

DJam 2019 Taster Sessions

Check in the taster descriptions what levels each taster is suitable for. The DJing and music sessions are open to everyone (you don't even have to be a DJ!)

Saturday				
Time	Taster	With	Venue	Description
11:30 – 12:30	Cat Sham	Cat	Elvet Methodist	Cat's distinct take on the Shim Sham, preparing for the evening's awesome Shim Sham battle. Choose between the Cat Sham and the Cam Sham, and learn an exciting new take on this traditional Lindy routine! Open to all.
11:30 – 12:30	Cam Sham	Cam	Masonic Hall	Cam's distinct take on the Shim Sham, preparing for the evening's awesome Shim Sham battle. Choose between the Cat Sham and the Cam Sham, and learn an exciting new take on this traditional Lindy routine! Open to all.
11:30 – 12:30	Dance Confidence	Viktoria Eleanor	Masonic Bar	A workshop on improving your confidence in your own self and in your dancing. We will work on different techniques and tricks to help you feel more comfortable in your own skin on the dance floor. We will work together to establish a safe place and work on our own individual journeys, and we will work on the performance element of dancing and the fun we can have with it.
11:30 – 12:30	Performance Routine Part 1	Fred & Katie	St Oswald's	Fred and Katie will be teaching an exciting Lindy performance routine in this amazing two part session. Intermediates and above.
15:45 – 16:45	Slow Dance	Cat & Cam	Elvet Methodist	Slow Lindy is an often-neglected, but wonderful skill that everyone needs to learn - and there is so much beautiful slow swing out there, it's a crime not to dance to it. Cat and Cam are keen to share their take on this under-used aspect of swing dance.
15:45 – 16:45	Flash & Fly	Bruce & Jane	Masonic Hall	DJam Favourites, Bruce and Jane will be teaching a set of socially safe dips, flash moves, and the occasional mini-aerial to spice up your social dancing! Suitable for all intermediates and above.
15:45 – 16:45	DJing 101	Cees van den Kommer	Masonic Bar	In a unique DJing workshop with a historical focus, regular DJam DJ Cees will advise on how to select the right music for DJing, make smooth transitions in your sets, read the dancefloor, find great music to add to your collection, and DJ do's and don'ts.
15:45 – 16:45	Performance Routine Part 2	Fred & Katie	St Oswald's	Fred and Katie will be teaching an exciting Lindy performance routine in this amazing two part session. Open to all part 1 attendees.

Sunday

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11:30 – 12:30	Cat & Cam Special	Cat & Cam	Masonic Hall	Cat and Cam will be at DJam fresh from Korea, where they will have been working with one of the world's most innovative dance scenes. In these tasters, they will share with you some of their new discoveries! Open to intermediates and above.
11:30 – 12:30	Incredible Secrets of Swing Music	Andy Lewis	Masonic Bar	DJam's head DJ, Andy will share a fun and fascinating whirlwind tour of the origins, history, and characteristics of swing music, some of the hard-to-discover secrets of what actually makes it swing, with lots of fun videos, examples and amazing music to listen to. If you'd like to improve your dancing, just by sitting and enjoying music, this is the talk for you! Suitable for absolutely anyone.
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11:30 – 12:30	Collegiate Shag	Paul & Sophie	Town Hall Bar	A 1930s dance usually danced to faster music, Shag has seen a huge resurgence in recent years - and at this fun taster, you can learn why! Open to all levels
15:10 - 16:00	Solo Charleston	Bruce & Jane	St Oswald's	Brush up on your solo Charleston skills to improve your general dancing, improve your Lindy Hop, learn some great breakaway skills and generally have fun with the dance that gave birth to Lindy Hop!
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15:30 – 16:30	DJing - Creating Great Sets (and other key skills)	Andy Lewis	Masonic Bar	New to DJing? Are you an experienced DJ wanting to learn from or share with other DJs? Or are you just curious about what DJs actually do? In this informal discussion-based session, Andy will share many of his personal tips on creating sets to build a great atmosphere, essential equipment and how to use it, and anything else you might want to know. Bring questions. Open to everyone.
15:30 – 16:30	Peabody	Paul & Sophie	Town Hall	A favourite in the Savoy and other ballrooms in the 1910s and 1920s, the Peabody is a fun and fast foxtrot that has been a hit in past DJam taster sessions. Open to all levels.