

Joe Delon

Seriously Playful

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Joe Delon is a DJ, label owner, radio host and writer based in Lisbon. Joe draws on the fundamentals of dance music's past – the snap of a disco break, the sleaze of a Chicago bassline, the funk of electro and the bittersweet touch of Italo – and deftly connects them to its vivid present, creating moments of pure pop catharsis along the way.

Joe's warm approach has brought him to respected clubs including Berghain / Panorama Bar (Berlin), Blitz (Munich), C12 (Brussels), Closer (Kyiv), K4 (Ljubljana), Savage (Hanoi), The Observatory (Saigon) and The Pickle Factory (London), and to festivals including Dimensions, Horst, Lighthouse and Nostromo. A regular at queer parties, Joe has played for Adonis (London), Honcho (Pittsburgh), Kiss Me Again (Manchester), Los Ninos (Brussels), Por Detroit (LA) and Snug (Hanoi) and is a resident at Pumping Velvet (London).

Joe's label, Welt Discos, is a platform for music that's playfully serious and seriously playful. Alongside vinyl releases by friends and artists he admires, the label has also become home to a series of fundraising digital releases.

Online, Joe has recorded guest mixes for Resident Advisor, Truants, Is Burning, The Ghost, Maricas and Honey Soundsystem. On the radio, he ran the monthly show Flamingo on Lisbon's Rádio Quântica for four years and was a resident on Frankfurt's EOS Radio. He has appeared as a guest for Prosumer (NTS), CC:Disco (Rinse), Butter Side Up (Rinse) and Bubble World (Refuge Worldwide).