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MENTION the word DJ and many things come to mind: womanising, flashy cars, late-night parties, bling... Yet for one guy all that matters is the mung home to the beautiful young as agreed to marry him. on top of popular DJ Giggs domestic bliss is the recent at his fiancée, Sheree O'Brien, their first child. ppiest man alive, he tells us welcomes us into his small e-bedroom home in Ormonde. ng. Father is every man's dream," ce split in a wide grin. y and Giggs is enjoying a rare His weekends are usually hectoring all over the country the club-going masses to his the 1s and 2s, but he's going down from now on, he says.

The new addition to the family is simply more important. "We're actually looking around for a bigger place now," Sheree says excitedly. The attractive 27-year-old, who is head of artist development at Soul Candi Records, the label Giggs (29) belongs to, is six months pregnant. She didn't realise she was expecting for five months, she confesses. "I found I was gaining a lot of weight so I decided to go see the doctor at the end of May. I initially thought there might be a problem with my ovaries but it turned out I was pregnant." After the initial shock she was delighted although "Giggs is more excited than me," she adds. "We've known for only a few weeks but already he's dragging me into kids' stores," she laughs. Sheree and Giggs got engaged in December 2008 in her hometown of East London and glossy-haired Sheree admits if you'd told her a few years ago that she would be spending the rest of her life with this man she would have laughed in your face. She didn't like him much at first, she says.

"For a month after I first started working at Soul Candi we wouldn't even greet each other. But eventually I started travelling with him on tours so I had no choice but to talk to him. After that we started spending a lot of time together." They became friends but because they had so much in common – such as their passion for music – their relationship deepened. "We're able to be ourselves around each

MAIN PICTURE: Giggs Superstar, one of the country's top DJs, is excited about the upcoming birth of his first child. ABOVE: Giggs and fiancée Sheree O'Brien. She was five months pregnant by the time she discovered she was expecting.

other," she says. Her husband-to-be nods and struggles up closer. WORK is very much a part of this couple's lives. Together they also own Splakavellis Artist Management company and you'd expect office politics to enter the household every now and then. But Giggs says this is not the case. "We're professionals," he says. "Our work is hardly related since we work

in different departments", Sheree adds, caressing her cat, Tigger. "And this is our firstborn," she says. Giggs looks at the animal. "As black people we have this negative stigma about cats, yet all they do is eat and sleep. I'm still afraid of cats, but I'm getting there," he says. The home Tigger shares with Giggs and Sheree consists of a black-themed dining room with a glass-topped table, leading into the living room with its comfortable brown sofas, posh Sony Bravia TV and LG home theatre system. The small kitchen gleams with stainless steel while Giggs' home recording studio is packed with hundreds of vinyls. The walls of the home boast many of Giggs' awards, including his 2008 Gold Award for his Soul Candi Sessions Volume Four compilation. Life is good for this music industry power couple. Sheree manages some of the country's top talent, such as RJ Benjamin, Dr Duda and Brett Jackson as well as, of course, Giggs Superstar. Soul Candi Records, one of Mzansi's biggest house music companies, also keeps her busy. Giggs' career started back when he was in matric at Benoni High and watched one of his teachers working the decks at school functions. After school he got an internship at Jozi FM and would visit Soul Candi to check out the latest music. "One day I decided to drop off my CV and got a call from Clive Bear, one of the DJs, who told me there was an opening there," he recalls. He started out in the sales department until the Electro Candi Volume One came in 2007. "I was asked to compile a track list, so I merely thought I was helping someone else. Turns out I was being included as a DJ along with Euphonik and Ricardo Da Costa. I was

happy. The album went double platinum." Soul Candi Sessions Volume Four – which he mixed with Euphonik, 2Lani The Warrior and Franky – followed in 2008. By the time his debut solo album Sounds of a Superstar hit the shelves in mid-2009, he had established himself in the house music industry. However, he remains down to earth and quite shy. "As artists I believe we all go through that stage where we think we know a lot of things, but I've learnt you should respect the industry if you want it to respect you." GIGGS' growing profile has helped him land a deal with sportswear brand Adidas. "It was all Sheree's idea," he says. His fiancée nods. "I noticed how he always wore Adidas clothing when he was performing so I sent them photos of him and they liked what they saw. Music is as big as sport," she says. "I feel comfortable in sports clothes," says Giggs, who is an avid soccer fan. "I watch the games whenever I can." Sheree also enjoys dragging her man off to the mall when they have downtime or cuddling up on the sofa watching DVDs. Most of the time, though, he's working – and it's clearly paying dividends, if the silver-grey Land Rover 4x4 parked outside the upmarket townhouse is anything to go by. Yet what really makes him happy are the things money can't buy – like his love for his fiancée and his excitement about the upcoming new arrival. "If it's a boy we're going to name him Taylor," the father-to-be says. "And if it's a girl we'll name her Christine, after my late grandmother," Sheree pipes up. But it doesn't really matter what sex the baby is, Giggs adds. "What matters is I'm going to be a father – and I can't wait!" □



FAR LEFT: The walls in the couple's dining room boast some of the awards Giggs has won in his four years with Soul Candi. MIDDLE LEFT: Giggs has over a thousand vinyl records. LEFT: The TV room, complete with soccer on the plasma TV. RIGHT: Giggs and Sheree are looking forward to becoming parents.

