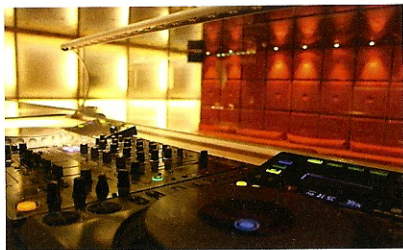


# VINTAGE ROYALE

By Clare Considine



Café Royale is back. And the Barcelona club scene is a better place for it. After a painfully long hiatus, the city's funk, soul and disco enthusiasts finally got their spiritual home back at the end of last year. And who better to take the helm for monthly Fridays than two of Barcelona's longest serving crate diggers: **Roger C** and **Fred Guzzo**. As Roger explains, "Fred and myself dig deep into our collections to cover a huge selection of black and Latin music styles from the last 50 years."

The ethos of the night is simple: "We'll be focusing 100% on the music at Vintage Royale; all of the tunes you'll hear are selected with loving care and attention." The DJ duo will be offering Barcelona's clubbers an intelligent alternative to the usual servings of house and techno: "We wanted to give people an early evening clubbing experience that would be rich and diverse in its musical texture." Here you will hear everything from Deep Funk to Soul, Dancefloor Jazz, Afrobeat, Salsa and Original Rhythm 'n' Blues.

Each DJ brings an individual style to the turntables: "We're from quite different backgrounds musically, Fred from the jazz scene and me from a harder edge funk direction, but between us we have over fifty years of solid DJ experience." The pair have seen Barcelona DJs come and go and have honed their skills through the highs and lows of the city's nightlife. Roger feels, "We seem to have been going through another period of Draconian regulation from the Ajuntament [City Hall] over the last twelve months, which has been strangling the life out of Barcelona's smaller bar and club scene." Never fear night owls, Roger and Fred are here to save the day. ■

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