

Assessing a DJ Performance

Assessing a DJ Performance is just like assessing any instrument! Because that's exactly what it is, it's an instrument - and just like all instruments, it has its own techniques and skills different to others. **For example** - you wouldn't mark a piano player or drummer on their intonation!

Although we won't be marking a DJ on their ability to accurately play notes or produce a specific Timbre, we certainly are able to assess them on their ability to demonstrate the other Music Elements.

Consider the following:

- Can the DJ effectively use their equipment to mix and blend songs seamlessly?
- Do they have a good sense of timing and can they keep the music flowing smoothly throughout the performance?
- Can the DJ effectively analyse the audience's response to the music and adjust their selections accordingly?
- Do they have a good understanding of the musical elements (such as melody, harmony, and rhythm) and how they can be used to create a pleasing musical experience?
- Does the DJ have the ability to create original music, either through mixing and blending existing tracks or by creating their own tracks from scratch?

