



dj LiKWUId

FAYBEO'N LASHANNA AJA MICKENS *International Award-Winning American DJ*

Faybeo'n LaShanna Aja Mickens, professionally known as DJ LiKWUId, is an award-winning international American DJ, emcee, audio creative consultant, cultural ambassador, activist, writer, and teaching artist. DJ LiKWUId's signature "traphrobeats" genre-bending style fuses house music, hip hop, and Afrobeats, creating a unique and energetic sound that resonates globally. She serves as a Hip Hop Cultural Ambassador to the United States, a Voting Member and Grammy Mentor with the Recording Academy, and is the founder of Banjee Boombox, a woman-led QTBIPOC (Queer Trans Black and Indigenous People of Color) festival collective dedicated to fostering safe spaces for women, gender-expansive individuals, and LGBTQAI+ artists.

Mickens is a staunch advocate for integrating hip hop with education. She is a recipient of the Alternate ROOTS Hip Hop Scholarship and an inductee into the South Carolina Governor's School. Over the years, she has facilitated workshops, delivered lectures, and participated in panels at esteemed academic and cultural institutions such as Columbia University, BAM, the Eleanor Roosevelt School for Girls, the Hip Hop Culture Center, Uptown Vinyl Supreme, Flocabulary, and Comic Con. Mickens' pedagogy explores music as a revolutionary force, grounded at the intersection of feminism, Afrofuturism, and cultural transformation. Through her professional development work with The Apollo Theater, she has examined performance as activism (Apollo Women Performance + Activism: Celebrating the Lives of Musical Foremothers), the civil rights movement as a form of Afrofuturism (2.22.22), and freedom songs as catalysts for social justice (From Bebop to Hip Hop, Say It Loud).