

Meeting Chama

Chama C. Fox is a musician and a veteran in the furry community, responsible for hosting both the Furry Music Café and the annual Charity Concert. We asked him a few questions about his involvement.

How did you come to get involved with the music events at NordicFuzzCon?

When NordicFuzzCon started up in 2013, I was right there starting up the Furry Music Café, an event that I'd been running at Eurofurence since EF9. Wolftale asked me the year after if I wanted to do a charity concert, and it took me about a picosecond to decide that I really wanted to. The two events have been recurring events at NFC ever since.

Why the café format, with free cookies, tea, and coffee? Why not just an open mic event?

It's a matter of trying to find the right atmosphere. It's not as formal as a concert, and there is less pressure on the musicians. But it does have a structure and a programme. And people seem to enjoy having a bit of what we call "fika" here in Sweden.

Charity concerts at conventions sometimes cost money to attend, with the ticket sales going towards the charity. At NFC, the concert is free and money is collected during the show instead. What's the reasoning behind that decision?

I didn't want anyone to not be able to attend the concert by missing out on getting a ticket and all the extra hassle of ticket sales. This way is easier. Just come to the concert, and donate to charity if you want. Last year, people were much more generous than what ticket sales would have amounted to, anyway!



Photo by Atkelar

What are you most looking forward to this year?

There are a couple of numbers we're doing at the concert this year that are going to be really, really good! You should not miss them!

What are your views on music in the furry fandom?

It's become so much more an established thing than in the beginning. A lot of furries are making and playing music these days, and I want to help and promote this in concerts and events. So, that's what I do! Oh, and next year we need a drummer! If you play the drums, contact me!

Cheese, cheese party...

If you were at the opening ceremony, you probably saw the music video for the song 'Cheese Party', featuring a dancing and cheese-shopping Mausie (and his posse). If you didn't catch it, you can find the video available on the official NordicFuzzCon YouTube channel.

The music video was shot during the NordicFuzzCon STEW weekend in the autumn of 2015, at Hotel Nynäshamn and at a local ICA super market. A few additional shots were later done in Oslo, Norway, and the video was edited together by Atkelar (head of the Photo & Video department).

The song was made by the furry duo calling themselves Baxxter & Burr, consisting of two furry musicians hailing from Norway: Burr Koda, and our very own Miles T.F. Baxxter (editor of What the Fuzz?!). The song can be found on the duo's three-song EP release entitled 'Infocination' (which is available through Bandcamp, iTunes, and Spotify).

Burr Koda also did the sound design for NordicFuzzCon's animated Atlantis: The Lost Paradise promotional video. This includes all the music, sound effects, and voices (with the exception of the GPS, which was voiced by Shay). The 'Cheese Party' song can actually be heard in the background at certain places. This is because the song was originally intended to be featured more heavily in the video, but the script took a turn which did not allow for this and it was reduced to an easter egg.

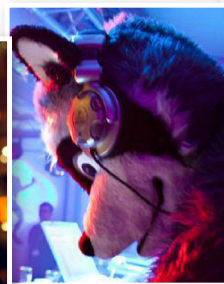
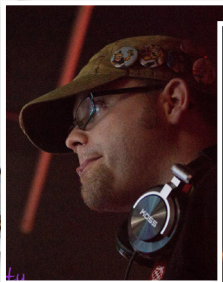


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Know your DJs

Music may be the fruit of love, but we at WhatTheFuzz also love to hear the fruit of music. We tracked down this year's DJs and probed them with a few questions to find out what makes their metronomes tick.

SILVERFOXWOLF

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

No, I've done it before at NFC and Confuzzled.

How long have you been a DJ?

A little over a year.

What kind of music will you be playing?

Classic cheese, 80's cheese, 90's cheese and songs you wish you could forget afterwards, but will be humming it for weeks.

What's your favorite song?

"Good time" by Owl City.

What's your favorite cheese?

Strong mature cheddar.

ROB SQR1

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

I've played at 2 furdances before, but this is my first real convention gig.

How long have you been a DJ?

