



CHICAGO · OPEN-FORMAT DJ

THE ENERGY THE ROOM DIDN'T SEE COMING.

DJ Vlad is a Chicago open-format DJ with twenty years behind the decks in the city's most demanding rooms. Classically trained from age five and club-proven across forty-plus Chicago venues, he anchored an eight-year flagship Saturday residency at D.S. Tequila Co. and played Chicago's PrideFest DJ Stage for eight consecutive years.

Born in Bucharest just after the Romanian Revolution and raised in Chicago from age five, he came up on Chicago house and European dance music while training classically in piano, alto saxophone, and voice. He played his first booked party at thirteen and incorporated his own mobile entertainment company at fifteen—fifty-plus shows a year before finishing high school.

After headlining Friday nights through college at Indiana University, he returned home and earned his way into more than forty Chicago rooms. A twelve-hour set at Minibar ended with the D.S. Tequila GM booking him on the spot to be the face of Saturday nights—a residency he held for eight years while co-founding the late-night institution #DSLate.

Open format is the hardest job in the booth: every demographic in the room, every BPM on the table, one continuous peak. He builds sets live—fast transitions, long arcs, a deep crate—and reads the floor in real time.

SELECTED CREDITS

D.S. Tequila Co. — Saturday resident, 2016–2024 · co-founder of #DSLate

Electric Hotel — monthly resident, River North

Chicago PrideFest DJ Stage — eight consecutive years, 2015–2022

103.5 KISS FM — featured guest mix

In The Booth — featured artist & guest mix, Ep. 044

VENUES

Cerise Rooftop (Virgin Hotels) · ROOF on theWit · Whiskey Sky (W Chicago) · Sound-Bar · Primary
· Scarlet · State & Lake · Hubbard Inn · Tavern on Rush · The Drop Lounge · Mad River · ROCBAR · Clutch Bar · LORE · FAME · Uproar · ProgressBar ·
Minibar · Splash · Play Chicago · HVAC Pub · Treehouse · McGee's · Replay · Northalsted Market Days · Brother's on Walnut (Bloomington, IN)

THE SOUND

House & Dance · Top 40 & Pop · Hip-Hop & R&B · Latin & Global · Throwbacks
& Classics · Pride & Festival Sets

WHERE HE FITS

Nightclubs & lounges · Rooftops & hotels · Festivals & stages ·
Private & corporate



20+

YEARS ON
DECKS

40+

CHICAGO
VENUES

8-yr

FLAGSHIP
RESIDENCY



*Seriously one of the most
genuinely nice people of all
time... a very, very talented DJ."*

— SHERM · IN THE BOOTH, EP. 044

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