Farley Jackmaster Funk Will Throw The First Pitch At Chicago Cubs Game To Commemorate 40 Years Of House Music



House music pioneer Farley Jackmaster Funk is throwing the first pitch at the Chicago Cubs game this Friday, August 16, at Wrigley Field. The DJ and producer's pitch is part of Chicago's 40 Years Of House Music celebrations around the city. Mayor Johnson has acknowledged Farley's contributions with a proclamation and leadership over the city's activities to honor the creative milestone that has influenced dance music around the world. Farley was a member of the influential DJ crew Hot Mix 5, heard on Chicago's WBMX-FM 102.7 during the '80s. The City of Chicago already recognized their contribution to house music, with streets named after each member. Farley released several foundational house records, including "Jack the Bass," "Love Can't Turn Around," "Funkin' With The Drums," "Give Yourself To Me," and "The Acid Life," which was the blueprint for Technotronic's "Pump Up The Jam."

He founded the House Records label in 1985, releasing classics like Chip E's "Jack Trax." As of 2024, he is the longest-running house music DJ in the world on Chicago radio. Farley is a big fan of the Chicago Cubs and is excited and grateful for the opportunity to do the ceremonial first pitch. In addition to his appearance at the Cubs' game, he will DJ at the O'Hare Airport for DNC Travelers on Aug 18, from 11 to 2 p.m., on behalf of the House Music Museum and Hall of Fame Foundation, of which he is the founder. Farley is participating in the inaugural House Music Parade and Festival on Saturday, August 31 at 10 AM in the South Loop. Find out more at the official website.