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What a busy April in Mobile DJ Network land!! We held our first Mobile DJ Show in the South, which going by the feedback we've had so far was a real success! Full story and the video are below. Robert has also been racking up the miles, heading to Bournemouth for a great shownight at KSL, Preston to see our friends at Pro Mobile magazine, and Frankfurt to see Europes biggest trade show!

MDJN as you can see, has been out and about all over Europe in the real world, promoting Mobile DJs to the industry and also holding well recieved workshops with great educational content. Many detractors seem to imply MDJN is just a Facebook group when of course we are much, much more with education, information, support and great value services. Please spread the word to others about the benefits of MDJN membership and we will work harder than ever on getting even more benefits for you as members

I'd like to welcome our latest Members on board, and thank you for choosing us for your PLI and many other Member benefits! You'll find a list of them [HERE](#)

A quick reminder to our existing members, if your policy is due for renewal, it's still just £39.99 for a full year, and there's no need to apply again, just login and click RENEW!!

Just in case you've not found us on facebook yet, why not come and join over 7900 DJs on perhaps the largest DJ focussed facebook group.

It's a great place to spend some down time and see what's happening in our industry, find out about new equipment, music and what your colleagues/ competition are up to.

For those who appreciate the benefits of networking with colleagues, this is also an ideal place to get started! If you're not already a member, join up and take advantage of it:



MDJN also has a [google community](#) and a [twitter account](#) for you to follow and an [official facebook page!](#)

Our plans to be out and about near you continue this year, so do keep an eye out for our monthly Newsletter and of course events we post on the facebook group. More great articles, features and bargains again for you this month thanks to Robert and our industry partners, hope you enjoy it.

Pete Williams

Competition



DJ STANDZ have kindly donated a prize for this months newsletter the Mxl Laptop midi effects stand.

Its a Desktop or table stand it will accommodate two laptops (size dependent) or any number of midi-controllers / iPad / small cdj's etc...and remains completely sturdy whilst doing so.

This powder coated mild steel stand has a fully extendable lower shelf to suit whatever you choose to mount.

This unit folds down flat when not in use.

To win this item all you have to do is send an email to robert@mobiledjnetwork with the subject of 'May competition' and tell us the answer to this question. What is the current price of the mxl laptop midi effects stand on the DJstandz.com website? entries must be sent before the 20th of May 2015. The winner will be the name picked randomly from the correct answers.

Upcoming Events

MDJN IS GOING TO SCOTLAND!!

MDJN will be at [Glasgow Sound Centre](#) on Wednesday 27th of May



The show starts at 12:30 to 8:00pm representatives from dB technologies, American DJ and Laserworld along with Robert Griffiths from MDJN will be at this event on hand to answer your questions. Iain from Glasgow Sound Centre will be offering great advice and prices at the event and a raffle with great prizes will be held for more details check out the Facebook event [click here](#)

MDJN Out and About

Bournemouth



MDJN went down to sunny Bournemouth on Tuesday the 31st of March to exhibit alongside Chauvet and Pioneer at Kaleidoscope Sound and Light.

The XDJ-RX was on show and a masterclass was provided by Rob Anderson, Chauvet had some excellent light fixtures and the funfetti canon on show too. A well attended educational evening with Rob Anderson extolling the virtues of Rekord Box and the new XDJ-RX controller.

Chris Joy and Si Brown were on hand from KSL and he showed me the lovely showroom packed with DJ goodies and the fact that they have a service department for repairs and that they also have a very impressive selection of hire stock too.

MDJN got a lot of positive feedback from DJs who popped in and were asking about membership and its benefits. What was also impressive were the cakes and snacks on offer made by the loving hands of Simons wife Hope.. Thanks DJs loved your cakes ! All in all a very well attended store night.

So if you are in the area why not pop down and say Hi to Chris or Si.

Frankfurt

Well what can I say this trip was mindblowing, I have never been to Frankfurt before and this was a mini adventure full of wonders and treasures of networking of discovery and a real energising self journey too.

