

Dance /DJ/Electronic

Basically the DJs generate their music electronically with software such as Logic Pro, Ableton Live, FL Studio, Protools; plus they use plugins together with samples of various instruments / sounds. They program all the music using the software and then get guest vocalists. These days most of their music is original, although in the 80s and 90s it was more often dance oriented remixes of other artists' music.

Grandmaster Flash in the 80s revolutionised the concept of the role of the DJ as hip hops main instrument. This became possible as the result of Matsushita (Panasonic) inventing the direct drive turntable, and specifically the Technics SL-1200. Previous turntables were only belt driven and not suitable for this style of use.

eg "Uptown Funk" - created by Mark Ronson with Bruno Mars on vocals.

I have listed a number of significant / popular DJs below.

Avicii (1989 - 2018, 28 years) (born Tim Bergling in Sweden)



Leona Lewis sampled one of his tracks "Fade Into Darkness" in 2011 for her single "Collide" - originally uncredited, after legal action, the song was released under both their names.

Avicii started releasing music in 2007. His first charting singles came in 2010 "Bromance", "My Feelings For You", "Seek Bromance".

Then major success came in 2011 with "Levels", a top 5 hit throughout Europe.

Studio Albums: "True" (2013); "Stories"(2015); "Tim" (2019)

True

"Wake Me Up", released in 2013, became a worldwide #1 smash hit. It was the lead single from his debut album "True". Aloe Blacc (real name Egbert Dawkins) provided the vocals. The song was co-written between Avicii, Aloe Blacc and Mike Einziger (Lead guitarist with Incubus).

Another guest was Adam Lambert on Track "Lay Me Down" and Track 4 "Addicted To You" features vocals by Audra Mae (Great great niece of Judy Garland); it was third single from the album

Stories

His second album "Stories" had a number of famous guest vocalists.

Track 7 Chris Martin form Coldplay Track 11 Wyclef Jean Track 15 Robbie Williams

Track 15 Brandon Flowers (lead vocalist The Killers)

Tim His last album was released a year after his death. One of the singles from the album "Heaven", featured Chris Martin from Coldplay on vocals, another track "Heart Upon My Sleeve" featured the group Imagine Dragons.

David Guetta

(born 1967 in Paris, France)



Sold over 10 million albums & 65 million singles.

More than 30 billion streams on Spotify.

Started releasing music since 2002.

2009 saw his first #1 hit "When Love Takes Over" featuring Kelly Rowland on vocals.

His first album "Just A Little More Love" was released in 2002. Chris Willis was his vocalist on nearly every track.

2004 "Guetta Blaster" - this album again featured Chris Willis on vocals.

2007 "Pop Life" - third album with varied vocalists including J D Davis.

2009 "One Love" - will.i.am and Kelly Rowland feature on a number of the tracks on this, his 4th album.

2011 "Nothing But The Beat" - 5th album featuring Flo Rida, Nicki Minaj, Ludacris, Snoop Dogg, Usher, Chris Brown, Lil Wayne, Jennifer Hudson, Jessie J, Sia, Will.i.am

2014 "Listen" - 6th album featuring John Legend, Sia, Nicki Minaj, Sam Martin, The Script, Afrojack

2018 "7" - as title suggests, his 7th album featuring Sia, Jason Derulo, Nicki Minaj, Justin Bieber, Jess Glynne, Ava Max, Afrojack, Charli XCX, Sean Paul

Since 2018 he has only been releasing singles.

Mark Ronson



Born 1975 in London, **England**.

Has released 5 albums

2003 Here Comes The Fuzz (vocalists incl. Sean Paul, Mos Def, Nikka Costa, Jack White)

2007 Version (vocalists incl. Lily Allen, Amy Winehouse)

2010 Record Collection (vocalists incl. Simon Le Bon, Boy George)

2015 Uptown Special (vocalists incl. Stevie Wonder, Bruno Mars)

In 2018 founded his own record label Zelig Records.

