma. Definitely sounds better than Kappa, unless you're buying trainers or whatever it is they make. Lastly, we asked him to give us a list of what tunes he's listening to at the moment. Check out his list below:

*Festival Baby have definitely never had absolutely loads of free time on our hands and not had a girlfriend, or girlfriends.