



Viren Khanna



Mariam Zielke



Martin D'Souza

Sip on

The Humming Tree hosted Martin Dsouza on deck last weekend for M&M Nights. He played his eclectic mix of tunes as music lovers sipped on the venue's signature cocktails.

People, come out and party!

KARAOKE AND LATE NIGHT
HIGHLIGHTS FROM
LOVESHACK, KORAMANGALA



THIS might not be under the radar of the pages of DNA, but it's a party that's been making its rounds in the city. Karaoke and late night are the main attractions at Loveshack, Koramangala. The venue is a hub for music lovers who want to enjoy a good night out. The venue is a hub for music lovers who want to enjoy a good night out. The venue is a hub for music lovers who want to enjoy a good night out.



PARTYING SHOT

By Anand Kulkarni



• Sandeep and Deepa • Martin D'Souza • Derzi and Namrata

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• Sujit and Natasha



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Basant and Swetha Swetha and Sourav Anshoo and Sreetha Mallaya and Shroo

Party just the way we like

KARAOKE NIGHT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
LOVESHACK, KORAMANGALA

EXCEPT for a couple of known faces, this was one regular Karaoke night at Loveshack, which by the way is quite a popular weekly feature. It's also one of those spots where people don't feel the compulsion to bring out their party wear all the time. This week, the Karaoke night saw Minish Arora, a popular face in the event's business, drop by to check out the scene.



Minish and Shresh

Apart from that, it was a time for people to give their vocal chords some serious exercise as people tried their hands at singing. Now we're no one to judge on the quality of voices but people definitely enjoyed playing the singer that evening!



Savartha, Himesh and Karishma



Minish and Shresh



Minish and Shresh



Nisha and Aliqaz Javid and Joe Martin and Richa Paul Kelsey and Kiran



Komal, Pia and Nastasha Nadiya and Shoeb Nidhi, Suman and Ajay

Now that was fun!

ANNIVERSARY PARTY! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 MANCHESTER UNITED

IT'S soon going to be the first anniversary of for Manchester United Bar and Restaurant in the city... and to get the party going they organised a series of four events for people to be part of. Last Friday, hosts Martin Dsouza and Richa Paul as well as celebrity host, Miss Asia Pacific World, Tanvi Singla, were seen spicing up a rather fun quiz. It was also a ladies and expat night so there were loads of pretty faces around as well... The event, which was organised by Enayat Ansari of Hydroco Inc, was fun for sure... As for those who missed it, fret not as you can check it out next Friday as well!



Miss Asia Pacific World
Tanvi Singla



Aman and Sanjana



Nisha and Reynolds



EA



Yanas, Shweta Ali and Anoop Shehala and Spard Sagar and Neetu

Kroaking the night away

Those who walked into **Love Shack** on Wednesday thinking it was a regular event, were in for a pleasant surprise. Models **Shweta Ali, Tarun Arora** and **Syed Zulfikar** turned up in their best for the Ladies and Karaoke Night. The atmosphere was lively and the partygoers could be seen having a good time, driving away the mid-week blues.



Susan and Ritika



Vinod, Abhi and Vinita



Mahi, Neeraj and Ching



Smanuel and Shawn

EA



Samantha and Vidya



Smitha and Vasanth

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Prakrta and Yelena



Natasha and Abby



Martin D'souza



Rojana Mishra with friends

BRUNCH WITH PANACHE!

A bunch of youngsters headed to this Residency road address to indulge in a chilled out Sunday afternoon brunch. DJ Martin D'souza had these youngsters dancing to his exhilarating beats. Savouring on the exquisite spread and sipping on cocktails this lot ended the week with style.



• Kritika, Aparna and Gitismita



• Deepthi and Kushal



• Abhishek and Shalini



• Riya and Preethi



• DJ Martin D'souza

BE BOLD PEOPLE



MARTIN D'SOUZA

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From Coding to Body Building, Shweta Mehta, the small town girl who made it big

A few years after that fateful day, Martin went to a school to learn all the necessary skills to become a DJ. Martin is also a DJ (Karaoke Jockey) and acts. "Much preference being given to music and entertainment, which drives me and keeps me going." The next day Martin had to deal with roadblocks and was not any professional, especially one that is in the entertainment sector. "That's why the DJ, the passion for it helped me hold on and not give up. Any profession one has, one must have passion and dedication. One helps in making one enjoyable and fulfilling." These tough times for Martin were not longer from your regular income to fall back on. Hoping for a more fulfilling profession, Martin started his business at a small scale.



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The crooning glory



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Meet this spirited trio that organises karaoke nights, which are a rage in the city

AYESHA TABASSUM

DECCAN CHRONICLE
If you think you could have been Ron Jost, Michael Jackson, Bryan Adams or one of the Spice girls, then you must meet the karaoke trio of the city. Sabrina Price, Martin D'Souza and Kayden Dias are known to make people sing.
The karaoke nights they conduct at various venues across the city are the

coolest places to hang out with friends and families. This trio makes sure you sing out loud and feel good about it. "It doesn't matter how anyone else sings. It's all about having fun. People know they cannot sing but who cares?" quips Sabrina who started conducting karaoke nights three years ago. In the past year, she formed a team with the boys and it has been quite an adventure conducting the events. "It's a lot of fun. At times, you get a few patrons who are so high that they end up snatching the mike and asking you out on a date," laughs Martin.
Though they open the show, they get the audience to take it forward. Usually songs played on radio are the most preferred by first-timer singers. But it isn't always about popular music. Usually it is the classics or the mid 80s and 90s that are the favourites. "Many tend to sing,

I'm a Barbie Girl and Wannabe from Spice Girls. But that's only when we start the evening. Once people settle down, they are back to the 70s and 80s," says Sabrina.
What keeps the trio motivated all through the evening is the unorthodox way of crooning their favourite number. "I am a musician and know how difficult it is to execute some songs. So when we sing with the audience, it's like living the fantasy of singing our favourite numbers through karaoke nights," says Kayden.
Though it's an enjoyable experience, it gets tough for the singers to continue with the show. "There have been incidents when people are high and don't realise what they are doing. Most of them make faces at the singers. We just don't say anything and laugh it off," adds Sabrina.

