

In an era where female DJs are holding their own in an industry dominated by men, DJ Tay is one of many female DJ's whom which are leaving their mark and making an avenue for those females inspired to do the same.

As a lead mixer for Tampa, Florida's number one Hip-Hop and R & B station, 95.7 the Beat, DJ Tay grew up listening to various genres of music including, Hip-Hop, Pop, R & B, Soul, Funk, Latin, Reggae, Reggaeton, Country, Soca, etc. It was in High School that Tay grew a passion for DJing. During her Junior year at Miami Southridge Senior High School, DJ Tay, along with three other girls formed a group entitled LooseENT. Coordinating house parties and various other functions, lead to DJ Tay eventually taking up DJing in the Spring of 2008 when her love for music was put to the test in an effort to have music for the parties hosted; the girls were known for hosting the best parties in South Miami.

Originally from Queens, New York and partially raised in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands before moving to Miami, Florida during her third grade year of school. Active in various youth activities, DJ Tay, born Shantay Stagger, was an honor roll student, joined chorus and learned to read music. In middle school, joined Band where she learned to play the clarinet and oboe while in Symphonic and Jazz Band winning numerous awards and medals during these times. High School enhanced more opportunities for Stagger, as she became a musical talent and went on to take part and be accepted in their Symphonic and Marching Bands. As Clarinet Section Leader, by Senior year became the marching band's drum major and participated in various Honor Bands and music festivals throughout Florida.

Having a natural talent for music and hosting parties with friends in High School was enough for DJ Tay to know she wanted a career within music. DJing started out with a friend's laptop & burned mixed CD's and led to purchasing turntables during her time at University of South Florida. Researching things related to turntabalism, scratching, and everything that came with the art, DJ Tay would watch endless videos and spend many hours mixing and scratching; growing not to just love it but live it. Continuing to do parties with LooseENT during her College years, DJ Hitmann reached out to Tay, extending an invite to have her spin at his birthday party, which gave the aspiring DJ an overabundance of exposure.

Landing her first Club gig in 2010, DJ Tay has since DJ'd at numerous clubs, events, parties, and even weddings. Adding Radio Mixer to her list of accomplishments, she's achieved more than most in her position in a short time. With goals to take her skills on the road on tour to entertain large crowds, her energy and determination will soon land her in positions to achieve said goals in a field women continue to make themselves known; DJ Tay is easily one of the most influential female DJ's to do such in this era...