

Fly Girl-Action

DJ Divas Doing it Right



When you get a group of girls together on something, the effects can be staggering. There is a new bunch of femme fatales that are emerging on the scene to make you bump, spin, and shake your thing. Fly DJs is an all girl DJ community based in Kelowna, and they are taking after what more arts groups are doing - working together.

Gone are the days that people go out there and try to 'make it' by themselves. So many musicians and artists are striving to

fit into the spotlight, but these girls have realized that you have to band together to get respect. Co-founders JGirl

(Jennifer Goulet) and Amanda Rude (Amanda Klassen) want to share the skills they picked up from the Montreal nightlife and the very healthy Nelson dance scene. They have played together and individually at many venues and gigs all over the Interior, including Duotone Arts Festival, WAG, Radgalz Wakeboard Competition, Higher Ground and Kelowna's Life and Arts Festival.

JGirl explained why this all-girl collective is working. "In the city I was used to being a minority as a girl DJ -- but there were lots of people around spinning records. When I moved here, I was surprised how the guys had completely dominated the decks. Girl DJs were still a minority, but not like this. Here the guys DJ, and the girls are like closet DJs that play their boyfriends' records at home. In the city it's about talent, personality and perseverance, with lots at stake. When I met up with Amanda, we talked about what made it work in Nelson, and realized that girls from smaller towns like Kelowna needed to be in an accepting environment with little or no social pressures. So now we aim at providing this on a weekly basis without the dudes around."

So what do the guys think? Some are threatening to put on skirts and show up. Most are really supportive and are excited to see them shine. JGirl and Amanda Rude have also promised that this is not about creating products, simply a comfortable place to share music with each other. It's time to get the chicks off the dance floor and onto the decks.

They invite all beginners to DJ Basix for weekly introductory sessions. The Fly DJs also save some space for the more intermediate spinners with Open Dex at JGirl & Manousos' home studio. Go jam, share records, or learn a few new tricks.

Check out what makes these girls so fly at www.flydjs.biz.