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• Nancy and Nidhi



• Pingal and Surubhi

ALL JAZZED UP!

✓ This MG Road venue was packed to the rafters on Friday night as a whole bunch of the city's party animals stepped out with their squads for some chill time. DJ Martin D'Souza owned the night as he manned the decks and kept the disco ball rolling! The swanky vibe at this bash had everyone in 'high' spirits!



• Arjun and Sana



• Chandani and Priyanka



• Richard Mathew and DJ Martin D'Souza



• Olivia and Ziya

Sunny shenanigans

✓ The balmy weather calls for an aqua respite. On Sunday, *namoora's* young folk checked-in to this party by the pool, to cool off in style. DJ Martin D'Souza was in charge of the decks. Guys and girls turned up in breezy attires at this Ashok Nagar venue, to revel the evening away. Clearly, everyone in the house was in a jolly good mood!



• Swati, Nireeksha and Disha



• Goutam and Eva



• Sarjana



• Bharka and Tasneem



• DJ Martin D'Souza



• Ankit, Shruti, Roshni and Ronith

BEATS FIX THE BLUES



● Varsha and Steffie

✍ Nobody does a ladies night better than Bengaluru's party animals! There was nothing holding back these peeps from having the time of their lives on Wednesday night at this Kormangala address. DJ Martin D'Souza worked his magic, spinning out groove-worthy hits! With just the right amount of tippie, the night came alive!



● Yashi and Chris



● DJ Martin D'Souza



● Sneha, Sanjna, Vidya and Anika



● Rha, Samarth and Shreya



● Anjal and Ronny



● Albee and Ashna



● Anika

SATUR'YAY' SHINDIG

✍ Saturday witnessed a rottingk group of youngsters heading to Old air port road. Sporting trendy styles and cheerful smiles they added charm to the club. DJ Martin D'Souza and DJ Rohit took over the deck duties for the evening, swaying and thumping to the lively music the crowd seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



● Lily with a friend



● DJ Rohit, DJ Martin and Rahul



● Ashima and Akarsha



● Becky and Sharath



● Karan and Aamna



● Shvani and Drii



● Bhavna and Nayarika

STELLAR NIGHTS!

✍ Wednesday nights are never boring at this Domtar venue as these stylish ladies made their way here for a karaoke night. The ladies were seen crooning their favourite tunes and jiggling to the upbeat numbers played by DJ Martin D'Souza. There was never a dull moment at this lively address as these youngsters were seen partying into the late night.



● Joel, Steffie and Johnson A



● Mopriya and Samitha Sharma



● Hasitha, Latika and Abishwarya



● DJ Martin D'Souza and DJ Johnson

party whirl



● Maria and Avanthika



● Hema and Bharat

SINGING ALONG

✓ KJ Martin was in the house at this popular rooftop lounge. Young party peeps were seen crooning along at the karaoke night. They also sipped on their tipple and made merry making the most of the lovely city weather.



● Martin D'souza



● Amrita and Aparjita



● Roopa Shree



● Saif and Adeem



● Aroon and Peeyush

One for the *Titans*



● Pradeep and Komal

✓ Wednesday night premiere of Hollywood action-adventure flick *Wrath of the Titans* in 3D saw quite a turnout of the young brigade at Cinepolis. A few models and Sandalwood starlets spotted at the premiere were Rashri Ponnappa, Roopa Shree, Peeyush and Komal.



● Shauwn



● Karthik and Sharada



● Rishma and Priyanka



● Rashri Ponnappa



● Shipa and Kovid



● Shauwn



● Mona and Enayet

Nite in notes

✓ It was a night of karaoke fun at the ladies night on Wednesday at Love Shack. DJ Martin D Souza and DJ Nik were at the turn tables as the guests danced to his tunes. Called the Hot Pants Nite, youngsters were spotted in high-waisted hot pants and jumpsuits.



● Martin



● Asma and Khalid



● Swati and Gautam



● Reshma, Triparna, and Sibin



● Nandini and Anshul



● Apoorva



● Joshua and Sarita



● Martin D' Souza with a friend



● Maricha and Jai



● Di Rishi



● Koushin and Ashitha



● Shrithera, Ashika and Nooye



● Jai and Oshin

Around town

✓ Bengalureans sure know how to party and weekend or no, they believe in letting their hair down. Party animals let some steam off as they danced their way into the night. While Lovesthuck had singers crooning their blues away, Circus had DJ Rohit heating up the dance floor with some wicked commercial music on a Wednesday night.

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Maha Gill



Mamta and Bipasha Basu



Riya Sen



Soha Ali Khan

GET 'SHORTY': Youngsters at the party

'Kroak' in style!

It was a great night for all those who participated in some hard core karaoke at Love Shack. With cocktails doing the rounds and all the party guests crooning their favourite songs, it was a night not to be missed! We also spotted actor Taran Arora at this do.



PEARLY WHITES: Martin D'Souza with a friend



COOL DURE: Hassan



SHINNING FROM EAR TO EAR: Taran Arora with a friend



SQUARING UP: Aditya, Neha and Rakshita with friends



Geta Basra



Sonam Kapoor



Kangna Ranaut



Ragshwari

An evening for glitterati

The first day of the India International Jewellery Week (IIJW) was nothing if not glamorous! Featuring celebs like Bipasha Basu, Sonam Kapoor and Kangna Ranaut, the event had a sheen glossy enough to hurt the eye — but we mean that in a good way. A high point of the day was the ramp show organised for the NGO Be1, featuring celeb mom/dad-daughter pairs. Truly, this was jewellery for a cause.



