

DJ CHIPS

DJ Chips aka The Electric God, is an iconic DJ legend hailing from Brooklyn, New York. The beginning of Chips' musical journey was his interest in audio sound systems in his late teens. He began his career in 1972, when his friends alongside himself formed the first DJ group, The Grandmasters. He developed his DJ skills, picking up tricks of the trade from other up and coming DJ's.

After the Grandmasters dissolved, Chips changed the name to FANTASIA in 1974. FANTASIA's debut was at the legendary Jimmy's Jazz Club on 33rd West 52nd St. The original FANTASIA members were DJ Chips, Kool DJ Dee, and Larry B filling out the MC role. After Kool Dee left to pursue a solo act, FANTASIA added Jimmy G-The Everything Man and Action Jackson, Chief Engineer and architect of the FANTASIA sound system.

"The Electric God" title was given to him by one of his crew members, who observed how Chips was able to electrify the crowd through the manipulation of the vast FANTASIA sound. Chips had total control of the sub-bass, midrange and highs, which resulted in the record sounding more hype than what it was. His smooth blend of funk, rock, R&B, and Jazz was an award-winning formula. Chips was known to be consistent at every gig for keeping the crowds dancing.

DJ Chips has performed with most of the premier DJs of that era: Grandmaster Flowers, Plummer, Pete DJ Jones, Ras Maboya, Dagger, Smith Bros, QJ Simpson, App Electrified Sounds, and Nu Sounds. These are all iconic names of the many great DJ's hailing from Brooklyn, NY. Chip's held his own and proved why he is one of the best and originals in the creation of Hip Hop.

An epic moment in history was the battle against Brooklyn DJ icon Grandmaster Flowers. Highly respected, Chips believes Flowers is the real Godfather of early hip hop and was honoured to have had the privilege of performing with him. Chips and FANTASIA crew helped usher in the growing trend of Hip Hop. DJ Chips' last major gig with FANTASIA was at a venue with icons Love Bug Starski, Kool DJ Dee and DJ Hollywood at The Down Beat.

All good things must come to an end and FANTASIA disbanded in 1980. Chips went on to pursue other interests but his passion, accomplishments and love of Hip Hop left him curious. He wanted to explore the real origins of Hip Hop and was brought back into the fold. He created a website devoted to the real origins of Hip Hop and uploaded his event flyers, historical information and photographs from his time with FANTASIA. This sparked interest outside the United States and the Brooklyn Legend was reborn.

DJ Chips has been interviewed twice from writers in Poland. One of his interviews is featured in Perth, Australia's first hip hop magazine named Out Of Necessity. It was the launching of this magazine that brought DJ Chips out of retirement, for a lecture in Australia and numerous other interviews with Albert Gaszowski (Old Schoolers Crew), Kylie De Vos (Rappfox), DJ Veeness (Australia) and Prime Minister Pete Nice of the Kool Rap duo 3rd BASS. A salute and recognition of his history was a feature in the Italian and Middle East versions of ESQUIRE magazine and featured on radio stations RTRFM 92.1FM and Radio Fremantle 107.9FM.

He has performed internationally in Perth and Melbourne, Australia and in the US including the annual West Indian Day Parade on Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

With Chips' knowledge of music and how to move a crowd, he is the epitome of Hip Hop culture – The DJ.