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FRESH BEETS

SINGER-SONGWRITER MOBY INTRODUCES HIS NEW VEGAN RESTAURANT TO SILVER LAKE.

By Carita Rizzo | Portrait by Amanda Friedman

Three years ago when Moby found himself photographing an odd blue building in Silver Lake, he never imagined this "bizarre art deco battle ship," as he describes it, would house his newest venture. But a decade after opening his first restaurant, Teany, in New York, the man best known for his contributions to electronic music is ready to give being a restaurateur another whirl. "Every writer, musician, director, for the most part, wants an audience," he says. "A restaurant, as a vehicle for creativity, is a way of reaching an audience every day. There's something really satisfying about that."

The doors to Little Pine, an all-vegan eatery, will open in late summer. "There's clearly no shortage of vegan restaurants in L.A., but I wanted something in my neighborhood," admits the laid-back Los Feliz resident, himself a vegan for 28 years. "I almost don't think of it in entrepreneurial terms. No one opens a vegan restaurant with hopes of conquering the world and getting rich."

He envisions the unfussy 65-seat bistro designed by Tatum Kendrick of local firm Studio Hus as a place where residents of nearby neighborhoods can enjoy a seasonally focused meal several times a week. "My aspiration is that it be vegan Alice Waters—a real focus on fresh, remarkable, organic ingredients. If you look at the way she handles produce, it's really inspiring."

His attention may now be on this newest project, but the DJ/singer/songwriter says he'll never give up his first love. "It's funny, making records in 2015. I love making them. I don't really expect anyone to buy them," the 49-year-old deadpans of his newest album, which will be released this fall. "My feeling is, if you keep creating, there's no guarantee that you'll make anything good. But if you stop creating, there's a guarantee that you won't make anything good." 2870 Rowena Ave., Silver Lake, 323.741.8148, littlepinerestaurant.com

MOBY'S HOTS

The Angeles National Forest, farmers markets, how wonderful the public radio is here, The Museum of Jurassic Technology, fresh pressed juice, The Griffith Park Observatory

MOBY'S NOTS

Men who aren't bald and wear backward baseball hats, conversations about the drought that omit talking about animal products, wasting water on lawns that aren't used

ON EDGE

"It's potentially an interesting way of satisfying a whole bunch of interests at the same time," says Moby of opening his new vegan restaurant, Little Pine. "One, an interest in organic food. Two, an interest in architecture and design. Three, an interest in community. Four, an interest in creating."