For those that do not know in Germany Frankfurt once a year the largest show of its kind in Europe is held. All the big companies and it seems every other related company large or small is there. To say this show is vast is doing it an injustice. Think of a big show and think of it a 100 times bigger and you may get close.

Boy was it well attended, folks from all over the world walking around and chatting about everything PA and sound wise. I saw so

many smart and clever displays and impressive products that it was simply overwhelming at times. The hospitality shown by people was also mind boggling.

The show also was organised with amazing German efficiency. I was lucky enough to have a VIP tulip pass and this allowed me access to the halls and on the public train system which as our hotel was a little away was a brilliant idea. The organisation that must go into a show of this magnitude is just so impressive, I get stressed doing a facebook event at a store with two manufacturers so seeing how the big boys do it was quite humbling and i was in awe at its slickness.

Now down to the tasty part the exhibitors.

Wow ! just Wow ! Everyone pulled out all the stops. seeing in the flesh products I have only seen online or in catalogues meant I walked around with my mouth open drooling far too often. I met a hero of mine Dj EtRoNiK the first American Dj to represent the USA in all three categories at the DMC world mixing championships. He is know by many as American Djs Edgar Bernal. He programmed a truly awesome lightshow set with MyDMX for frankfurt and he did a walk through of the new ADJ fixtures on top of that he was a lovely bloke, so many heroes turn out to be different than you think , he was a lovely helpful and skilled guy who made you feel he had all the time in the world for you. The ADJ stand was one of the highlights of my visit.

Now given my experience of travelling around the UK and seeing FBT products and Mark Parkhouse at many of our events and shows you would think I had seen it all FBT wise and that they couldnt show anything I had not already seen before.

You are wrong. FBT raised the bar again with a larger vertus system and it is built to a standard that is just so superior to many on show. Jack Wilson of DJ Dealer was there and we almost had to surgically remove him from hugging it as the FBT fever of wanting the speakers had overtaken him. I am not normally a line array guy but my envious aspirational eye was on these beauties I hope to report more on these in the future.

On my travels between stand to stand I saw many UK Djs who had made the trip over Steve Boys, Neal short, Jack Wilson we all met up after day one and had a chat about the industry and what we had seen on this first day, we all retired early with a cup of cocoa ready for the next day.

The German trains to the event were like clockwork on my second day. I heard rumour of a new PA speaker from bose , there stand was not in the sound room with the others so a mini trek to get to this hall was in order. In this hall Sennhieser also had a stand which had their usual selection of high quality mics and Headphones. I stumbled upon the Bose stand and saw the new speaker .. I am sorry to say i was not impressed at the build quality and the sound in the special dem room was ok.. I like the concept of being able to direct the ajustable speakers but the build quality alone left me underwhelmed as did the four grand price tag for a set of two tops and two subs.

Pioneer had a fantastic stand with live Djs showing what can be achieved. Rob Anderson who i had met at Bournemouth was also on hand and he showed me two great small studio monitor speakers that were very impressive for home studio monitoring.

Liteconsole had a stand and were showing the new LED strip light accessory and its not a thing they have thrown together its a well designed high quality sound to light controlled LED strip. It nice to see people taking pride and designing things properly and not just cheaply. We were so impressed at lite console build quality, design and finish that we enquired about a liteconsole GO! stand as a featured stand for future Mobile DJ Network shows and events and you can see how great it looks on the Lingfield Show South event pictures and videos.

Back in the great sound hall were many manufactures and one that caught my eye was Microphone and headphone manufacturer JTS, They had some impressive looking products on show with wireless mics with rechargable battery docks built in to the rack mounted recievers. They also showed the back of units to show how they wire up .. many had smart power linking and aerial linking to make wiring in a rack or case a breeze, something many just dont do well.

I got an incling we will be seeing JTS rise in profile over the coming years and definately a company on its way up in the Mobile DJ worlds radar.

