

interview
with 志村



(keito)

what's in your rider?



My rider will be one can of Red Bull, apple juice/vodka!

favorite vrm?



Quite specific, but 124 (it's a very satisfying number to me, and it's sort of the time when the dance-floor is getting cooked up and people are in full dance mood)!

best memory at weelde?



I always love going to Weelde for a party, but I also worked at the bar for the Weelde Festival last year. It was hectic but quite an experience for me and I had fun!



TELL us something ABOUT yourself!

Hi, I'm Kate. I am originally from Japan and moved to the Netherlands in 2020 for university. I've been having such a good time here in Rotterdam and I am very happy about my choice. To explain a little about myself, I am the type of person who cannot stick with one thing and I would say I am a very curious person. I guess that led me to start djing and I've been djing for about a year. I am also a part of Ito Collective, which is a Rotterdam-based collective focusing on Asian culture and creatives in The Netherlands!

WHAT do you want to GET OUT of THIS residency?

Since I've only been djing for a year, I am still pretty much new to everything, so I am very excited to meet more dj's and like-minded people through this residency.

HOW does ROTTERDAM and its nightlife influence WHAT you're doing?

As a person who grew up in Tokyo for most of my life, party culture in Europe was a completely new world to me. But I really appreciate that there are many people that encourage baby dj's like me and give opportunities to explore. I was also really not expecting to actually become a dj, but people are very welcome and really inspired/pushed me to work hard. That's what I really like about the Rotterdam dj scene and I love it!



where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Honestly, I'm at this point where I am struggling to figure out my career, so it's quite hard for me to see where my life takes me. I am also not sure where I want to be based. Of course, I love being here, but also I am very interested in what's happening in Tokyo. Ideally, I want to do something that can connect the East and the West, but I guess I will just go with the flow... ~

WHAT SKILLS do you BELIEVE are necessary to become a dj?

Positivity!

WHAT dj inspired you THE MOST in THE beginning phase?

Luce Bree, and he still does! I love the mix that he made for w.a.s.p and was listening to it on repeat! He also taught me how to dj and invited me to play at the Bound45 event, so I wouldn't be here without him!

an ARTIST TO LOOK OUT FOR:

S.O.N.E! He is based in Nagoya, Japan, and I always enjoy his radio show on Tsubaki FM!



8. Biggest goal for 2023?

Gain more confidence! Cause I do be anxious, hehe.

9. What are you proud of?

My patience! I remember after I got an invite from Bound45 and booked my first gig, I basically locked myself in at home and practiced for about two or three hours every day. Although I am not a very patient person in general, I was patient enough to get through the phase and eventually learned how things work.

10. Last, but not least! a song you played so much that you can't stand anymore:

Found your love ft. Kuyen by Bosq. I played this song many times and also this was one of the songs I used to practice mixing at the beginning, so yeah, I've heard it many times and it doesn't excite me anymore haha.