

BADJA Meeting – May 2, 2011

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Spotlight DJ

What is a spotlight DJ? It is a chance for a BADJA member to showcase information about their DJ/KJ/VJ business and background. Each month a member is chosen or volunteers to complete a questionnaire. This information is compiled and published on the front page of the Badja website for one month. This spotlight article is then saved on the Badja website under the "Find a Badja DJ" by the DJ's company information.

At the beginning of our monthly meetings, the current spotlight DJ shares their disc jockey background with fellow members. This lets everyone become better acquainted with new and long time members with a personal recollection from the spotlight DJ. Past members have shared their beginnings, accomplishments, and personal goals.

Is this all worth it? Yes. The spotlight DJ receives a free Badja t-shirt and one month exposure on the front of the Badja website. If you are a member and would like to become a spotlight DJ, please contact member DJ Billy Zee at partybz@aol.com.



Thanks to April's spotlight DJ Larry Adler for his presentation at the meeting. Did you know that Larry always wanted to be a radio DJ since the glory days of Top 40 in the 1960's? He took broadcasting courses and had his own rock show on WBJC.FM.

Larry's Badja membership is important to him for two reasons. "First, it is an organization of professionals dedicated to elevating the skills of its members and raising the level of professionalism in our industry. Secondly, it is a "family" that looks out for its members."

DJ Software – presenter Nick Burke

www.nickyb-entertainment.com

Thanks to member and tech expert Nick Burke for presenting some Dj software options, many of which are freeware. Nicky B is also the co-moderator of the "Gear Board" on the www.mobilebeat.com forum. This forum is a great source to ask questions or gather information about products.

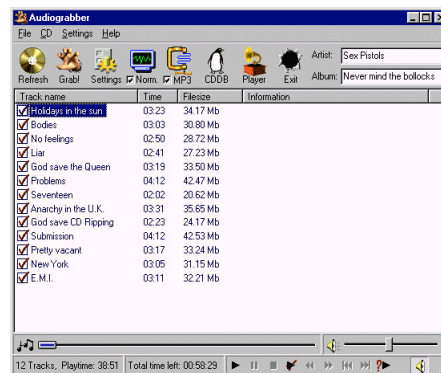


Virtual DJ – The software for the digital DJ, with the options to mix MP3's and videos. www.virtualdj.com This website will give you access to their forum and free plugins to be used with Virtual DJ. There is always something new here and owners of this software receive free downloadable upgrades. A free trail version is available.



Audiograbber – freeware at www.audiograbber.org

Audiograbber grabs digital audio from cd's. Audiograbber can automatically normalize the music, delete silence from the start and/or end of tracks, and encode them to a variety of formats including MP3. Audiograbber can download and upload disc info from freedb, an Internet compact disc database. There are many more functions in Audiograbber,



MP3Gain **MP3 Gain** – freeware at www.mp3gain.sourceforge.net



MP3Gain analyzes and adjusts mp3 files so that they have the same volume. There is no quality lost in the change because the program adjusts the mp3 file directly, without decoding and re-encoding.

MPEG2Cut2 - a free MPEG editor, join/append/merge and cut/split MPG/MPEG2/MPEG1, VOB/DVD, TS/HDTV and DAT/VCD/SVCD files <http://www.videohelp.com/tools/Mpg2Cut2> here is a download link

DVD Shrink 3.2 – Another free DVD ripping software program that is easy to use.

Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center



“It was great having Randy White from Washington Music Center come and speak to us. He showed and discussed to members the new MIDI controllers at our May meeting. Please consider purchasing from him at Washington Music Center when you have equipment to buy. He works at the Wheaton Store but lives in Annandale VA. Which is an 85 minute drive when there is no traffic from Hightopps. Remember that he got us all a bunch of Full Expo Passes and Exhibit passes to AC Expo last year for FREE.” – Jose castro

Denon DN-MC6000 – available at **Washington Music Center** at www.chucklevins.com

Want to buy this controller? Ask for Randy White and tell him your are a Badja member. Randy says that, “All Cd players will be be gone in 2 years. Table top players are the direction in controlling your MP3 music.”



