

This week has been an emotional roller-coaster for me. Some of you have known me for many years and know that I have never went clubbing, partying, or drank before the age of 25. After I turned 25, I decided it was time to explore the world. I started going out on a weekly basis and met so many new lifelong friends. It came to a point where whenever Friday came around, my phone would be non-stop buzzing from people asking what my friends and I were doing for the weekend. Then we thought maybe we can turn our fun into an actual job.

We threw our very first own party partnered with NOS energy drink at Venom. Shortly after that, my close friend, Hao Nguyen, and I were offered positions as promoters for Trinity Nightclub in 2008. We enjoyed hosting Saturdays at Trinity; the line would be around the corner from both directions every week. We felt like a million dollars and thought that we could pretty much do anything.

In 2010, I accepted an offer from Matt Chu (the owner of Volume Nightclub) to take on Friday nights at Volume. Let me tell you, that was the first time I have ever felt so disappointed as a promoter. We hosted a Volume Grand Opening party with DJ Jazzy Jeff and it was slam packed--but we were so new to actually running a nightclub. The lighting and sound were not on point and people complained about everything. I realized running your own club isn't easy after all.

A few weeks went by and Volume was slow; we even closed early at times. I really didn't know if there was anything else I could do to bring our Friday nights to life. Matt made me believe that if I kept on doing what I was doing that it would eventually pick up. With hard work and persistence, I kept at it and it became one of the busiest Friday nights in Seattle, week after week.

I want to give an extra special thank you to all the DJs, artists, promoters, dancers, photographers, and people of the nightlife industry who have worked with Volume until this day or even at some point in time. It is safe to say that almost everyone in the Seattle nightlife has, at some point, worked with or made their start in the industry at Volume.

I've dedicated 5 years of my life to Volume. It's sad to see this chapter end and to see the doors closing for good.

I believe everything happens for a reason. That reason causes change. Sometimes the change hurts. Sometimes the change is hard. But in the end it's all for the best.

I'm now ready for my next chapter and will work hard to achieve my dreams and goals.

If you are reading my post, it's not too late. Come celebrate Volume's last party with me this Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Just for old times sake :D!