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DJ Space Cowboy, the singer's personal DJ, gets ready to spin up a storm at Chingay after-party

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If DJ Space Cowboy's name does not ring a bell with music fans, the artists he has collaborated with certainly will.

Besides Marilyn Manson and John Legend, he has also worked with Lady Gaga on the track Starstruck for her platinum-selling album *The Fame*, along with American rapper Flo Rida.

He became her personal DJ in 2008.

Speaking on the phone to Life! from Los Angeles, he says: "It was an amazing experience touring with Lady Gaga, because I saw for myself the transition of an unknown track to one that is known all over the world.

"I remember our first conversation was on the phone. She was talking about

sequins, disco balls, Prince, David Bowie and body paint. Basically, she was speaking my language."

DJ Space Cowboy, 34, born Nicolas Jean-Pierre Dresti in Paris, grew up in England.

After a stint on the London dance club scene, he started to inject subliminal rock beats into a blend of techno, electro, hip-hop and dance - a fusion sound which he dubs "digital rock".

The Grammy-nominated DJ will be coming to Singapore on Feb 20 for the City Alive! street dance party. The event is an after-party for the Chingay Parade.

He says: "I have seen pictures of the parade and heard people talking about it. It does seem pretty amazing - the costumes are so bizarre and unusual, I don't think anything could compare to it."

While here, he will be playing Lady Gaga's previously unreleased remixes as well as 50 Cent's *Do You Think About Me*.

"I am anxious but excited about the reaction from Singapore fans, but I am sure everyone loves a party," he adds.

He is excited, too, about spinning



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When: Feb 20, 10.15pm to 4am
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DJ Space Cowboy aka Nicolas Jean-Pierre Dresti (left) on Chingay in Singapore

alongside other acts - DJ Sarasa and All Area Crew from Japan, and Singapore's DJ Inquisitive and DJ Andrew T.

"It will be a crazy atmosphere, where we will exchange beats and ideas. I am sure the standard of DJs in Singapore is going to be amazing," he says.

Apart from the nifty mixes, he is keen on indulging a favourite past-time - shopping.

"I am looking forward to some Singapore fashion, especially the ethnic costumes. In Japan, I would buy the kimono," he said.

"So what should I buy in Singapore? You would have to show me."

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