Nov 2018 released a single with Miley Cyrus "Nothing Breaks Like A Heart"

Also co-wrote the song 'Shallow' for the movie "A Star Is Born", Sung by Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. Nominated for an Academy Award

2019 Late Night Feelings (vocalists incl. Alicia Keys, Miley Cyrus)

Since 2019 released mostly singles

Has released an EP and several singles as one half of the duo **Silk City** with American DJ Diplo. Vocalists on their releases include Dua Lipa and Elle Goulding.

Has also produced material for numerous other artists including Nikka Costa, Jimmy Fallon, Sean Paul, Macy Gray, Lily Allen, Christina Aguilera, Amy Winehouse, Robbie Williams, Adele, Kaiser Chiefs, Foreigner, U2, Duran Duran, Rufus Wainwright, Bruno Mars, Paul McCartney, ASAP Rocky, Lady Gaga, Queens of the Stone Age, Dua Lipa, Miley Cyrus, Alicia Keys, Billie Eilish & Kelly Clarkson.

Entire Albums produced include

2006 Christine Aguilera "Back To Basics"

2006 Amy Winehouse "Back To Black"

2006 Robbie Williams "Rudebox"

Executive Producer on several soundtrack albums including

2023 Barbie soundtrack

2025 "Mortdecai"

Also winner of numerous Grammys.

Calvin Harris



born 1984, in **Scotland**.

Albums

2007 "Created Disco"

2009 "Ready For The Weekend"

2012 "18 Months"

2014 "Motion"

2017 "Funk Wav Bounces Vol 1"

2022 "Funk Wav Bounces Vol 2"

2024 "96 Months"

Calvin Harris does most of his own vocals but also uses guest vocalists.

His 3rd album "18 Months" featured both Rihanna and Ellie Goulding.

His 4th album "Motion" features Gwen Stefani and Ellie Goulding

The 5th album "Funk Wav Bounces Vol 1" has guest appearances from Pharrell Williams, Ariana Grande, Khalid, Travis Scott, Nicki Minaj & Katy Perry.

6th album "Funk Wav Bounces Vol 2" has Busta Rhymes, Dua Lipa, Halsey, Timberlake, Snoop Dogg & Pharrell Williams among others

7th album "96 Months" guests include Rihanna, Dua Lipa, Sam Smith, Ellie Goulding

#1 Singles

2009 "I'm Not Alone"

2012 "Sweet Nothing"

2013 "Under Control"

2014 "Summer"

2014 "Blame"

2017 "Feels"

2018 "One Kiss" feat. Dua Lipa

2018 "Promises" feat. Sam Smith

2023 "Miracle" feat. Ellie Goulding

Martin Garrix



born in **The Netherlands** 1996

One studio album "Sentio" in 2022

Six EPs and over 100 singles

Best known for the singles "Animals" 2013, "In The Name Of Love" 2016, "Scared To Be Lonely" 2017

Headlined the closing ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Sometimes uses the alias "GRX"

Ranked #1 DJ in 2018 in DJ Mag.

In 2015 was ambassador for Swiss brand TAG Heuer.

Has also been an ambassador for Armani Exchange.

Guest vocalists have included Dua Lipa, Troye Sivan, Afrojack, Jamie Scott, Khalid, Bono (from U2),

Collaborations with other DJs have included David Guetta, Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike

Remixes for Christine Aguilera, The Weeknd

Tiesto



born Tji Michiel Nerwest in **The Netherlands** 1969

Has released EIGHT albums so far (2001 - 2023).

Guest vocalists on latest album include Ava Maxx, Charlie XCX

Guest vocalists/guests on past albums have included Rita Ora, Snoop Dogg, Post Malone, Ladyhawke, Sneaky Sound System, Nelly Furtado

Began releasing material in 1994.

Early aliases included "Da Joker" and "DJ Limited".

In 1997, in conjunction with fellow artist Bink, formed their own label **Black Hole Recordings**.

Two sub-labels created, "Songbird"(1997) and "In Trance We Trust" (1998)

2001 - created new label "Magik Muzik"

Released first solo album 2001 "In My Memory" on this label. Hits from the album include "Lethal Industry" (#6), "Suburban Train", "Flight 643" (#7).

