

## DJ Workshops by Timothy Wisdom



Timothy Wisdom is available to teach DJing and freestyling workshops to students and schools throughout British Columbia's lower mainland. His encouraging style helps people learn to scratch vinyl and rap in a fun and constructive environment. Depending on the size and nature of the group, Timothy can cover a wide range of material and inspire people to be creative, think positively and explore music.

Freestyling is the act of speaking or rapping, "off the top of your head", in rhyme, over a beat. It is quickly becoming a popular recreational activity amongst many urban youths. Some vocal exercises are used to warm up the participants and then a microphone is passed around a circle where everyone gets a chance to try their new skills within the group. After a few minutes of practice, many participants have been known to start channelling their innermost thoughts and feelings into rhymes. This provides an excellent opportunity for participants to completely express their ideas and is a healthy way to vent frustrations.

DJing involves mixing various pieces of music together to create new music. This is usually combined with the art of scratching, to create entirely new sounds. Participants can learn the basics of DJing in minutes and will be given a chance to try out a real DJ setup including turntables, mixers, drum machines and vinyl records. It's not as hard as it looks, and Timothy makes the learning fun.



Timothy will bring all the necessary equipment to the workshop. The participants just need to bring a willingness to learn something new.

Timothy has held previous workshops with the following groups:

- Youth Futures R3 School (Burnaby, BC) – Youth aged 16-18
- Whytecliff Education Centre (Langley, BC) – Youth aged 16-18
- Camp Experience Your Dreams (Sunshine Coast, BC) – Youth aged 8-16
- Intention: Tribal Harmonix Retreat (Sunshine Coast, BC) – Youth aged 10-35
- Dept. of Computer Science, UBC (Vancouver, BC) – Youth aged 20-60

The main benefits of this workshop include:

- Increasing self confidence and self esteem
- Encouraging creativity in participants
- Promoting positive social skills amongst peers
- Demonstrating often untapped skills of participants
- Allowing an outlet for expressing opinions, stories and feelings

References from previous workshop groups are available upon request.

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