The DN-MC6000 Mixer and MIDI Controller is a four-channel/eight-source standalone digital DJ mixer with MIDI interface and internal sound card. Acting as an audio interface (with a 2 in/2out stereo soundcard included), the DN-MC6000, when paired with the user’s software of choice, is a turnkey control solution for mobile DJs.

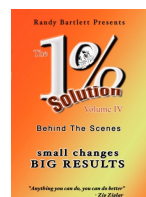
It is MIDI-mappable and compatible with popular DJ programs. The unit interfaces seamlessly with Mac® OSX and Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7 operating systems. The DN-MC6000 includes a selectable Video/Audio control cross fader feature. Each side of the unit can control up to two decks (for a total of four), with visible deck color change for intuitive, straightforward operation. Also notable is the fact that the DN-MC6000 is a real mixer, able to process audio inputs for external devices without a connection to a computer, as a dedicated mixer unit would.

Key features include rack-mountability (with included 19" rackmount accessory kit), a number of on-board MIDI effect controls, durable construction, intuitive layout, dual jog wheels, pitch fader, channel fader, cross fader and much more. Also featured are the unit’s high-quality, high-output headphone amp, the independent 3-band Channel EQ with “Kills” (high-mid-low) and various Utility presets to customize user settings.

Inputs include two RCA/Phono lines, one XLR Mic/quarter-inch one quarter-inch TRS Mic jack, and two RCA AUX inputs. Outputs include balanced master XLR, unbalanced master RCA, quarter-inch TRS booth/send out, RCA record out, and stereo headphone out. The unit measures 18.1" x 2" x 10" without rack ears.

BADJA Library - Did you know BADJA members could borrow materials?
- One of the many benefits of being a member.

To borrow an item from the BADJA library, please contact the BADJA Vice-President at info@partytime-entertainment.com at least 3 days prior to the next general meeting. You can find a complete list of materials in our library at www.Badja.org



Next Meeting

June 6, 2011

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Location:

HighTopps Backstage Grille
2306 York Road Timonium, Md 21093



Badja meets at Hightopps without charge, so please support our meeting place by purchasing a meal.

Member Spotlight

All spotlight DJs will receive a free BADJA T-shirt for their participation. Thanks to Larry Adler for sharing his DJ background.

www.adlerentertainment.com

May spotlight DJ: **Barry Hart**

www.Adlerentertainment.com

Contact DJ Billy Zee at Partybz@aol.com for a spotlight questionnaire.

Articles/ Presentations

If you want to submit an article to be published on our site. Email DJ Brad Hart DJBradHart@Gmailcom This will promote your business as well as educate others.

If you have an idea for our next meeting, then email Chris Hart. Chris@djchrishart.com

BADJA Library

View March 2011 BADJA Beat for a listing of DVDs or go to <http://www.badja.org/library.htm>

Contact the BADJA Vice-President at info@partytime-entertainment.com to borrow materials.

Thinking of becoming a member?

The best way to learn about BADJA is to attend a meeting and meet new people. 3 free meetings to non-members. Learn about the benefits. Ask for a free welcome kit. Contact Jose Castro AvalonDJ@Comcast.net for more info or follow the link. www.badja.org/join.htm

Apply today or stop by at our next meeting with a friend.

BADJA Website

Have you been to the BADJA website lately? It is undergoing improvements every week thanks to DJ Brad Hart our webmaster at www.partytime-entertainment.com **63** leads in 2010! **26** leads to date.

Leads have been booked with BADJA members.

Facebook

Thanks to Michael Pachino for being our new Facebook moderator!

DJMikeonthemic@Yahoo.com

Get connected by becoming a BADJA facebook fan and post a response. Let us know about your events, post a photo, or sell your equipment. Do it today, and stay in contact with members beyond our monthly meeting. Search BADJA

BADJA Benefit

Provides you with an opportunity to meet with Disc Jockeys and Karaoke Jockeys, interact, exchange ideas, concerns and deal with issues and matters of mutual importance to the DJ and KJ industry.

Check your email for an evite to the next meeting!