Madhoo with her daughter



Kiara Dhody and Queenie



Durga and Madhura Jassraj



Nusli Roy

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• Samantha and Vidya



• Smitha and Vasanth

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• Natasha and Abby



• Prajakta and Yelena



• Martin D'Souza



• Ranjana Mishra with friends

party whirl



• Shaira and Tabu



• Seema Malhotra

ODE TO girl power!



• Leena Singh

This was just the perfect way to spend a Wednesday. Leena Singh hosted a ladies' night out at Dublin where 15 of her gal pals turned up and set the evening on fire. Cocktails, and candid conversation kept the tempo going. Wedding, politics and holiday plans were discussed with equal gusto. There were delicious finger foods too and the ladies had a blast dancing to some fabulous retro numbers. Here's looking forward to more such fun nights.



• Sunita Mankani



• A performer at the event



• Sangeeta Jung



• Raveena Belani



• Sandeep and Deepa



• Martin D'Souza



• Denzi and Namrata

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• Shilpika and Joshna



• Sujit and Natasha



• Bertr and Lia

Stars shine down



● Natalia Pinheiro

Thursday evening was filled with film and fashion at the pre-launch party of Indrajit Lankesh's new film *Dev* that is touted to release in March. Models sashayed down the steps of F bar in bridal creations, followed by a round of bike wear in leather jackets and shorts. But it was the stars of the Sandalwood film *Diganth* and Charmi that the intimate gathering loved. Lankesh also introduced Brazilian bombshell Natalia Pinheiro. Prasad Bidapa announced that she is one face to watch out for. Though Prasad had promised a special song by Lucky Ali, he barely sang half of a line of the Kannada song that he has sung in the movie.



● Diganth and Charmi



● Neha and Rishan Issac



● Harshita, Sitara and Shrutha Keerthi



● Kate and Lucky Ali

● Prasad Bidapa and Aviva Bidapa

Time to karaoke

It was ladies night at Loveshack on Wednesday, and needless to say, the ladies turned up in full attendance, dressed prettily in their LBD's. Martin D and DJ Niko turned things up a notch as they belted out hit numbers, and the crowd swaying away to their tunes.



● Shoaib and Lavanya



● Kushal and Neha



● Martin



● Pratima, Jishana, Neeta and Varsha



● Anjali, Neha, Suganthy and Santosh

party whirl



● Mari



● Rutuja and Ankur



● Nicola and Gary



● Mark and Lee

Bringing on the banter!

1 Downing Street has gradually garnered a reputation for being one of the most fun pubs in Chennai, and this party was no different as the swanky watering hole welcomed an enthusiastic bunch of nightowls. From loud cheering, to slick dance moves, to pulsating music, the night had everything to offer – and more. Mridhula flashed a gorgeous smile, looking gorgeous as she posed for the photographers. Mark and Lee also drew a lot of attention for their banter, as the duo seemed to be having a whale of a time!



● Mridhula



● Babli and Mohi



● Aparjit and Mohi



● Kavita and Satbar



● Tia



● KDJ Martin

Little tattle

HOLIDAY FOR PRAKASH RAJ

Prakash Raj is one of the busiest actors in Kollywood, with his TV foray also keeping him on a tight schedule nowadays. But the *NIVOK* host found time to visit Switzerland on a quick, enjoyable holiday with his family. After posting a photo of him relaxing in a park in Geneva, Prakash tweeted: "Had quality time. Short explorations like these rejuvenates me. Back to work from tom (*"



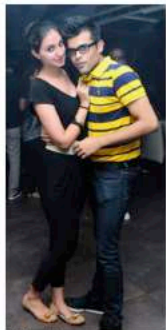
• Ananya, Shaaba and Samyuktha



• Preethi, Vignesh and Lekhya



• Adithy, Zareen and Apar



• Sifat and Varan



• Sangheetha, George and El Victoria



• Jovita and Wouter



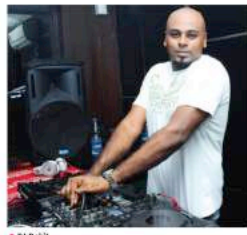
• Martin



• Jovita and Rose

Midweek MADNESS

Who says Bengaluru is boring during the middle of the week? This midweek, Cirrus and Love Shack were buzzing with the sound of music and laughter. While all the ladies gathered at Cirrus to drink their worries away at the Ladies' Night with DJ Rohit, Love Shack celebrated a DJ night with DJ Navsen, followed by a Karaoke night with KJ Martin D'Souza, with on-the-house drinks for all women. It was indeed an unforgettable evening for the city folk!



• DJ Rohit



• Sonalika, Afia and Sheena



• Manisha and DJ Johnson

MIKE MAGIC!

Everybody loves a good karaoke session, this Domlr address came alive, with the right hums and rhythms. KJ Martin Dsouza took charge of the turn tables. Unsurprisingly, it was a night of absolute revelry and frolicking!



• Akashya and Nikhil



• Ateesha and Sana



• KJ Martin Dsouza



• Sanjana, Donald and Maria

ROCKING NIGHT

Bowled over by Brett

Australian bowler Brett Lee sure knows how to strike a chord and quite literally at that! The gorgeous cricketer was in the City last weekend to perform at Pebbles with his band *White Shoe Theory*. Brett, his long time friend Mick Vasdonk—the vocalist and rhythm guitarist, drummer Kere and lead guitarist Jak form the *White Shoe Theory*. The rockstar sportsman had the girls swooning over him as usual, as he belted out a fantastic set of songs for a crowd of 250 to 300 people.

