

## Cue Interview Los Angeles

Cue: Makeup! Makeup? (laughs)

Ben: I love it. Alright Cue, you'll just talk to me the entire time, but first of all, say and spell your name

Cue: Glen Garcia G-L-E-N G-A-R-C-I-A.

Ben: Perfect and tell me about your restaurant here.

Cue: It's um... we call it wadabu, which means conch in Garifuna. It's a Garifuna, Belizean cuisine, special for the Garifuna people and Belizean

Ben: Great and so where did you learn learn to cook, where did you...

Cue: Oh actually nowhere. Self taught. I taught myself how to cook.

Ben: Sweet.

Cue: Yeah.

Ben: So uh when did you start this restaurant, where'd you.

Cue: This restaurant's been, it was a restaurant before so I took it over from somebody else, changed the name, got my own name. We been here for one year and I'd say three months.

Ben: Cool. And what are you cookin'? Like whatcha got going on?

Cue: We cook ox tail, this enh, let me just bring it over here so you can see it. This is ox tail, it's already cooked. Alright and we also cook turkey wings, stewed turkey wings, right. And then we also cook chicken, we make fried fish, stewed fish, um those are your typical Garifuna dishes... fish, fried fish, stewed fish. I also make Garifuna dishes which is only on Saturdays, we make hudutu, um daraza, pundiga, right those are the Garifuna dishes that we make.

Ben: Sweet. Why, what role does the food play in the culture?

Cue: Well, as far as the Garifuna culture, our food is unique alright. And there's only certain places you can get it, especially like Garifuna restaurants, this is the only one in LA. And most Garifuna people, they they cook at home so if there's somewhere else like here where they can get come their authentic Garifuna dishes, this is where you would come. One of a kind. Only in LA.

Ben: Um that's way cool so people I guess what role what did I just ask, um. Why is it is so important. Why is this food, I mean there's the hudutu, there's all these different food, like why is that part of the culture, why is that so important?

Cue: As far as why, I couldn't tell you, but I know it is important because it is one of a kind we the only one that make our type of food. I mean you can find plenty of African restaurants, you can find plenty of Indian restaurants, but as far as our dishes, there's not too many places where you can find it. I'd say it's very important for you to say this, you know what, I'm not Garifuna but I've heard about the Garifuna, I want to know what they're all and where I can get their food and that's where we come in.

Ben: That's sweet and this seems like a hangout too like, tell me about like the restaurant being a Garifuna hangout.

Cue: Well, it's more of a hangout because of me alright because before I was into the restaurant business, I'm also a musician and I had a recording studio at my house, I still do. And that's where we would kick it, hang out, have fun, play dominos, drink a few beers, so since I'm not in the studio no more they follow me to the restaurant, so hence, the hangout.

Ben: Sweet, very cool and you have a rehearsal right now right?

Cue: Yeah.