

About Rafael "Stelf" San Juan



Rafael San Juan, aka Stelf was born in Washington DC, raised in the Philippines, and now resides in the Northern Virginia area. He began to express himself through bboying in 1999 after being drawn to the raw, poetic and athletic aspects of the artform. Soon he began practicing and competing with the well-known LAB RATZ CREW along with the 2nd generation of ARRIVE2DEFY. Aside from competing and judging, he is also a dance instructor working with various studios and currently performing on tour with United Way. Using bboying as an

engine for self discovery and self expression, Stelf shows youths and adults the mental, physical, and spiritual benefits of dance as well as increasing awareness of HipHop culture's positive attitude on life. Currently in school studying Business, Stelf's main focuses are building a strong foundation for his dance, representing with his crews, inspiring as many people as possible, and sharing his skills by teaching others. Stelf continues to develop his own style of dance and hopes to one day to take it around the world, as well as to pass on everything he knows to the next generation to help build a thriving local scene for BBOYING/BREAKDANCE. Stelf and his crew consider **HeartBeats Music & Dance Center** to be their home studio and they have brought down the house with their performances at our annual dance recitals. He is excited to be able to employ his bboy skills to offer a new dimension of breakdance and bboying to our regular class schedule.