Bangalore band *One Nite Stand* opened for the rockers. Martin D'Souza, the rapper of *One Nite Stand*, expressed his pleasure for getting an opportunity to open for *White Shoe Theory*. "It felt great to perform on a huge platform like this. We always had an image of Brett Lee as a cricketer in our minds. But he's really opened us that inspire us to write songs. It's not like we'd like to



FUN Members of *White Shoe Theory* and *One Nite Stand*

write only about relationships, love or romance. A traffic jam that we're stuck in could give us ideas for a song." Mick said they chose songs that people know. They performed *I am her standing there*, *You're really got a hold on me* by the Beatles. About their genre of music, Mick said that the band is largely comfortable with rock and soft rock. "Each of us in the band grew up listening to a lot of rock music. But we do have punk, reggae and rap influences in our music. But we

try and stick to popular music," he said. It wouldn't be wrong to say that people were bowled over by Brett Lee and his team of brilliant musicians. "We couldn't get enough" was the common refrain that ran among the Brett fans at the concert. Ria Joseph, a jewellery designer brought along a big bunch of her friends and she says she was taken by surprise. "It was a manageable crowd and the band sang some popular songs. Each of us had a chance to walk up to Brett and interact with him. More than Brett, I think the band came together brilliantly," said Ria. Kanan Karayya, a buyer spent his Saturday night at the Brett concert. "Frankly, I didn't expect much from Brett, considering that we have known and seen him as a cricketer. But he surprised us all with his brilliant backing vocals. It was worth the while," he signs off.

DHNS



MUSICAL Brett Lee

Plugged in



SPIN MAGIC! Hothead DJ for a festival

With the sound of music

Music festivals are growing by leaps and bounds in the country. The City, being a hub of music, too is not far behind in this regard. A host of some of the most popular exports like 'RUSSET', 'Sunburn Arena', 'NH7 Woodstock' and 'Super sonic', Bengaluru sees some of the best names from across the country and the world taking the stage every year. And at all these festivals, the infrastructure plays a very important role.

Be it the visuals or the sound and lighting, if the logistics fail to match up, these shows can be a disappointment regardless how talented the artists under the spotlight is.

With a packed music season ahead, DJs and music lovers express their views on how es-

ential it is for a music festival to offer a wholesome experience in terms of not just music but also technology and infrastructure.

For Martin D'Souza, a City-based disc and karaoke jockey, better technology means better output. "The artists, sponsors and organisers have to work in sync. The people who are coming for the shows are spending money after all. So if the set-up is not good enough, your performance won't live up to their expectations. And unfortunately, not all the places offer a very good service. But then there are the challenges that you face as an artist and in the end, there is a substitute for hard work," he says.

Concerns over how technology can make or break a show, Siddhant Chaturvedi, professional who attends many EDM shows, says, "If the technology fails, it can not only be embarrassing for the organisers but even the artists."

He recalls a popular City-based show which had a stage where the artists were playing, the main speaker



Martin D'Souza PH: COURTESY LOKESH CHAKRAVARTY

went off. The poor DJ had to keep the crowd under control for quite sometime and it was a tough situation for the organisers as well," he recalls.

The scale of the concern affects the logistics, feels Madhu also Kohra, a Delhi-based artist who has played around the world and at festivals like 'Sunburn', 'NH7 Woodstock', 'Super sonic', 'RUSSET' and 'Muzenet Fields'. "Earlier, the concerts used to be smaller and more intimate. The nowadays, you can't have that kind of a personal experience with the DJ anymore. So in such a case, it's very important that a show has great visuals and technology. Festivals like 'Super sonic' have a laudable stage with installations that are music-powered, synchronic and wonderful visuals. The bar has definitely been raised," he remarks. DJ Nash, who organises

the 'Get Loud Festival' and has played at Storm Festival and 'Seshchamf', says the scene is completely digital nowadays. "A DJ can only be as good as the set-up. And sadly, if the set-up is not good, people end up putting the blame on the DJ. As a festival organiser, I focus on sound and light as much as talent for I want the audience to get the best experience," he says.

Agrees Rafiushan Fasha from Plug Networks, that focuses on hosting the best nightlife events. "It all boils down to the experience. Through the DJs add a lot to it, even the location, production and programming can make or break a show." He feels that Bengaluru has a great scene. "But India on the whole has to match up to the global standards of technology, where the scene has always been great."



DJ Nash



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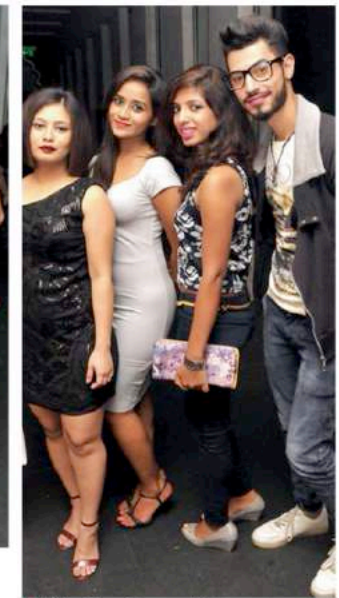
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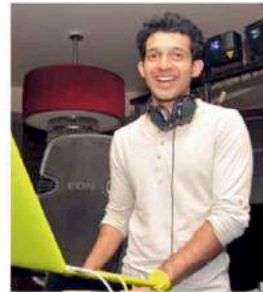
● Palak and Nitin



● Madhuri and Puneet



● Nitisha, Divya, Aasma and Hemo



● Martin D'Souza

WICKED WEEKENDS!

