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Singer-Songwriter St. Vincent Makes Her DJ Debut at Gum Bowl Bash

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Annie Clark, perhaps best known as singer-songwriter St. Vincent, took the crowd for a spin last night -- experimenting with DJing for the first time during the inaugural Gum Bowl hosted by Stereogum & Videogum at Brooklyn Bowl in Williamsburg.

"Tonight is actually my first foray, if you will, into DJing," confessed the curly-haired brunette. "I actually had to bring two of my friends along to help me figure out how to work the machinery."

The event began with a charitable celebrity bowling tournament to benefit the Adirondack Council. Rival teams featured a slew of musicians and comedians including Alan Palomo of Neon Indian, Marnie Stern, Max Silvestri, as well as members of Das Racist, Islands, Les Savy Fav and Class Actress, to name just a few.

After the tournament, guests were treated to a concert by local favorites Woods and Effi Briest and the DJ debut of St. Vincent who got the hang of the art fairly quickly.

"I feel like I've gotten over my general lack of mechanical knowledge about the DJ machinery. I just feel excited because it's fun," continued Clark.

"I do feel that mixtapes, like from the 90s, are still very much a special craft -- it's a very Nick Hornsby sort of thing. I'm sort of just trying to make a mixture for all of these people who want to drink and see a band."

As for St. Vincent the band, they'll be playing a show at Central Park's Summerstage on Aug. 1. And if Clark's dream comes true you may not recognize them.

"I would love to be Nile Rodgers from the band Chic. ... I actually dance pretty awkwardly so I would love to be in a sexy dance band that made other people dance in sexy ways -- that would be awesome."