

Shaka Disco Events - DJ Lessons

Eight Hours for £300. This includes a booklet and instruction up to three people.

Do you want to learn the art of blending music, of any genre, together in a coherent set that your listeners will enjoy? I am offering to teach you over four 2-hour lessons and you can choose your own times and book your own slots with me that suit you.

I will teach you all the fundamental theory and skills on the industry standard Pioneer DJ equipment and software. All the classes are taught one-to-one or in small groups (max 3) so you can learn with your own style of music at your own speed.

What Will You Learn?

- How to download and organise your music collection
- How to use Rekordbox to prepare your playlists
- How to mix harmonically
- How to use the industry standard decks
- How to beatmatch with the jog wheel
- How to use the mixer and blend your tracks together with the EQs
- All about phrasing, track structures and the timing of your mixes
- How to use the colour FX
- How to record your set

Each lesson will start with some practical DJ technique and get straight into some hands-on practice, then, followed by a range of technical lessons on choosing gear, finding music, organising music, preparing for a DJ set, understanding sound engineering, what to expect at a venue/festival, promoting your own events and setting up sound systems for the best sound

Lesson One

Introduction

This will be an overview of what we'll cover in the whole course and then straight into what it means to be a DJ and how to get started with your very first mix.

There will be plenty of messing about with a basic set-up and exploring some of the simplest to grasp concepts

Practical:

Basic DJ transition #1 - "The Fade"

Basic DJ Transition #2 "The End to End"

Gear and Software

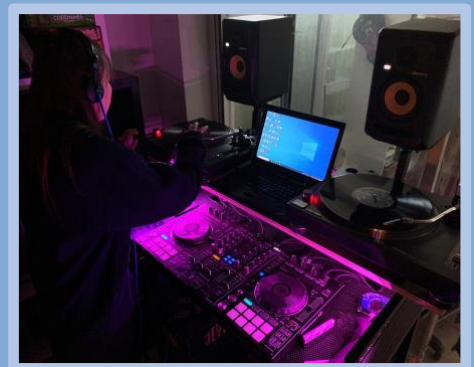
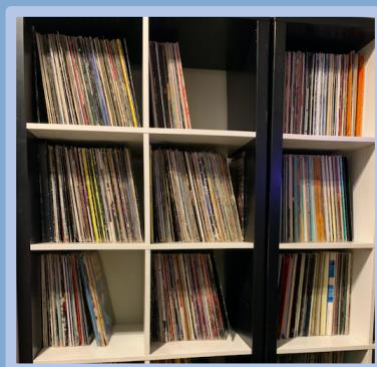
In this lesson I'll explain the fundamentals of all gear and software and the things they all have in common so that you will be able to confidently use any that you choose and also be able to play on any gear you are presented with.

I'll also teach you about the different software options for laptops and tablets, standalone controllers, CDJ's and pro mixers, vinyl and turntables, DVS systems, headphones, speakers, other useful gear and other useful software

Practical:

Basic DJ Transition #3 "The Cut"

Basic DJ transition #4 "The single phase beatmix"



Lesson Two

Music

In this lesson I'll teach you how to discover new music, how to choose and buy music, what the important file types are and their quality, how to organise your music and how to manage your music in your chosen software.

Practical:

Basic DJ Transition #5 "The Bassline Swap Beatmix"

Using Sync

Using Hot Cues

Basic Mixing

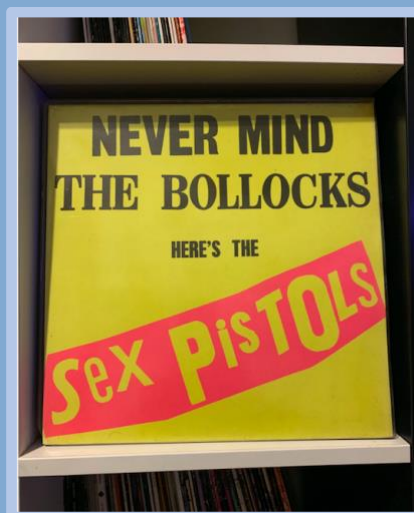
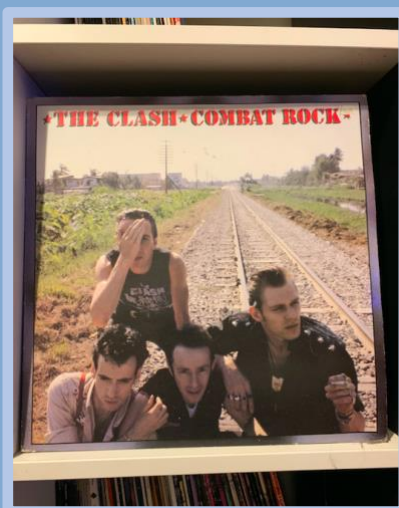
In this lesson we'll go into more detail about what a DJ actually does, understanding mixers and decks, beatmixing and going over the five basic DJ transitions in more detail

Practical:

Using Loops

Using Filters

Using Sweep FX



Lesson Three

Modern Mixing

In this lesson we go deeper into using more advanced techniques and effects to make interesting and unique transitions using, sync, hot cues, loops, filters, sweep fx, rhythmic fx, slip mode and mixing in key.

Practical:

Using Rhythmic FX

Using Slip mode

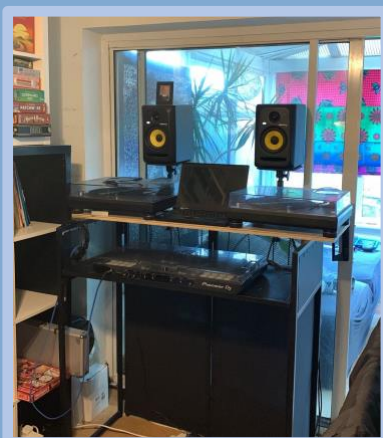
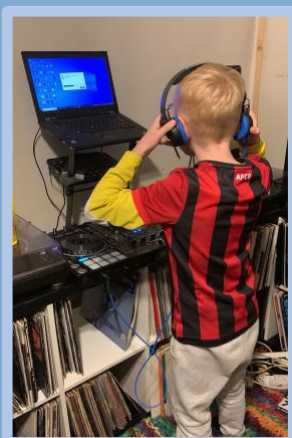
Mixing in Key

Real World mixing

In this lesson you'll learn how to record and critique your own mixes, mixing between genres, using accapellas, tricks for mixing house and dance, tricks for mixing hip hop and drum n bass, tricks for mixing pop.

Practical:

Review any questions or techniques already covered



Lesson Four

Playing Out

In this lesson you'll learn what music and equipment to take with you, how to set up in a bar/lounge and how to play there, how to set up in a club/festival and how to play there, how to read a crowd and act like a dj

Practical:

Review any questions or techniques already covered

Promoting yourself and getting gigs

In this lesson you will be learning to choose a DJ name and logo, creating an online profile, growing your profile and finding and getting gigs

Practical:

Review any questions or techniques already covered

Congratulations, you are now a DJ!

