

DJ Jazzy Jeff and The Playlist & Skratch Bastid

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 8:00pm

This is the 795th concert in Koerner Hall

DJ Jazzy Jeff

DJ Jazzy Jeff was born in West Philadelphia and developed a love of music at an early age. He was just 10 years old when he started spinning records at parties using his family's basement as a training ground for his expert mixing. Since 1985, he has wowed audiences with his flawless turntable skills, innovative production, and musical versatility. Over the course of his career, DJ Jazzy Jeff has achieved many accomplishments, including a DMC Championship, and multiple Grammy and American Music Awards and nominations.

From the success of DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince with partner Will Smith to the critical acclaim of his production company, A Touch of Jazz, Jeff proved time and time again that he would always be a force to be reckoned with. He satisfies his passion for sharing good music with annual tours worldwide, and chronicles all of his travels in the increasingly popular Vinyl Destination, a web series that documents his experiences on and off stage.

Most recently, he created The Playlist Retreat, an annual invite-only intimate gathering of progressive artists for the purpose of inspiration, motivation, and collaboration. It is an organic exchange between people who believe in the greater purpose of expression through music, which all takes place at his private residence outside Philadelphia. This showcase performance at Koerner Hall features compositions and musicians from this retreat.

Skratch Bastid

Paul Murphy, better known by his stage name Skratch Bastid, is a world renowned DJ and producer. He is a three-time winner of the coveted Scribble Jam DJ Battle and is currently a global ambassador and judge for Red Bull's Thre3style DJ competition. Known for his comfort and versatility in different styles – hip hop, funk, disco, club, rock, and just about anything that makes people dance – Skratch Bastid has showcased his skills in over 30 countries. Every summer he celebrates his culture in various cities across Canada through an event series called Bastid's BBQ.

In 2008, he became the first ever Canadian DJ to be nominated for the Juno Award for Producer of the Year, showing that he is just as comfortable in the studio as he is on stage. In 2016, he received another Juno nomination, this time in the Instrumental Album of the Year category, for the *Spin Cycle* project with the Afiara String Quartet, which premiered in Koerner Hall during the 21C Music Festival in May of 2015. With unrivalled technical skill, a sixth sense when it comes to play selection, and an infectious charisma on stage, many have said that Skratch Bastid is probably your favourite DJ's favourite DJ.

Skratch Bastid made his Royal Conservatory debut on May 23, 2015 and all of the other artists are making their Conservatory debuts tonight.