I could write for a week about everything I saw and experienced at the show. It is so massive and so overwhelming it was hard to take in. After another busy day many of us went for something to eat, we went for that of most traditional Germanic meals a indian curry. Again the networking and banter was on top form, talking and meeting passionate people really is motivating and although I had to leave the next morning I felt better about our industry and the good folks trying to promote it. Frankfurt was simply awesome and an experience I would like to do again. Hopefully I will get the chance to go again next year and I will then not be so much like a rabbit in the headlights.

I would like to thank all the friends who I met on the trip for making Frankfurt such an exceptional event. If any members wish to know specifics about products at the show feel free to email me on robert@mobiledjnetwork.co.uk

Mobile DJ Show South

Our largest show so far, having held smaller events in Oldham over the past two years, we wanted to host a medium sized show aimed firmly at the Mobile DJ, and offer as much as possible. We organised two workshops on DMX, both of which were very well

attended and a very popular talk by Kevin McNally from FBT on getting the best from your sound system. Also in the afternoon was a chance to both join in and learn about Speedquizzing, which was also very popular, with several DJs signing up on the day to this unique way of running a quiz

At 5pm we opened the doors to the main show, this was packed with top name brands and exhibitors and again proved very popular, with plenty to see and get your hands on, along with some amazing deals from both DJ Dealer & DJ Superstore.

Every visitor was given an MDJN bag with assorted brochures to start their day off along with a name badge to make networking that much easier, followed up by free Cup Cakes and Candy Floss and some very tasty food on offer.

Evening presentations from many of our Exhibitors showed off their displays to the audience, we even had an Outside Broadcast unit from Susy 103.4 so visitors could try their hand at Radio Broadcasting!

Both exhibitors and visitors seemed happy at the way the show went, so hopefully we will have more of these in the future. Of course we couldn't do them without the support of the many Exhibitors, so it's important to turn out and support shows in our industry, otherwise it's not worth the large expense that Exhibitors incur

The video gives you a good idea of what went on at Lingfield Park on 26th of April, and what you can expect from future shows...

Mobile DJ Network Guest Mix

Straight Outta Denton Mix Tape

By Jon Whaite



This month's mix was inspired by a list Robert Griffiths posted recently on MDJN featuring tracks for one his many roadtrips of 2015. I took the hiphop elements from the list and figured it was time for something a little less smooth. Loads of memories from hearing (and selling) these tunes back in the day. As always I have used a combination of originals & reworks. A funky mix to kickstart the summer. Enjoy & comment if you give it a listen. click the image above to hear the [mix](#)

Ice Cube – It Was A Good Day

Notorious B I G – Big Poppa

2 Pac – I Aint Mad At Cha

Luniz – I Got Five On It

Blackstreet – No Diggity

Fugees – Ready Or Not

Coolio – Gangsta's Paradise

Busta Rhymes – Woo Haa

Notorious Big – Hypnotize

Snoop Dogg (Ft. Pharrell Williams) Vs. Dr. Dre (Ft. Snoop Dogg) – Drop It Like It's The Next Episode

Warren G & Nate Dogg – Regulate

A Tribe Called Quest – Can I Kick It

Snoop Doggy Dogg – What's My Name

Grandmaster Flash – The Message

Naughty By Nature – OPP

LL Cool J – Mama Said Knock You Out

Ice Cube – You Can Do It

Cypress Hill – Insane In The Brain

NWA – Straight Outta Compton

Eric B & Rakim – I Know You Got Soul

Run DMC – Walk This Way

Eric B & Rakim – Dont Sweat The Technique

2 Pac – California Love

House Of Pain – Jump Around

Rob Base & Dj Ez Rock – It Takes Two

De La Soul – Me Myself And I

Tone Loc – Wild Thing

Run DMC – It's Tricky

[Listen to the mix here](#)

Review Stagg Headbanger XT

By Robert Griffiths



Just a few years ago moving heads were out of the reach of many mobile DJs and were exclusive to trendy nightclubs, high end theatres, and your favourite charting band on tour, but in just a few short years the size and more importantly the price of moving heads has plummeted, making them recently a trendy desirable fixture for many mobile DJs.

