

# Last word

*Don't ask me, I'm only the nightlife expert*

Working on *Time Out Dubai* doesn't mean I'm telepathic, says **Rob Garratt**

'Where's good to go out tonight, Mr Nightlife?' This is a query I face somewhere between 12 and 20 times a week. And that means there are more than a dozen times a week when I find myself wanting to scream, 'I don't knooooow!'.

A clarification: it's not that I don't know what's going on. As music and nightlife editor on this magazine, I take a more-than-healthy professional pride in having critically scored the majority of the city's bars and clubs, and I have been known to physically salivate over lists of upcoming events.

But asking me, out of the blue, where and how you should be spending Evening A is about as helpful as walking into a motor showroom and impatiently asking the nearest attendant for 'a car – and make it snappy'. You've got about as



musical preference, relationship status, annual salary, proximity to payday, and perhaps favourite pet.

Yet when faced with a query, rather than snidely muttering about how my powers of telepathy have temporarily evaded me, I normally attempt an

promotions to compile what I like to think are really some pretty comprehensive listings of all the essential nightlife in Dubai. And guess what – it's in this very magazine. There's even a special 72-page supplement included with this week's issue, focusing on the nightlife scene. Oh, and last week there was this little thing called the *Time Out Dubai* Music and Nightlife Awards, in which we crowned 67 winners in 23 categories – check out the full list online.

Oh, who am I kidding? I love sharing the nightlife love. Just give me a teensy idea of what kind of night you're looking for next time. *Rob Garratt is our Music & Nightlife editor. We know he absolutely loves the illustration we've used for this column*

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much chance of him reaching into his side pocket and withdrawing the keys to a motor that perfectly matches your personality, functional requirements, price range and painted in your favourite colour as I have of making any kind of meaningful nightlife itinerary when faced with such a vague question. There are hundreds of nightlife options in Dubai. Really, to give any kind of informed advice, I first need to know your age, gender, home location,

informed guess. I learned quickly that a woman looking for a 'cheap, low-key drink' is likely to make a certain nose-screwing gesture if you suggest anything less than a five-star lounge. But propose a venue that carries a mixed-drink list to a man and he's liable to mutter incredulously, 'I'm not Roman Abramovich, you know.'

So I have a solution – and you're holding it. Every week this dedicated soul spends hours flicking through event announcements and drinks

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