

ASTRID AT TDDP

To kick off the month, TDDP's After School of Hip Hop welcomed Norwegian **singer-songwriter Astrid** to the centre, with a riveting one-day class that shed light on **music's universality** and ability to **overcome cultural boundaries**. She was welcomed by the eager young beatboxers, rappers and mentors who immersed themselves in the lively music that filled the centre, and her **astute criticism** inspired and **sparked confidence** in them. She also participated in an unexpected cricket match at the end, promoting a **sense of unity and solidarity** that left an enduring impression on the talents.



OUR LONGGG AWAITED... BREAKING JAM!



On June 4th, TDDP hosted an **electrifying Breaking Jam** event that attracted **dance aficionados** from around the city. Bboys from all around Mumbai came to display their incredible skills, with the renowned Red Bull BC One Cypher India 2016 Champion, **Bboy Abdul**, presiding over the competition's judging panel. The audience was treated to **breathtaking performances** that lit up the stage, capturing the spirit of breaking. **Bboy Vulture** won the solo category with his incredible choreography and the **Mohabatein Crew** and **Power of Unity Crew** won the crew category. One of TDDP's breaking talents **Bboy Vikram** and his **Manzil Crew** not only participated in the Breaking Jam but also took charge of the entire event, making it a **success all around!**



A VISIT FROM RAJA KUMARI

American rapper Raja Kumari recently visited the centre, holding a fascinating **songwriting session** with TDDP's talents to impart some of her **compositional wisdom**. With the release of her most recent album, "Born to Win," she stressed the **importance of narrative** in one's writing, encouraging our musicians to **translate their own experiences** into their work. An **advocate of individualism**, she further went on to emphasise the value of unique voices, particularly **female ones**, in this competitive industry. She also donated several musical instruments to express her dedication to **supporting and uplifting the next generation of musicians**. With mentors like Raja Kumari, the future of hip-hop at TDDP is bright.



TDDP'S STUDIO OPENING

July 16th, 2023 marked a milestone for TDDP, celebrating the **inauguration of our very own studio**. As a **cutting-edge music production facility**, this addition to the centre takes us one step further in helping Dharavi's talents **realise their full potential**, giving them the resources they need to **make their dreams a reality**.

Rapper **Badshah** and percussionist **Ranjit Barot**—two revered musical icons—attended the opening in support of this monumental occasion. Badshah gave a moving speech that stressed the importance of continuity, perseverance and **always dreaming big**.

The highlight of the entire event was an **extraordinary performance** by the gifted young talents of TDDP that stunned the crowd. The day came to a close with the presentation of TDDP's **graffiti talents' homage** to Badshah in graffiti form. This memorable celebration left us with an **air of optimism** and the **unwavering conviction** that **dreams can come true**—and often do.



Stay tuned for more updates on our future endeavours and the incredible talents we continue to nurture here at TDDP!