Second solo album "Just Be" also had several hits "Traffic" (#1), "Love Comes Again" (#4), "Just Be" (#12)

The other SIX albums

"Elements of Life"(2007) - singles "He's A Pirate" (#5); "Dance4life" (#4); "In The Dark" (#2); "Break My Fall" (#13)
"Kaleidoscope"(2009); single "Who Wants To Be Alone" feat. Nelly Furtado; "I Will Be Here" feat. Sneaky Sound System
"Kiss From The Past"(2011);
"A Town Called Paradise"(2014);
"The London Sessions"(2020); singles "Jackie Chan" (#2) feat. Post Malone; "Ritual" (#5) feat. Rita Ora.
"Drive"(2023) singles "The Motto")#1) feat. Ava Max; "Hot In It" (#12) feat. Charli XCX

2009 non album single "Feel It" featuring Sean Kingston & Flo-Rida

2015 Soundtrack single from Collide - "Split (Only U)" feat. The Chainsmokers.

Since 2023 only singles

FISHER



Born Paul Nicholas Fisher on Gold Coast, **Australia**

Ranked #7 by DJ Mag in 2025

Nominated for both ARIA and Grammy Awards

Originally one half of the duo "Cut Snake"

No albums. Two EPs. 19 singles.

"Losing It" (2018) was first single to chart in the USA at #1.

"You Little Beauty" (2019) was second single to chart in the USA at #1.

Most recent single "Favour" (2026) features Tons and I

The Chainsmokers



Since 2012

American DJ and production duo.

Now Alex Pall and Drew Taggart

Originally Alex Pall and Rhett Bixler

After Bixler left, Taggart joined in 2012.

In 2012 They collaborated with Indian actress Priyanka Chopra (Miss World 2000 and married to Nick Jonas since 2018) on the single "Erase"

Their single "#Selfie" released *for free* in December 2013 became life changing for the duo. The song reached #16 in the USA.

Their manager, Adam Alpert formed his own record label, Disruptor Records, in 2014.

2016 single "Closer" featuring Halsey.

2018 launched their own film company "Kick The Habit Productions"

FIVE albums to date

2017 "Memories...Do Not Open"

2018 "Sick Boy"

2019 "World War Joy"

2022 "So Far So Good"

2023 "Summertime Friends"

Also SEVEN EPs

"Bouquet"(2015); "Collage"(2016); "Sick Boy"(2018); "World War Joy"(2019); "No Hard Feelings" (2024); "Breathe"(2025); "Love Is Kind"(2026)

Top 10 Charting Singles in the USA

2016 "Don't Let Me Down" (#3); "Closer" (#1) from the EP "Collage"

2017 "Paris" (#6); "Something Just Like This" (#3) *with Coldplay*;

Marshmello



American DJ formerly known as **Dotcom**

Born Christopher Comstock in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, **USA**

Ranked #5 DJ in 2019 by DJ Mag

Major single releases

"Silence" featuring Khalid #30 (2017)

"Wolves" featuring Selena Gomez #20 (2017)

"Friends" with Anne-Marie #11 (2017)

"Happier" with Bastille #2 (2018)

"Come & Go" with Juice Wrld #2 (2020)

OK Not To Be OK" with Demi Lovato #36 (2020)

"Leave Before You Love Me" with Jonas Brothers #19 (2021) *non album single*

"Numb" with Khalid #40 (2022)

FIVE Albums

2016 "Joytime"

2018 "Joytime II"

2019 "Joytime III"

2021 "Shockwave"

2023 Sugar Papi"

Deadmau5



Born Joel Thomas Zimmerman in Canada

Seven Grammy nominations and 4 Juno Awards (a Canadian Music award).

Other aliases include "Halcyon441", Karma K" & "Testpilot"

Groups he has formed include "Kx5", "Kaskade" & 'Rezzmau5".

Started releasing material in 2000 under the name "Dred and Karma" with Derek Caesar.

In 2005 released his first studio album "Get Scraped" and 2nd album "Vexillology" in 2006 both on the Play Records label

Founded his first record label "Mau5trap" in 2007. All subsequent releases have been on this label.