I've been DJing for 1-2 years now, but I've been producing electronic music for much longer (producing music is more my speciality).

What kind of music will you be playing?

I'll be playing all kinds of EDM, ranging from electro house over dubstep to trap and DnB!

What's your favorite song?

Too many to name.

What's your favorite cheese?

Gruyere cheese! Swiss cheese is the best.

LETIGRE

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

No, I'm the resident DJ of Saxony Fur Dance, TjiL and EAST. I also played at the Nordic Fur dance and several others.

How long have you been a DJ?

Since 2007. We had a new year's party and the guy who was responsible for the sound just had a playlist of 10 songs, so I readied my Winamp and improvised something which turned out better than expected.

What kind of music will you be playing?

I can give you the up to date club hits, classical 90s, happiest hands up, hardest

hardcore, wobbiest dubstep, and I'm one of the few DJ'S who tried on 8-Bit. I'll just see what my forerunner is coming up with and try to connect to it.

What's your favorite song?

That's difficult. I have a few favorite songs for different situations and all of them are changing over time.

What's your favorite cheese?

Maasdamer on bread, Mozzarella on Pizza.

DJEM

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

No it's not! I have been DJing at cons since EF 14, also in few other events furry wise and longer outside of the fandom.

How long have you been a DJ?

I have been doing since I got my first turntable, around 10 years ago. I'm mostly a big electronic music fan, so it came along.

What kind of music will you be playing?

Expect 80s/90s at first, and then might move to newer things over my set.

What's your favorite song?

Impossible to say! But at least 3 tracks I love in 3 different genre:

"Paradise" by Fadios (Trance), "Africa" by Tatanka (Hardstyle), "Nobody said it was easy" by Evil Activities (Hardcore).

What's your favorite cheese?

Gouda! Melted on fresh made pasta!!!

CHEETAH

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

I've been DJing at furry cons for a few years; I've played at AC, EF, MMC, FCN, MFF, CFD and CF.

How long have you been a DJ?

DJing is only my hobby, so it's a bit hard to say when I started to be one. I still feel like I'm not a real DJ today. The first time was about 9 years ago at EF, when the scheduled DJ couldn't do his set.

What kind of music will you be playing?

I usually do not commit to a certain genre. But my plan is to keep it varied, melodic, and close to the mainstream.

What's your favorite song?

What my favourite song is changes a lot depending on my mood. Recently: "Anarchy Road" by Carpenter Brut, "Close your Eyes" by Jean Michel Jarre and "How to Adventure" by Dunderpatrullen.

What's your favorite cheese?

My favourite cheese is a very old gouda.

KENAI

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

No, my first time DJing at a convention was at Eurofurence, and I also DJ at Cologne FurDance.

How long have you been a DJ?

I have been DJing as a hobby since 2004 or so. But my first time at a furry convention was at 2007.

What kind of music will you be playing?

Bouncy music. I like music that has energy that will just keep you going on the dance floor and make everyone happy.

What's your favorite song?

If I had to choose I think "Hands On Yello" by Jam & Spoon with You Gotta Say Yes To Another Excess back from 1995. An absolute rave classic.

What's your favorite cheese?

Goronzola. Put it on a pizza and you have a very happy raccoon. As for music, 90's cheese is best.

FJORDY

The first time as a DJ at a convention?

No, I was on the turntables with Eastcon last year, and on several furdances in Germany. I'm also responsible for the DJs at the Nordic Furdance.

How long have you been a DJ?

The first time was on the first Nordic Furdance back in 2011. I asked one of the DJ's if I could try and it was so much fun.

What kind of music will you be playing?

I prefer remakes of eurodance 90s. That was my childhood and well known tracks for everyone. My actual mixes combine eurodance with the dance sound from today. That's club feeling and tracks everyone can sing.

What's your favorite song?

There are a lot of tracks I like a lot, but some rare pieces have been favorites my whole life. One of them is "Circle in the Sand" by Belinda Carlisle.

What's your favorite cheese?

I like cheese in all varieties. Just blue cheese is a no-go.

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