The Stagg Headbanger XT is small and inexpensive but does it hit the mark or is it a lemon?

Now I know from our Facebook group from reactions what many of you may be thinking "Its going to be tat"

My reply is that it is not and is a well specified fixture given the caveat of its price.

With all reviews of this nature you have to take into account cost and obviously a moving head at a low cost is built to a price point. The build of this unit is a 7 out of 10 with a worrying gap around the base of the fixture and seeing internal components through

this gap is hardly inspiring.

The unit comes in a nice box and upon opening you see power leads and a bracket and an instruction booklet..

One of the biggest downfalls with this unit is the instruction book.. It is very poorly written and even an experienced DJ like myself found features by playing around with the light, rather than studying the instruction book.

On the base of the unit, there is standard 4-button LED display which allows you to control the Headbangers XT various settings, and on the back there is the IEC power input socket, as well as three-pin DMX in and out . A power out would have been a good addition as at the cost of these many might consider using them as room up lighters but unfortunately this has been omitted.

I have seen the HeadbangerXT at a street price of £150 and at that cost you seriously have to lower expectations on what a moving head can do. This is a wash fixture so a wash of light not a pattern or shape is produced .

At £150 this fixture will appeal to people not familiar with DMX or intelligent control of fixtures, typically a DJ who is likely to rip open the box and set it to sound to light and watch it do its thing.

Now I am going to say something that a few years ago, I didn't think I would say.. Out of the box on sound to light, if they were used in a small pub for example, they are just too bright! Yes LED has come that far, only a few years ago many DJs complained about LED not being bright enough and here am I moaning out of the box its too bright!

It actually took me a long while to figure out (as it doesn't spell it out in the instructions) that you can dim the fixture then set it to sound to light and it will remember the dimmed setting. Unfortunately the sound to light seems to send the fixture into very fast movement and it could do with the ability to slow it right down in sound to light mode.

The XT version of this fixture also has a setting to limit the pan and tilt movement so on a rig or light stand it only moves the wash in the areas you want.

The menu is tricky to figure out at times and as previously mentioned the Instruction book needs a rewrite. My feeling is the DJ buying this is not the sort to spend a lot of time figuring out everything and just wants it to work after plugging in.

However if you are the sort who will sit down and read the instructions, spend time playing with the light and connecting up master slave with another headbanger, or better still use with a DMX controller you will get the full benefit of this fixture.

When you put the effort in, this fixture rewards. I found I have become quite good at controlling this light after a tough learning curve.. My worry is potential buyers will be put off after purchase and wont get the best out of them unless they actually DMX control them.

Stagg have done a good job of bringing aspirational style of fixtures to mass market price points, If the build issues of the gaps and the instruction booklet were written better, I would be happier in recommending this light. As it stands its good value if you are prepared to put the time in.

Retailer Offers

Each month, we invite Retailers to provide offers to our members, here are the special deals for January.

Here is something a little bit different for MDJN members....



Simon Banister on our Facebook group is offering metal name plates for your flight case(s), available in mirror gold, mirror silver and white, these can be printed in any colour with your DJ name, contact details, and logo/graphics.

Size of these plates are 190 mm wide x 48mm high They are made of 0.5mm metal and printed using the latest technology meaning the print will not fade or scratch off. They can be attached either by a strong glue, heavy duty double sided tape or by a couple of small screws (holes are not provided but very easy to drill)

£10.00 for 6 plates including delivery.

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- Additional special offers throughout the year

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£725.00	£725.00	£220.00
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And relax....

Well it's a good theory! It would be nice to be able to sit back and relax, but we have lots of plans and behind the scenes jobs to do as we continue to improve things for our members and improve our website experience for new members

So onwards and upwards for Mobile DJ Network, and hopefully you, our valued Members as well!

As we start to get into the (hopefully) busy Wedding season, we will all have less time on our hands for family, friends and reading Newsletters, but do let us know if there's anything you'd like to see in our monthly offering, and we'll see what we can do..

May the fourth be with you (sorry, couldn't resist!)

Pete & the Team

