

Something for the weekend with

Goldie

Ruby Warrington talks ridiculous cheese gravy sauce with the DJ and graffiti artist

MUSICIAN, DJ and graffiti artist Goldie is best known as founder of ground-breaking UK drum 'n' bass record label, Metalheadz.

Born Clifford Joseph Price, he now earns a living as an international DJ, and has helped pioneer jungle and drum 'n' bass globally.

Goldie began his career as a graffiti artist growing up in the West Midlands, when his work in Birmingham and Wolverhampton was featured heavily in house music legend Afrika Bambaataa's Channel 4 documentary *Bombing*.

He went on to take part in the largest ever British graffiti art battle alongside Bristol artist Robert "3D" De'l Naja, who later helped form Massive Attack.

Before the release of his debut album, *Timeless*, in 1995, Goldie pursued a career selling gold dental grills in Miami, and sports a set of his own to this day.

This is not, however, where his nickname comes from.

Christened "Goldilocks" (because of his light, golden dreadlocks) by members of a breakdancing collective he joined in the 1980s, the shorter version stuck.

Goldie is of Jamaican and Scottish descent. He now lives in Hertfordshire.

WHAT'S YOUR RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT FRIDAY NIGHT IN LONDON?

I'd take my girl to the Purple Ba. It's really cool. Then we'd go for dinner somewhere around London Bridge, and for a romantic walk along the Embankment.

We'd finish off at Fabric. It's a great club with the best sound system. Hopefully we'd get to hear somebody like techno DJ Richie Hawtin.

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER ANYWHERE IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?

It would have to be The Ivy — hands down. The staff are second to none, and in terms of price the menu is the best value in London. I think it's beautifully traditional.

You can't beat the liver and bacon, followed by the sticky toffee pudding — it must have won awards.

WHERE'S YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO SHOP AT THE WEEKEND?

I don't really shop. I have amassed so many free clothes over the years, that I've still got stuff sitting in my loft that I've never worn. But I took my daughter to Gap in Regent Street recently. I spoil her a bit, because why not? She's nine, and I wish my parents could have taken me out shopping.

AND WHAT WOULD YOU BUY IF MONEY WAS NO OBJECT?

An island somewhere off Thailand, with a huge

sound system and a painting studio full of canvases and paint.

WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE KIDS FOR A DAY OUT IN LONDON?

The big parks are good — so maybe Hyde Park, for rollerskating and ice-cream.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO GO FOR SUNDAY LUNCH?

Nando's chicken is nice — nothing too fancy! A guy called Jimmy looks after my house, and his Sunday lunch is infamous — he does a traditional roast beef, sausages with smoked bacon, cheese gravy sauce — it tastes ridiculous. He's made me appreciate food. These days I just look in a cook-book and go, "I want that one!"

WHAT BOOK WILL YOU KICKBACK AND RELAX WITH THIS WEEKEND?

The Tibetan Book Of Living And Dying by Sogyal Rinpoche.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WAY TO INDULGE YOURSELF AT THE WEEKEND?

I DJ'd in Shanghai recently, where my girlfriend works, and we spent a day getting pedicures, manicures and did some ninja walking. That was nice.

WHOSE HOUSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO HANG OUT AT THIS WEEKEND, AND WHY?

Homer Simpson's house — wouldn't you? I hope one day in the future they'll make a virtual reality version of it!

AND WHICH PLAY, GIG OR EXHIBITION WOULD YOU TAKE THEM OUT TO SEE?

Avenue Q — it's really funny.

WHAT IS THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR PERFECT LONDON WEEKEND?

Henryk Gorecki's *Symphony Of Sad Songs*.

IF YOU WANT TO ESCAPE LONDON, WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO GO AND WHAT DO YOU DO THERE?

