

Where Are They Now? - Jayveemon

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Good news folks! The last person I pitched interviews to got back to me, so I'm gonna go ahead and run his interview now! Hit the jump as I catch up with everyone's favorite Eurobeat/PPP and Doctor Who fan, Jayveemon!

So tell us about yourself. What are you up to these days?

Just moved back to NYC after living in New England for 7 years. Currently employed in a movie/music and video game chain store and in school for Broadcast with the hopes of becoming a TV producer.

Favorite BEMANI game?

My favorite BEMANI games are probably ParaPara Paradise and DDR.

Favorite mix from said series?

PPP 2nd Mix and DDR 3rd Mix Kor Ver2 So many good songs. Ba Kkwo and Shock for life.

Favorite song/artist? (doesn't have to be from your favorite game/series)

Oooh that depends PPP 2nd is probably Ken Martin - Sexy Sexy Sexy and 3rd Mix is Captain Jack (Grandale Mix) and Lee Jung Hyun - Ba Kkwo

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Any tournament memories you want to share? (also, PA or Freestyle?)

My first memory of a tournament is the first tournament at Broadway City in NYC where Dillinger and I were trolling each other on DDRFreak and I sorta threatened him lol he was scared to show I think to the tournament... God I was a bastard of a child haha. I was more fond of PA than freestyle though.

Proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment was when I realized I could play on Heavy. For the longest time I stayed on Standard and then one day I just choose Can't Stop Fallin In Love (Speed Mix) on Heavy and I was able to pass it with no problem! I felt so accomplished haha

Any memories from OLR you'd like to share?

My fondest memory was when I met skie in NYC at the OLR meet up. D&B, Nintendo World, the video game store with the NES carts. I think Rob found a copy of the Guardian Legend and was excited haha.

Do you still play DDR/IIDX/etc. nowadays?

I don't really play much BEMANI anymore. I either don't have the energy for it or I don't have any machines near me.

If you've seen what DDR is like now, do you feel it's 'jumped the shark'? Share your thoughts on that.

DDR isn't the same as what it used to be. It was fun and "pop" not so focused on being mainstream. Now it tries to cater to extreme casuals and the hardcore living it with Konami Originals only the hardcore care about and licensed tracks that attract 12 year old girls. DDR when it was good just had good fun dance music. Sure some of the songs may be obscure and cheese but that's what DDR was. A cheesy fun time with friends!

Obligatory 'your first time playing DDR' story

The first time I played DDR was in 2000 when my family when to Barcode in Times Square and they had a DDR 1.5 US machine. My sister and her friend went to the machine and tried it and of course not to be out done I had to as well. It was good times. I remember thinking Brilliant 2U was too fast and hard for me haha.

Final thoughts?

OLR has been around for ages and I hope they go on for a while but only if they still enjoy it. Rob is awesome and is who I model myself after as a podcaster. Jamie is cool, she got me hooked on Doctor Who and now I supply her with crac-eurobeat and LOKI and his rants have made work go by so fast in the past!

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Okay, NOW I'm officially done with the first round of 'Where Are They Now?' interviews. Stay tuned to the site as I may try and get more, or come up with other articles for the site. And don't forget tomorrow's OLR's ninth anniversary so feel free to drop by tomorrow at 6PM Pacific/9 Eastern and give the hosts your shoutouts! I'll see you then...

EDIT: looks like I may just have one more in the pipeline after all, and its a doozy! The next of these I'll be talking with Jon Bressloll previously of shows like 'STFU' and 'Under Sedation LIVE! version 4.0' (*In related news he' may be joining in on the fun during the July 16th episode, the TENTH Anniversary show of USL! So don't miss it!!*)