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This year marks the 3rd year of the increasingly popular [Hydrotechnics Festival](http://www.hydrotechnicsfestival.com/). Hydrotechnics Festival is held at the Beautiful [Echo Lake](https://www.google.com/maps/place/The+New+Echo+Lake+Resort/@42.2953637,-75.5626134,17z/data=!3m1!4m2!3m1!1s0x89dba8599a86ba03:0xed73df) in Afton, NY from July 22nd to the 24th. If you've never been to Echo Lake then you're missing out on a dope venue! Especially when the venue is loaded up with Hydrotechnics awesomeness. I mean.. the line up this year is **STACKED** (<http://fckyes.com/hydrotechnics-festival-2016/>) with the likes of [Bad Boy Bill](https://www.facebook.com/BadBoyBill/photos) (<https://www.facebook.com/BadBoyBill/photos>), [Aphrodite](https://www.facebook.com/djaphrodite/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/djaphrodite/?fref=ts>), [Christopher Lawrence](https://www.facebook.com/djchristopherlawrence/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/djchristopherlawrence/?fref=ts>), [John B](https://www.facebook.com/JohnBBeta/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/JohnBBeta/?fref=ts>), [DJ Icey](https://www.facebook.com/Icey.DJ.Page/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/Icey.DJ.Page/?fref=ts>), [DJ Dan](https://www.facebook.com/DJDanMusic/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/DJDanMusic/?fref=ts>), and [Dave the Drummer](https://www.facebook.com/DAVE-the-drummer-49580957907/?fref=ts) (<https://www.facebook.com/DAVE-the-drummer-49580957907/?fref=ts>)... just to name a few. [Tickets](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2461728) (<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2461728>) are beyond reasonable too.. leaving you enough money for camping supplies. There's rumor that this year's festival WILL sell out so don't sleep on getting your ticket.

In anticipation of [Hydrotechnics Festival \(http://www.hydrotechnicsfestival.com/\)](http://www.hydrotechnicsfestival.com/), we snagged an interview with the one and only house legend: Bad Boy Bill. Bill has been DJing since '85 as the leader in Chicago style House Music. He's received just about every award out there, put out more mixes than you can count, and has just as many singles and remixes. If you don't know who Bad Boy Bill is... then crawl out from under that rock and get your ass to this years Hydrotechnics Festival.

Check it out below, then get your [tickets \(http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2461728\)](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2461728) for this years [Hydrotechnics Festival \(http://www.hydrotechnicsfestival.com/\)](http://www.hydrotechnicsfestival.com/)!

### **Bad Boy Bill... how are you today?**

*Very good, thanks!*

### **What happened back in '85 that got you hooked on DJ'ing?**

*I was listening to a group of Chicago DJs on the radio called The Hot Mix 5, and they inspired me to become a DJ. I was also into break dancing (don't ask me to do that now!) and wanted to make mixes for our crew to break dance to.*

### **Why house music?**

*Chicago is the home of house music, and when I was just starting out I was lucky enough to get a job working for Benji Espinoza and Rocky Jones at DJ International Records, one of the first and most successful Chicago House Music Record Labels.*

### **There's no doubt been some changes in the scene in your over 30 years.. what change stands out the most?**

*Well the main change is that the DJ used to be tucked away in the corner of the club, and now the DJ is front and center. It's great to see more people enjoying electronic music from all around the globe, and most importantly it always comes back to being about the music.*

### **What event was your favorite to play?**

*I remember playing a huge street festival in Germany called Love Parade. They would build huge DJ setups and sound systems on these Semi Trucks and drive them through the streets of Germany. One year there were over a million people in the streets. Pretty amazing!*

### **Are there any events that you said "WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?!" afterwards?**

*I'm trying to remember them, and I know I have had some of them but I tend to put those out of my mind so nothing is coming up right now.*

### **Your top 3 favorite producers right now:**

1. Oliver Dollar
2. Chris Lake
3. CID

*Shout-out to all the producers that I work with as well: [Nick Rockwell \(https://www.facebook.com/djnickrockwell/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/djnickrockwell/?fref=ts), [Steve Smooth \(https://www.facebook.com/stevesmoothmusic/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/stevesmoothmusic/?fref=ts), [DJ Bam Bam \(https://www.facebook.com/djbambam/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/djbambam/?fref=ts), [Gettoblaster \(https://www.facebook.com/gettoblaster/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/gettoblaster/?fref=ts), [Hatiras \(https://www.facebook.com/hatiras/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/hatiras/?fref=ts), [Alex Peace \(https://www.facebook.com/AlexPeaceFanPage/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/AlexPeaceFanPage/?fref=ts), [Richard Vission \(https://www.facebook.com/richardvissionmusic/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/richardvissionmusic/?fref=ts), [Milty Evans \(https://www.facebook.com/Djmiltyevans/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/Djmiltyevans/?fref=ts), [J Paul Getto \(https://www.facebook.com/jpaulgettomusic/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/jpaulgettomusic/?fref=ts), [Antonio Sage \(https://soundcloud.com/antonio-sage\)](https://soundcloud.com/antonio-sage), [Treh \(https://www.facebook.com/trehmusic/?fref=ts\)](https://www.facebook.com/trehmusic/?fref=ts), and Bravo.*

### **What was your favorite track to remix?**

*I just remixed Alessia Cara "Here" with Richard Vission. We both really loved the song and decided to give it a funky house treatment that has been working really well in all my DJ sets.*

### **You are headlining the upcoming Hydrotechnics Festival in the upstate town of Afton, NY... a far cry from the busy city of Chicago. What differences do you notice between playing an outdoor festival as compared to a big city party?**

*Outdoor festivals are great because people get to hear so many great artists all in one day. It's usually a great vibe, and rain or shine people are always up for a good time.*

### **What's the most important thing someone just starting out DJ'ing can keep in mind when trying to make it big?**

*Produce your own music, that is the only way to get really noticed and booked worldwide as a DJ.*

### **What's next for BAD BOY BILL?**

*Keep producing music and Djing, as well as mix engineering, which is a new passion for me. When I'm not working on my own tracks I enjoy being able to help other DJs and producers' records sound the best they can.*

*Lastly, I would just like to say that I've been very lucky and grateful to have a career to be able to do what I love all these years, and I'd like to thank all the people who have supported me and my music!*

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