2008 "Random Album Title"

2014 "While (1<2)

2009 "For Lack of a Better Name"

2016 "W:/2016 Album"

2010 "4 x 4 = 12"

2023 "Kx5" (with Kascade)

2012 "Album Title Goes Here"

Has released more than 70 singles - his latest being this year (2026) entitled "Science".

Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike



Belgian DJ duo

Brothers: Dimitri Thivaïos & Michael Thivaïos

Born in Belgium of Greek heritage.

Ranked #1 in DJ Mag in 2015 and 2019

Ranked #2 in 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2023

2010 founded their own record label
Smash The House

First #1 came in 2015 with single "The Hum"

TWO compilation albums; FOUR Soundtrack albums; FOUR EPs; Over 50 singles

2009 First single "Liquid Skies" #25

2010 "Tomorrow (Give In To The Night)" #16

2014 "Tremor" #3 with Martin Garrix

2014 "Eparrei" #5 with Diplo and Fatboy Slim

2015 "The Hum" #1

2015 "Higher Place" #1 also first US #1

2017 "Complicated" with David Guetta & Kiiara second US #1

2019 "Selfish" with Era Istrefi third US #1

Fatboy Slim



Born Norman Quentin Cook in Kent, **England**

Originally bass player for The Housemartins

Albums

1996 "Better Living Through Chemistry"

1998 "You've Come A Long Way" when you look at the credits for this album there are numerous acknowledgements to samples used

Norman Cook is the only musician listed on the album apart from a couple of guest vocals.

The song "Right Here, Right Now" , #2 hit, acknowledges "Ashes, The Rain and I" by the James Gang and a line from the 1995 film Strange Days spoken by Angela Bassett.

The other hits from this album were

"Praise You" a #1 smash hit

"Gangster Trippin" #3 hit

"The Rockafeller Skank" #6 hit

2000 "Halfway Between The gutter and the Stars"

2004 "Palookaville"

Since 2004 he has only released singles

Swedish House Mafia



Formed 2008 in Stockholm,
Sweden

Sebastian Ingrosso, Axwell,
Steve Angello

ONE ALBUM

2022 "Paradise Again"

THREE LIVE ALBUMS

TWO EPs

17 singles 2010 - 2025 including

2021 "Moth to a Flame" #5 feat. the Weeknd

2022 "Redlight" feat. Sting

2024 "Finally" feat. Alicia Keys

Have produced songs for both Usher and The Weeknd

Daft Punk 1993 -2021



An electronic music duo

Formed in Paris, **France** 1993

Thomas Bangalter (left) and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo (right) both born in France

FOUR albums from 1997 to 2013

ONE Soundtrack album "Tron:Legacy"

1997 "Around The World" #5

2000 "One More Time" #1

2013 "Get Lucky" #1 with Parrell Williams and Nile Rodgers



Eifel 65



Formed in **Italy**

Eurodance group - electronic.

Jeffrey Ley and Maurizio Lobina

Gabry Pronte (ex member - left 2014)

THREE ALBUMS

1999 Europop

2001 Contact!

2003 Eifel 65

Major hits

1998 "Blue (Da Ba Dee)" #3

1999 "Move Your Body" #1

Pet Shop Boys



English electronic duo

Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe

FIFTEEN albums between 1986 and 2024

FORTY TWO (42) top 30 singles including

1985 "West End Girls" #1

1987 "It's A Sin" #1

1987 "What Have I Done To Deserve This" #2

1987 "Always On My Mind" #1

1988 "Heart" #1

1993 "Go West" #2

The personnel listing is just Neil and Chris with the occasional vocalist.

The Communards



1985 - 1988

Jimmy Sommerville (ex Bronski Beat) and Richard Coles

British synth pop duo

1986 "Don't Leave Me This Way" #1 smash hit

1987 "Never Can Say Goodbye" #4 hit

TWO ALBUMS

1986 "Communards"

1987 "Red"

OTHER DJs

Kaskade (USA)

Diplo (USA)

James Murphy (USA)

Shrillex (USA)

Boys Noize (Germany)

DJ Harvey (USA)

Roger Sanchez (USA)

Richie Hawtin (UK)

Carl Cox (USA)

Maya Jane Coles (UK)

Seth Troxler (USA)