

BIRN DJ Proficiency

The BIRN DJ Proficiency is a review of the basic skills needed to function as a BIRN DJ. This proficiency allows new DJs to show their trainers what they have learned and gives the trainers an opportunity to evaluate their trainees. DJs that do not pass the proficiency will not be able to move on to the next phase of training and will be re-evaluated at a later time.

The proficiency will take the form of a condensed show performed at the edit station. The station should be in this state when the DJ sits down:

- Battery and Traktor not running
- C/R and Headphone volumes down
- Mac Audio up, iTunes playing some music

Each DJ gets two minutes to prepare by doing the following:

1. Set Control Room (speaker) and Headphone levels.
2. Launch Battery, loading the Default Kit.
3. Launch Traktor and load up the first two songs from the specified folder.
4. Ready a bed track using a device on the 1/8" Free Input.
5. Have a TIN News story ready to read.

Then:

6. Start the show by fading down iTunes (Mac Audio) and playing an ID from Battery.
7. Play a bed track (on the 1/8" input) under a short on-mic introduction.
8. Using Traktor, play the specified songs (located in the DJ Proficiency show folder). Make the transition between songs smooth.
9. While the second song in Traktor is playing, use the Cue function of the console to preview a third song (in Traktor), then play that song.
10. Enter into a talk break (again with bed track) to read the prepared news story and then sign off.
11. Play another Battery ID and fade up iTunes (Mac Audio).