

COVER STORY

ROCK THE BOAT

A nightlife king and his model fiancée helm an art-filled home (when they're not yachting with Bieber)



David Grutman and Isabela Rangel — who will tie the knot this Saturday — pose on their party yacht, docked behind their Sunset Island mansion.

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Grutman commissioned a graffiti artist to create this mural in Wynwood for a surprise wedding proposal to Rangel last fall.

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E'S hosted Kim and Kanye for Thanksgiving, regularly cruises with Justin Bieber on his party yacht, and owns two of the hottest clubs in Miami. So it's no surprise that last October, when nightlife impresario David Grutman proposed to his girlfriend of eight months — model Isabela Rangel — he went big.

The club king hired graffiti artist HG to paint a wall-size mural of her likeness in the hip Wynwood neighborhood. “I had security guards surrounding it so nobody would put anything on social media,” Grutman recalls. “We drove there and I got down on one knee and proposed to her in front of the mural.” Painted next to the portrait was the big question, “Isabela will you marry me?,” and underneath were two boxes, labeled Yes and No.

“He handed me a can of spray paint — I had been asking him why it was in the car — and I sprayed an X in the Yes box,” says Rangel.

Soon after, the Brazilian-born beauty, 24, who was based in New York — where the two met at a party through mutual friends — moved full time into Grutman's 6,400-square-foot, three-bedroom, 5½-bathroom Sunset Island manse.

“Isabela has made it more homey,” Grutman, 41, tells Alexa. “This used to be more of an entertainment house.” That's putting it mildly. Known for his outside personality and penchant for strip clubs, Grutman regularly tossed celeb-packed bashes at his half-acre waterfront property, where an enormous pink Pleasure Emporium sign still lords over the backyard, a relic from a shuttered adult DVD and book store.

Last March, he hosted what was billed as the S - - t Show BBQ; the poolside bacchanal featured go-go dancers, live flamingos, scantily clad clowns, mariachi bands, a kiss-cam drone and boldface guests like Reggie Bush, Afrojack and David Guetta.

“That was the first and the last barbecue,” laughs Grutman, whose neighbors in the exclusive gated community were none too pleased. Another reason he's toned down the excessive partying? His gorgeous fiancée.

“I'm leading a much healthier lifestyle with Isabela,” he says, taking a bite of the pan-seared fish fillet atop a bed of quinoa prepared by their at-home chef. “I work out twice a day now and my sugar intake is way down. Also, there are fewer naked girls around.”