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Join us for an Engaging Lecture by Jay "DJ AKSHEN" Valdez

APRIL 8, 2026

WORKSHOP 1: In-Person DJ Experience

Time: 5:30pm-6:45pm

Location: Social Sciences Building, Room 206

What to Expect: A fun, bite-sized history of DJing; A breakdown of essential gear—two turntables and a mixer; Learn how DJs seamlessly blend between records; Try your hand at creating a basic scratch

WORKSHOP 2: Faders Maners: DJ Scratch Session

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm

Location: MLK Building, Room 100 (AKA Basement)

What to Expect: A quick, fun intro to the art of DJing; A hands-on scratching session to practice and refine your skills; Perfect for beginners or anyone looking to level up their DJ techniques



Jay "DJ AKSHEN" Valdez

Jay Valdez, professionally known as DJ Akshen, is a veteran professional turntablist, DJ, and educator based in Phoenix, Arizona. He is recognized as a staple in the local Arizona music scene with a career spanning several decades, often noted for his technical scratching skills and curation of hip-hop culture.

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