

# BEACH PATROL

The people who make Miami

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## DANIEL WOHLSTEIN *Keeping the Beat in South Beach*

**W**ith a megawatt smile of pristine pearly whites, Daniel Wohlstein exudes confidence and tranquility as he maneuvers effortlessly through the longest-standing live-music venue on South Beach, which he owns. Jazid has been packing in loyal patrons for the past 12 years, and Wohlstein has owned it since 2006, becoming the driving force behind the club's image and continuing success.

Initially the move was a bold one for Wohlstein, an accountant by training who deejays as a hobby. "I came a couple times, I wrote a letter of interest and I took the risk," he says. "I didn't know anything. I had no idea what I was getting into."

By day, Wohlstein, who hails from Caracas, serves as director for Global Education Group, a translation company. From dusk to dawn, he oversees Jazid. Averaging 100 guests per night, the club, tucked in an intimate two-story building on Ocean Drive, has reaped rewards since Wohlstein took over. Featuring nearly 50 bands per month, Jazid has evolved into much

more than just a jazz club, showcasing Latin music, funk, house and reggae, too. And the club's intimate vintage-lounge vibe adorned with the artwork of Lebo appeals to an even broader crowd.

Wohlstein also promises that visitors will find no hostility at the door nor superficial people inside. "There are zero plastic people; you won't find the typical South Beach crowd," he says. "When you come to Jazid you're going to see something else." That ambiance has lured such artists as Locos Por Juana and Suéñalo Sound System, and Prince performed there recently. Wohlstein himself deejays on Saturdays, and Ricky Martin and Shakira have been spotted visiting.

He hopes to broaden the club's horizons and bring in a host of corporate events during the day, as well, while continuing to work to make its nighttime lineup better and better.

"Jazid has a soul by itself," Wohlstein says. "It doesn't need anyone to manage it. It has a position in the hearts of many people."  
—Alejandra Rosas

### JUST THE FACTS

**Philosophy:** "I believe in integrity and doing good; it's the way I work. Your word stays with you."

**Greatest gift:** "My dog, Niko [a Yorkie]."

**How do you stay in shape?:** "Carrying cases of beer and going up and down the stairs at the club."

**Favorite Miami restaurant:** "Altamar, 1223 Lincoln Road; they have the best fresh fish—no plastic."

**Proudest moment:** "When I got accepted into college."

**If you didn't own the club you would:** "Open Daniel's Dog Palace, a retreat for dogs filled with toys and room for them to run around and play."

**What do you do for fun:** "I cook, play tennis and play with my dogs."

**Favorite vacation spot:** "Italy or Los Roques, Venezuela."