



Grandmaster Flash

Legacy & Influence

Flash helped establish that the DJ could be a composer and live editor rather than a background operator. Cutting, extending breaks, and sequencing records became core ideas behind turntablism, sampling, beatmaking, and modern DJ performance.

The group also helped show that hip-hop could document social conditions as powerfully as it entertained. Their 2007 Rock Hall induction carried symbolic weight as the first hip-hop act inducted.