

Dave Pearce is one of the UK's most in demand DJs – known for his euphoric style of uplifting trance and hard dance – with the odd trademark anthem thrown in. After 10 years of hosting Dance Anthems on Sunday nights on Radio 1, in October 2007 the show moved to its new Friday night slot at 11pm - allowing Dave to be more trance focused and feature an hour of new music including tracks by unsigned and up and coming artists. He has had a prolific career in the media and music industry. He has been a pioneer and innovator in both music and broadcasting, presented radio shows on both sides of the Atlantic, hosted TV shows, written for national newspapers, compiled an award winning movie soundtrack, achieved sales of over 1m compilation albums in the UK, created one of the UK's most successful dance labels (NuLife), and hosted a weekly Ibiza residency for the last 9 years. Dave is currently working extensively across the UK at top dance events and festivals (see DJ dates listings for details).

For a more detailed biography including Dave's journey from hip-hop and pirate radio to trance and his career at Radio 1 please contact [Dan Slipper](#). In the meantime, here is a potted history of Dave's career:

Dave currently presents Dance Anthems every Friday night on BBC Radio 1. He is constantly in demand DJing around the UK and internationally. 2007 saw Dave play at UK festivals including Godskitchen, Global Gathering, Gatecrasher Summer Soundsystem, Coloursfest, Planet Love and Escape in the Park plus summer residencies in Mallorca, Ibiza, Tenerife and Zante. 2007 saw Dave launch a new club night and album series 'Delirium' with Ministry of Sound to focus on nutrance. He also scored two top 5 CD Compilations which were supported by two sold out UK tours. 2008 sees the launch of another 'Delirium' album in February and a new trance anthems compilation due for release at the end of March plus a 19 date UK Dance Anthems Tour. In the summer he will be playing in Ibiza and Mallorca.

So, how did he start out?

Dave started DJing on a popular south London pirate radio station while still at school. By 16 he was running his own station. By 17 he was DJing in Bombay, India, to an international jetset Bollywood crowd.

Dave joined BBC Radio London and created and presented the BBC's first hip hop show and a weekly dance show. His pioneering work in hip hop led him to, amongst other things, be featured on Public Enemy's critically acclaimed album 'It Takes A Nation Of Millions To Hold Us Back'.

Dave then hosted a nightly dance show on GLR, hooked up with pirate radio station KISS FM, and joined the campaign for a dance station in London. KISS FM then became the first legal dance station in the UK and Dave hosted a daily drivetime show. He went on to host the Breakfast Show (The Dangerous Breakfast) and gained the attention of BBC Radio 1.

He then joined BBC Radio 1, initially hosting the Early Breakfast Show, and landing all Chris Evan's Breakfast Show stand-ins. He went on to host a series of different shows on BBC Radio 1 including the Recovery Session (The Breakfast Show for Ravers), The

Weekend Breakfast Show, Drivetime, Late Drive, and Dance Anthems.

In between all of this:

- Dave worked on BBC TV's first ever dance show Behind the Beat on BBC Two's Def2 strand, interviewing artists in America.
- He hosted the music section on Video View on ITV1.
- He presented the Dance Years, a 13 week series on ITV1.
- He compiled the award winning soundtrack for the movie SW9
- He was a dance music columnist for the Sun and the Daily Star newspapers.
- He has sold over 1m mix compilation albums.
- He was A&R Director for Polydor's Urban Records.
- He created the independent dance label Reachin' Records.
- He was the founder and director of NuLife Records – previously part of BMG.
- He has created 'Delirium' - the UK's and London's newest trance night and 'Delirium' CD series

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