



Laptop Battle Mannheim

In the beginning of the 90's, Mannheim successfully pioneered work in the Jungle and Drum & Bass music fields. Since then, the city located in the Rhein-Neckar delta has been well known for its small but intelligent electronic music scene.

Currently more and more young artists use their own laptops, with sophisticated music software to make collages of sounds that were never before possible. In the past one needed an entire music studio to create music. Today, an aspiring electronic music artist can produce modern music by just using his or her own laptop.

We want to give these artists a platform to exchange ideas and to compare their skills in a competition by staging the second Laptop Battle in Mannheim/Germany[1].

What is a Laptop Battle?

The artist pushes the laptop to the limit. A few minutes later he must watch his competitor trying to outdo him meanwhile moving the crowd to a fevered pitch!

The results: the first contender is out and the second advances to the next round. So the battle continues until there is only one man standing and he will be held as the Electro "King" of Mannheim. It is clear that techni-

que is not enough the battlers must work the audience, too.

Electronic music has never been so individual, so different, so new, and so fresh.

The Rules

Here are the simple rules: in three rounds artists compete one after another. From these battles the jury decides who will advance to the next round. The finalist will have an extended time limit to show the full spectrum of their skills.

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The Background

Mannheim's first Laptop Battle was held in September 2006. As artists we had: Rick Dangerous vs. Step-a-delic vs. Ingo Koch vs. Christopher Bender vs. »Ich« vs. Zeitlos vs. Wesen vs. c'mon scum. We also plan a Laptop Battle in Stuttgart/Germany[2].

The Prizes

The winners of Mannheim's second Laptop Battle in June 2007 will get premium software prizes.

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- [1] <http://laptopbattle-mannheim.de/>
[2] <http://laptopbattle-stuttgart.de/>