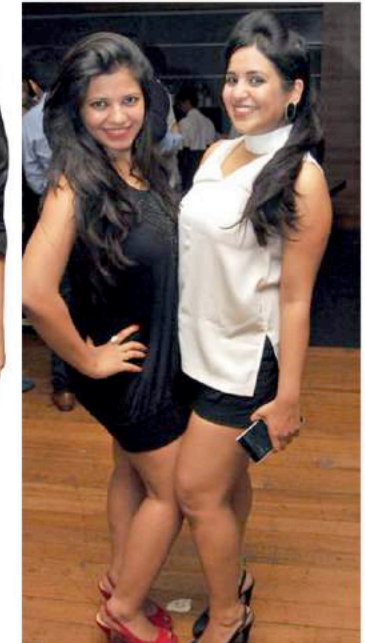
It was a night of absolute madness and mayhem! On Saturday, Bengaluru's swish party peeps dropped by at this luxe hotel on Ulsoor, to shake a leg and down some pegs. There was great music in the house, all thanks to DJ Martin D'souza, who took charge of the deck duties. Viren Khanna hosted this lively shindig, which had youngsters letting their hair down and grooving the night away.



● Marisha



● Viren Khanna with friends



● Jannat and Anushree



● Pojra and Seema



● Mithi and Nilakshi



● Dawud and Ekta



● Meenakshi and Rashi

Some desi drama!

It was time for some desi drama on the floor! DJ Jack and DJ Sunny played some of the biggest Bollywood songs, and everyone seemed to be in the mood to groove. All in all, it was a night of some mad dancing at this hip lounge on Residency Road.



● Jit and Neetu



● Jit and Neetu

Movin' to the beat

Last evening, it was all about shaking a leg and lowering some peeps! Young peeps rocked to this happening high end bar on MG Road. DJ Raghu and KJ Martin D'Souza were at the decks. The energy was great, and everyone seemed to raise a toast to some fun and frenzy!



● KJ Martin D'Souza and DJ Raghu



● Sarjal, Vikas, Ramaraju and Swarna



● Anjam



● Hazel, Reshma and Rika

THE NIGHT IS YOUNG



● Aksha, Sahal and Suzette

When two DJ's take to the console, there's got to be lots of mayhem and music. And that's what happened at Opus as DJ Vanshi and birthday boy Martin D'Souza got around to playing old school, hip hop, R&B house and commercial tunes. Everyone on the floor had a blast dancing and making merry.



● Smitha and Meenakshi



● Akash and Javier



● Shweta and Dimple



● Shvili and Rachita



● Kygia and Nigel



● DJ Vanshi and Martin

A rocking anniversary



Martin

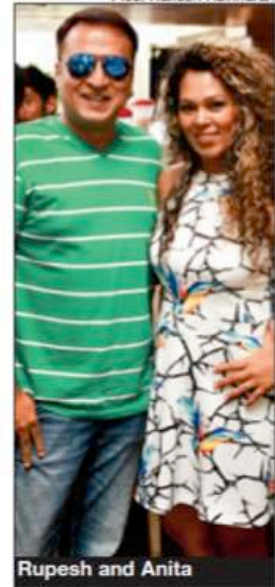
Aniversaries are special, and more so if it is the first. Happy Brew marked its first anniversary recently with a Sunday Beerdowner Brunch. Making the celebration interesting was the dress code for the day — all the guests had to come dressed in white. DJ Martin D'souza kept the mood upbeat by spinning one trippy track after the other as the guests indulged in some good food and their favourite drinks. We spotted Rupesh and Anita Kholay, and Kudrat and Sonya letting their hair down at the do.



Kudrat and Sonya



Roopa, Shiva and Monisha



Rupesh and Anita

Pics: Rakesh Ravindran



● Asihani, Oindrilla and a friend



● Bharath and Siya



● DJ Martin D'souza



● Roshni and Merlyn



● Sneha and Somya

FAB FRIDAYS!

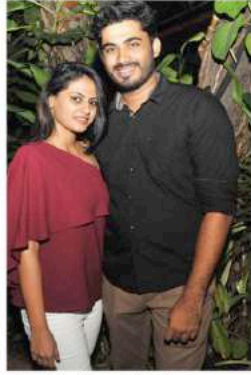
✉ DJ Martin D'souza took over the console at a ritzy night-club on MG Road on Friday night. He spun some mad tunes that got the party peeps swaying while sipping on colourful tipples. Safe to say, the night was unforgettable and one of a kind!



● Gustavo and Bianca



● DJ Martin D'souza



● Sheetal and Sumanth Shetty



● Pooja



● Sakshi, Keshav and Shivangi

POP 'n' DROP!

✓ Saturday night demands some fun and action and that's exactly what the city got! This Race Course Road address was bustling with life as party peeps made it to this venue all set to have a helluva weekend. DJ Martin D'souza had them all in a tizzy with club favourites. This stellar bunch were shown a good time with plenty of tipples and groovy music complementing the jazzy vibes at this soiree. Saturday was definitely done with justice!



● Aasma, Jasmet and Ambareen



● Suraj, Shreyoshee Das and Monami Ray



● Shalika and Clement



● Natali, Madhu, Tamanna and Harsha



● Richard Mathew and Rafi



● DJ Raghu and Marti D'souza

Friday Frenzy!

✓ On Friday, peeps in town were in a party frenzy! Result? A massive turnout at this helluva night at this hip lounge on MG Road. Featuring DJ Martin D'souza and Raghu Achar, this ritzy do was hosted by Richard Mathew. All in all, it seemed like a good good night!



● Ashish and Ritu



● Sneha, Bharat and Gargi



● Ashwini, Ashmita and Soujanya



● Richard Mathew, DJ Raghu and DJ Martin



● Sneha and Bharath

FUN meets FASHION!

