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In the key of J

For all those who just can't get enough of dem funky, freaky Japanese sounds and sights, this Saturday, Aug. 22, the J-Fest at l'Espace Dell'Arte (40 Jean Talon E.) is the place you'll want to be. Organizer "K.Joe" Tamko explains that this mega-celebration of J-pop culture "is primarily an event to promote Japanese music and help develop the Japanese music business here in North America. There's lots of people here who are fans of the music, manga, animation, film etc, but there's not really any place for them to hear or see these things in Montreal."

Fanboys and girls can expect to hear "Japanese hits of every kind" selected and mixed by real live Japanese DJs. But Tamko also wants J-connoisseurs to know that this event is about more than just music. "J-fest is something in between a club event and a small festival. We'll have dance performances, different booths with things like shiat-su and Japanese nail design, and other stuff related to Japanese culture that people here may not know about yet." Tickets to this 18+ event cost a paltry \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, with one bonus cocktail thrown into the deal for good measure. Go to jfest.studiobatsu.com for the full skinny.

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