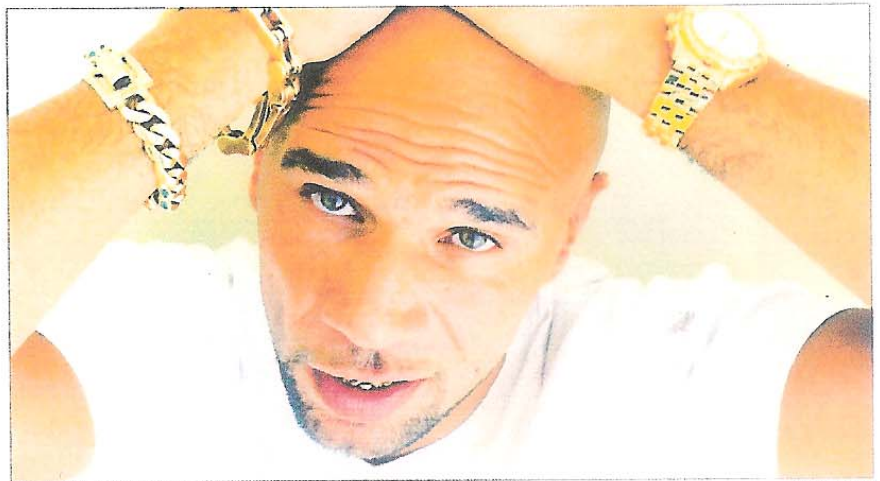
I go down to Newquay. I've got lots of mates down there, and it's a nice place to chill and go for walks, but only if it's nice weather.

WHAT WAS THE BEST WEEKEND YOU EVER SPENT IN LONDON AND WHY?

Recently my girl was here. I took her to The Ivy, and we walked back to MyHotel in Bloomsbury in the rain. It was really romantic.

An exhibition of Goldie's graffiti, *Love Over Gold*, is showing at the Leonard Street Gallery until tomorrow.

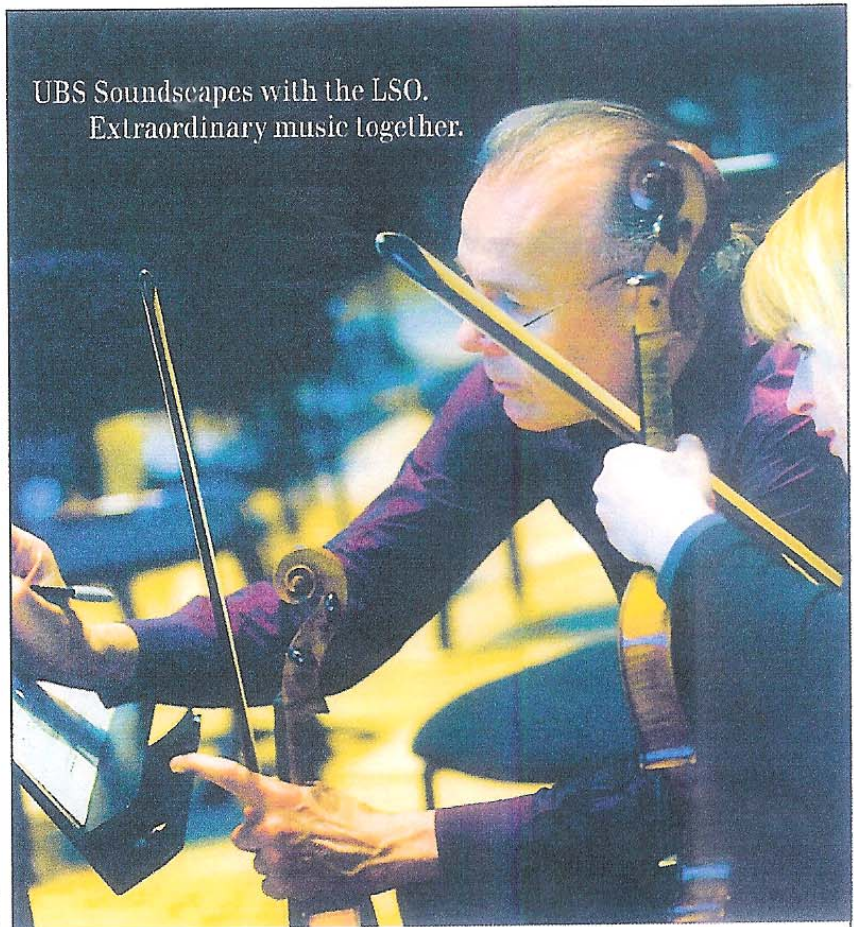
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The DJ's favourite place to hang out would be Homer Simpson's house and he loves Avenue Q

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