On Friday, this ritzy lounge bar on MG Road was packed – with Bengaluru's swish party peeps. Hosted by Richard Mathew, the shindig saw a stellar blend of fashion and great music. DJ Martin D'souza and Raghu Achar took charge of the console, and it was a clear case of a night done right.



● DJ Martin D'souza



● Neha and Pallavi



● Sanjana

DESI ON THE DECKS!

The Independence Day fervour caught up and how! On Saturday, it was raining Bollywood music with live *dhol* held at this ritzy hotel on MG Road. Party peeps in *namma ooru* were clearly in the mood for some *desi tadka* – with pulsating B'wood tracks and a sprinkling of UK *bhangra*, Hip Hop and RnB. Hosted by Viren Khanna, and with DJ Martin D'souza at the console, it came as no surprise that this shindig was a banger of a night!



● Viren Khanna with friends



● Divya, Zoya, Sabrina, Sriram and Malik



● Mahra and Liton



● Roopa and Meher



● Ajita, Romya and Radhika



● DJ Martin D'souza



● Mahra



● Parmida and Viren Khanna

SNAZZY SHINDIGS!

Clearly, Bengaluru loves cosplay. Viren Khanna hosted a kick-ass comic bash for the city's party loving folk. So, girls and guys turned up in Superhero-inspired costumes. DJ Martin D'souza amped up the energy of this MG road address. All in all, it seemed like a helluva night of great vibes!



● Parmida and Jennifer



● DJ Martin D'souza

CROON AND VIBE

The weekend at this peppy Koramangala venue was all about gorgeous women! DJ Martin D'souza took charge of the decks, spinning the hottest dance numbers from the era. Flashy tunes, gorgeous moves and complimentary drinks created the perfect ambience for the ultimate Karaoke night.



● Lilytara and Payal



● Husna and Rohan



● Derian and Keirera CY



● Mana and Marko



● Maria and Raina



● Firuza, Rohit and Sibelka

Kick-ass nights!

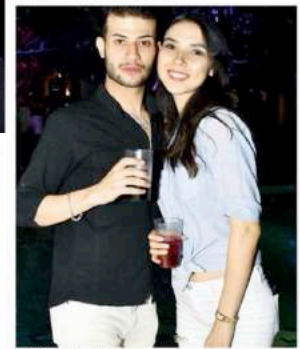
This MG Road on Saturday certainly became a hub for youngsters who convened here to have a gala time. We got to see some stellar moves as DJ Martin D'souza, DJ Karthik and DJ Dhiraj took over the turntable and played some foot-tapping numbers. This turned out to be a night to remember.



● DJ Martin D'souza and DJ Loy



● Seema, Diya and Anu



● Swkva and Aldina



● Aayushie and Prachi



● Roshini and Aakriti



● Abhishek and Theja

It's raining tunes, HALLELUJAH!

✓ The night at this peppy Koramangala venue was all about gorgeous women! **DJ Martin Dsouza** took charge of the decks, spinning the hottest dance numbers from the era. Flashy tunes, gorgeous moves and complimentary drinks for all the ladies in the house created the perfect ambience for the ultimate Karaoke night.



● Akshay and Steffie



● Aakisha and Javier



● DJ Martin Dsouza



● Madhurya and Anoushka



● Navya, Lakshmi and Vaibhavi



● Sanjana and Shruthi

CROON AND VIBE!

✓ This ritzy Koramangala venue hosted the ultimate fiesta for all the cool peeps from the city. Spinning the decks were **DJ Martin Dsouza** and **DJ Johnson**, while the crowd indulged in the perfect ladies' night ambience. Flashy tunes and complimentary drinks were the motto of the night. Ticking all the right boxes, the night at this venue was the place to be at, for gorgeous ladies and couples alike!



● Monika, Sena and Akanksha



● Akshay, Erica, Steffi and Arry



● DJ Martin Dsouza and DJ Johnson



● Rishika and Sushmita

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● Partying on

Thursday is the new Friday

Some are the days when events and parties were restricted to the weekends. Come Friday and even you could be seen busy planning what to sport and where to head out to vent their week's frustration. But now, an increasing number of pubs and restaurants in the City have events being held on Thursdays too. Bengalureans who are a part of these or attend these frequently say that this fad is here to stay.

Areas like Koramangala, Indiranagar and MG Road boasts of places which provide respite to people, before the weekend is here. Sidra Rizvi, a project manager, says that Thursdays are when she unwinds with friends and meets her former colleagues at the 'Ladies Night & Karaoke Night with KJ Martin D'Souza at Happy Brew, Koramangala. "It's just like a get-together with friends and like-minded people. It is the perfect time to let the child in you out. Since, we all have different work timings, Thursday is often the day we meet up." Sidra says that the ambience adds to the experience too. "It is a lot of fun to break off from the conventional party night patterns and just relax."

KJ Martin who hosts the Thursday events, says that he has always seen a lively crowd then, though it's a weekday. "This is a recent trend. There has been an increasing number of events across the City on Thursdays. People have started stepping out apart from the primary party nights. This has a lot to do with work stress and the continuous deadlines that one faces at their workplace. Being out and singing with friends is the



INTERACTIVE Kelly (in blue) hosting the karaoke night.

perfect stress-buster. Thankfully, Bengaluru has a lot of places that can cater to this now." KJ Martin who also performs at other venues on other days, says that people are now increasingly responsible and have learnt to balance their schedules with night-outs.

Some like DJ Kelly Gabrielle who hosts 'Karaoke Night with Kelly' at

Hoppipola, Indiranagar, says that the crowd consists of people who are just looking for some quality fun-time and don't want to wait till the weekend. "On Fridays most people are there to just get drunk and continue drinking till Saturday. But Thursdays are more about people who want to come in, sing a few songs and just unwind. It's a very chilled out crowd." She believes that since Bengaluru



DJ Vipul



Sidra with friend Rhea and (left) KJ Martin.

enough to work on Fridays." Vipul says that since Bollywood music is still to pick up with the Bengaluru crowd, this is how the format came into being.

