

# Club DJ Pep is best floor filler

## City favourite wins title as UK's top jock

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A PRESTON DJ has been crowned king of the dance-floor after scooping a top nightclub award.

DJ Pep, who has regular spots at Squires, Lava Ignite and New York New York, has topped the charts to win the Bar Entertainment and Dance Association (BEDA) DJ of the year award.

### Wacky

The wacky ex-radio DJ was presented with the award at a ceremony at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel where nightclub boss Peter Stringfellow handed over the trophy.

DJ Pep, known also as Peter Roberts, said: "It hasn't really sunk in yet."

Pep was chosen from a shortlist of 18 club DJs selected by judge John Heyes of BEDA.

He said DJ Pep's madcap personality and crowd-pleasing banter made him stand out from the crowd: "Pep's MC-ing skills are what really



AWARD-WINNER: DJ Pep

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makes him shine. Warm, witty and highly entertaining, DJ Pep has his Preston fans in the palm of his hand when he takes to the decks, and don't be surprised if, on a visit to the club, you find everyone sat on the dance floor and doing the Rowing Boat Song – one of Pep's many party pieces."

But Pep, of Morecame, says he owes the award to his loyal fans: "It's all down to the Preston crowd – they are awesome and I love them to bits.

"If you do it right they just keep coming back.

### Zany

"I think of myself as being like Kenny Everett – a kind of wacky personality. In the last few years there have been some big DJs to have won this award but no real zany characters.

"This industry needs more zany characters - the more wacky you are the more they want it."

Mr Heyes said: "It is this loyalty and ability to do something fun and interactive with his set that makes Pep really stand out from his peers. If you could bottle and sell what makes Pep tick, you'd be rich."