

From Start to Spin: DJ Essentials in a Day

Final Report

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Overview

Thank you to the **Teaching Artist Hub** for granting us the opportunity to present *From Start to Spin: DJ Essentials in a Day*. This workshop was a beautiful and energizing experience, and we are deeply grateful for the support that made it possible.

Together, we guided participants through a day filled with curiosity, openness, and creativity. Attendees were highly engaged while asking thoughtful questions, collaborating during group activities, and staying afterward to connect with us and our guest DJ, Late Night. It felt like a true moment of community building, which was exactly our goal.

Run of Show

10:00–10:30 AM | Check-in + DJ controller analysis

10:30–11:15 AM | Welcome, DJ backstories & Intro to DJ History

11:15–12:00 PM | BPM, beat matching & blending techniques

12:00–1:00 PM | Working lunch + troubleshooting demo (effects, filters, loops)

1:00–2:00 PM | Entrepreneurship: business formation, branding & social media strategy

2:00–3:00 PM | Mental health in entrepreneurship

3:00–4:00 PM | Open Decks – participants explored setups with guidance from guest DJs

Impact

This opportunity not only allowed us to share DJ skills and entrepreneurial knowledge, but also to live out the spirit of mentorship. Seeing Hook Gawdess step into her role as both an artist and co-facilitator was a powerful reflection of what this grant was designed to nurture.

Closing

Thank you again to the **Teaching Artist Hub** for supporting us in making this experience possible. We look forward to continuing to grow *From Start to Spin* and to fostering more spaces

of creativity, mentorship, and community.