He says, "It's an excuse to meet over music and relax."

Cynthia Gonsalves who works as a senior buyer for an e-commerce site, frequents the events at Easy Tiger, Church Street and says the 'Dress Down Drink Up Thursday' event is one of her favourites. "Since I work with the fashion industry, it is a compulsion to be dressed well. I feel my age at the venue and the event which will have an artiste or band perform every week, is also the perfect spot to let loose." She says that not having to dress up for the occasion is the best part. "There have been times when I've just stepped out, wearing a tee and shorts. This is exactly what one needs, in the middle of the week — to just be yourself!"

Tini Sara Anlen



RELAXED Cynthia (second left) with friends.



Humidity: 38%
Sunset: 19:56 hrs
Sunrise: 05:13 hrs
Moonset: 19:46 hrs
Moonrise: 06:40 hrs

party whirl



Martin D'Souza; (below) Sheridan Brass

Come, sing along

Clear your vocal chords and head out for a night of karaoke where it doesn't matter whether you can sing or not

Shilpa Bansal and Riya Patel @bansal

Bangalore: Would you believe it if we told you that a large population of Bangalore's music lovers plan their week according to when the next karaoke evening is set to be, in fact, one of the most popular musical events in the city and has been so for quite a few years now. With time, the venues have only increased, getting amateur and professional singers the chance to have an evening of fun where music is key and no one is judging.

Martin D'Souza, DJ and a popular karaoke host says, "Karaoke has made professional singers out of people and while the city has quite a few of those, what's encouraging is the increasing number of new participants each time. I'd say the ratio between old and new singers is almost equal," adding, "In fact, there are quite a few competitions that are held in the city and these have helped people find a platform to sing. Karaoke definitely motivates an aspiring singer."

Why does he do it, we ask? "I really enjoy it. I started off as a karaoke singer myself, so I know how it feels when you're trying it out for the first time. Now, as a host, the whole vibe and atmosphere just makes me extremely

happy," he says. Apart from the playlist, the success of such an evening also depends on who's conducting it. According to D'Souza, some of the best hosts in the city are "Carlton Braganza, Satorina Price, Sheridan Brass and Kamal". Incidentally, all these hosts have their own fan following as well.

One cannot think of karaoke without the mention of Opus, a mecca for most of Bangalore's music enthusiasts. Carlton Braganza, who, with Krok Nights, changed the way people looked at karaoke, says, "When we started, we thought we will take it slow and make it fun for everyone. But over the years, it has become popular because of its credibility. We had people who wanted to sing, and wanted an audience to hear them, coming in and the whole thing adapted best into a rock show format than just a karaoke room. And one of the main reasons why it is so popular is because it's a great social do that allows you to have fun with friends and revive your rockstar dreams. Ever body wants to be heard and wants to bring out the singer in them."

Braganza knows about the other karaoke nights that are held in the city. "I know venues such as Love Shack, Hard Rock Cafe, and Take Five have karaoke nights which are quite popular, but I haven't really been to them. Our Open boys Martin and Sheridan Brass are good hosts and are taking the trend forward well. And if you ask me about my favourite singers, I'd say Sheridan, Mack Lazzro, Benny Doyal and Arri Squadros are very good. Some times, we have acts such as Rajesh and Vinay. But dropping by to sing, and they do it quite well," he says.

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JOIN THE FUN

Wednesday nights at Love Shack and Hard Rock Cafe

Thursday nights at Take 5

Friday nights at 350 Down and Opus at the Creek

Sunday nights at Opus

Karoknights with Open Carlton Braganza



• Nikhil and Shaina



• Shubham, Venissa and Maita



• Tabira and Anvesh



• Sora and Aileen



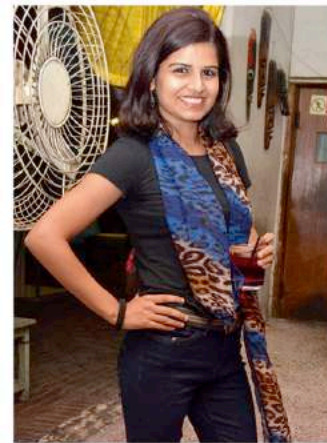
• Karishma and Anjali



• Rajhool and Abhi



• Ki Martin Dsouza and Hemish Arora



• Nandini

Friends & fun

✓ Martin Dsouza was at the decks leading the karaoke night at this terrace bar on Inner Ring Road. Joining him at the mic were a large group of expats and others.



• Claran and Jovita



• Kate, Johna, Sophie and Siby



• Urmi and Raghav



• Martin Dsouza



● Bhagyashree, Anuja and Meenal

KARAOKE highs!

✓ This Koramangala venue came to life with a fun fest on Thursday night. This was a special one for all the ladies as they indulged in a night of karaoke singing. These peeps had the best time singing their hearts out to songs of their choice and dancing to the beat! With DJ Martin D'Souza spinning groove-worthy tracks, free flowing tipples and loads of chic vibes, this was an unforgettable night.



● Ameen and Urvashi



● DJ Martin D'Souza



● Yashie and Aakash



● Nishab and Harshita



● Sonali, Rachal and Vedika



● Sanex, Juthika, Akarna and Priyanka



● Ansa and Athousha

A MID-WEEK SHINDIG

✓ Karaoke nights in the city are an instant hit among young Bengalurens. It was no different at this no-frills venue in Koramangala on Wednesday. The ladies dropped by with their buddies, and were spotted exercising their voices with gusto. DJ Martin D'Souza and DJ Johnson were the music men in the house, and set the dance floor ablaze by mixing the decks with some peppy music. With little surprises, 'twas a beluga night!



