



TJ CAMPBELL

Hi there everyone! I go by the moniker of Mz. DJ TJ and have been in love with music, dance and performance in some shape, form or fashion since the 80's. I have "tinkered" with performance art, dance, theater, playing multiple instruments and singing for over 30 years to the dismay of some past neighbors. But I can't walk away from the energy that it gives, the emotion that it brings, the peace it occasionally inspires and the memories (good, bad or indifferent) it reminds us of. I love a singer's ability to tell a story through their voice. Music/Art is life, and I can't live without it.

I have been a DJ/KJ since the year still began with a 19xx and we used laser discs and cassettes for hosting and recording. I started off as a non-singing attendee just there to enjoy the show, my friends and an adult beverage or 2. By some other-worldly fluke I finally started singing at the establishment after several years of weekly attendance. My mentor, the incomparable Mr. Mariachi-pants himself, Steven Cushman approached me to be a backup host and then very shortly thereafter I became the weekly host and that was the beginning of a 20+ year run with hosting. I have also judged talent competitions for several years with what I like to call: the perfect level of grace and sassipantsness (new word?).

Though I have finally retired from the heavy lifting of hosting (for now) I am thrilled that for the 3rd time I am able to give positive yet constructive input to the KWC contestants on their journey through these rounds. One freebie piece of advice: Talk with your mentors to review your critiques as opportunities and utilize them for improvement.

I wish you all the best in your KWC journey and "May the odds be ever in your favor". Though you may all be amazing "THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE" so be AWESOME on purpose!