

Whatt the hell

DJ Whatt had an epiphany through flashing lights and thumping bass.

His career started in 1996 with a handful of hip-hop records and a cheap player not made for spinning. Whatt's destruction of home equipment (he used baseball cards to slow down his father's record player) morphed into an all-out mastery of the wheels of steel. His handle came when his sister asked: "What is going to be your DJ name?" Over his booming music, he asked "What?" Add an extra consonant and there you have it.

The Brooklyn native, and co-founder of record label Electronic Music Under One Roof, quit the beat matching game after attending his first rave. Lured in by the deep, tantric sounds, Whatt ditched the hip-hop scene and has since been committing rave to vinyl.



Whatt will be laying it down Saturday at the Wave with fellow New Yorker Armand Van Helden. Repping for the local scene will be G-Spot, DJ Dawn, Matthew Grim, IKON and SovereignT —*Jess Kroll*

The Wave Waikiki, 1877 Kalākaua Ave. Sat. 7/9 9PM, \$15-20, 18+, 591-3500