● Rohit, Shreya, Hardish and Aanchal



● DJ Martin D'Souza and DJ Johnson



● Niharika and Divya



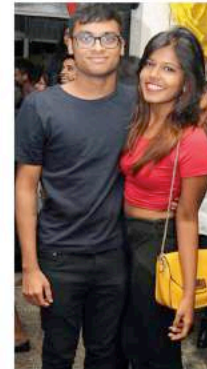
● Rupriha and Rani



● Aanchal, Kajal and Nayonika



● Martin D'Souza



● Seen and Sruthi



● Nadia and Lakshmi



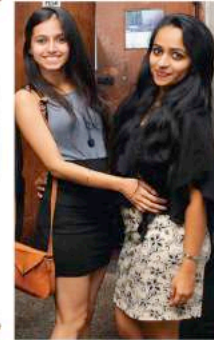
● Mithani and Asav

Girls about town

Prekling over the ladies night-cum-karaoke evening, KJ Martin D'Souza had the beautiful party people of the city moving their bodies and crooning to the tunes of the greatest hits at this popular club in East Bengaluru.



● Anika



● Pawlin and Ashwarya



● Ravi and Shivani



● Minisini and Minni



● Lamha, Lakshmi and Adithi



● Priyank and Kiran



● Karan and Tanya



● DJ Martin D'souza and DJ Johnson



● Aarva and Shushmitha

Stellar Nights!

✂ This Domlur address came alive on Wednesday as young peeps in the city convened here for a karaoke night. DJ Martin D'souza manned the decks and had everyone on their feet dancing to his upbeat tunes. By the look of it, the party is sure to have lasted all night long!



● Noor and Divha



● Aishwarya, Monisha and Suman



● Muskan and Megha



● Isha and Dhiraj



● Hannah and Archana



● Clare, Anyally and Namitha



● Kunal and Diya

KARAOKE CRAZY NIGHTS!

✂ The Domlur address came alive on Wednesday as this stylish bunch of ladies convened here. The girl gangs were seen grooving to the heady beats played by DJ Martin D'souza and DJ Johnson. This was surely a memorable night as the ladies showcased some stellar singing skills.



● Ishita and Aishwani



● Nayanika and Priyanka



● DJ Martin D'souza and DJ Johnson



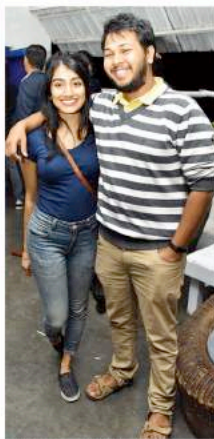
● Nimisha and Ankitha



● Shivani, Anup and Navya



● Vinayak, Ruprisha, Dhruv, Vedika and Akshay



● Meghna and Timothy Gama



● Karishma, Tins and Nikita



● Irene

KARAOKE FOR MY SOUL

Bengaluru's lassies don't need a reason to revel a Friday night away. It was no different this Friday, as an uptown venue in Domlur was packed to the rafters 'cause

party peeps dropped by to exercise those vocals at this Karaoke shindig. Martin D'souza was in charge of the decks and ensured it was one rager of a ladies' night.



● Anushka, Khalid, Richa and Josey



● DJ Martin D'souza, Himesh Arora and DJ Johnson

party whirl

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● DJ Martin D'souza

● Shiba and Aditi

● Joy and Smita



● Gowri, Preethan, Arkitha, Suran and Megha

● DJ Jasmeet and MI Pijush

Holi on the lawn

Six hours of non-stop Holi fun unfolded on the lawns at Geoffrey's with over 10 DJs, including Thermal Frejak, Sid, Stallion and more, belting out festive numbers to the delight of the colour-drenched youngsters gathered there. Bhai dances, gula, sweets, singing and electronic beats were all part of the mix with DJ Jasmeet and Mr Rakesh and Pijush keeping the energy levels high throughout the evening.



● Sitarsha and Divya



● Anuja and Shrutha

● Sahari, Ayushman, Anjum and Gowda

Colour-shack



● Himesh, Priya and Sachin

Holi and Ladies Night came together in a massive splash of colour and glamour at LoveShack under the auspices of DJ Martin D'Souza, who kept the drenched and sozzled crowd on their feet. The ladies certainly loved their complimentary drinks and kept the party going all night, till it was time to trudge home satiated and completely unrecognisable.



● DJ Saman, Karika and Ritika

● Angra and Vibhi



● Daana



● Karthik, Koushik and Kertli



● Barkha, Buns, Nirmal, Rohit and a friend



● Ida, Sak, Sivadhya, Sivadha P, Inchara and Ashwintha



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MARTIN DSOUZA, KJ/DJ/MODEL

He talks to us about learning, breaking norms, girls, music and much more.



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• Kerthi, Shubham and Sam



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Sing for Love

Love Shack hosted a Karaoke Night with KJ Martin D'Souza. People who visited Love Shack became a part of the revelry which highlighted a night of singing to the karaoke tracks and absolute fun. It was a good way to relieve mid-week stress.



• Akansha and Vriti



• Martin



• Jovita and Jigar



• Himesh



● Sanam Rejora and Rinky



● Afroz and Shezad



● Viren Khanna and Rosana



● Chandana and Amruta Rajkumar



● A group of expat friends

TECHNO TIME

✓ The expat group was seen dancing to some amazing House music and Techno beats by DJ Martin. The indoor dance floor of this rooftop night club at a star hotel was bustling with revelry. There was hip hop and RnB along with a bit of Spanish and Bollywood on the main dance floor. Everyone partied the night away to celebrate International Women's Day eve.



● DJ Martin D'souza



● Anu and Arjun



● Natasha



● Akanksha and Rishabh