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British diver and Olympic bronze medallist **Tom Daley** (left) kicking back with friends

at Jumeirah Beach Hotel. Canadian stylist Brad Goreski, a former assistant of Rachel Zoe, posing for dune pics on desert safari. **Rapper 50 Cent** hanging out in Karama – and at Jumbo Electronics!

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Hot seat Enrique Iglesias

The 36-year-old Spanish singer-songwriter tells *Rob Garratt* about his new sound, working with Pitbull and the legend that is Charlie Sheen



Are you looking forward to visiting Dubai? What do you make of the city?

I love Dubai because it has an endless supply of beauty and culture. I really like the architecture of Emirates Towers, and the city has some of the most beautiful beaches I've seen, so I'm happy to return... not to mention the extremely devoted fans. My Dubai fans are some of the most interactive fans on my website, and are the most enthusiastic during concerts. So I'm very happy to finally return after what's been quite a few years. **We hear more house and R&B in your music these days. Have you ditched your Spanish roots?** I would never forget my Spanish

roots. About half the songs I write are in Spanish. My last album, *Euphoria*, was a complete 50/50 mix of Spanish and English. And as for the new album I'm working

'I would never forget my Spanish roots'

on, there's no song list yet, but I promise there will be some great Spanish tunes on there. **Okay, fair enough. But you've been working with Pitbull recently. That seems like an odd pairing...** It was an amazing experience working with him. Pitbull has

been a great friend over the past few years and I've had a blast not only writing music with him, but touring all over the world as well.

We loved you in 2003 action flick *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*. Any plans to make more movies?

I can't say it hasn't crossed my mind, but I'd prefer to just keep doing small cameos. I had a blast filming those shows and it was an honour working alongside Antonio Banderas, and Charlie Sheen [in US sitcom *Two and a Half Men*]. They are legends!

There are no plans set in stone, but I hope to work on some projects in the future.

There was talk of you being a judge on *American Idol*. What happened?

It just wasn't the right time. **You told our colleagues at *Time Out London* that you're aiming to retire at 40. Is this still the plan?**

Music is my passion. I'd prefer to tour for the rest of my life. But no matter what I end up doing, I can promise you that it will involve music in some way.

What's the best thing about being a pop star?

The best part is waking up every day and doing exactly what I love to do. My work is my passion, and my passion is my work. On top of that, I get to travel the world, see all kinds of cool places and meet lots of great people.

And what's the worst thing?

Being away from my crazy dogs while I'm on tour. I always miss them! *Enrique performs at Dubai World Trade Centre on Friday October 26. Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 10pm. Tickets Dhs295-995.*

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