

Gabba Gabba Do!

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You probably know DJ Lance Rock as the disco-dancing, fuzzy hat-wearing host of TV's "Yo Gabba Gabba!" In Nickelodeon's live-action/animated kids show—some parents' guilty pleasure—DJ Lance, his magical talking toys and his edible friends (talking carrots and flying toast among them) share life lessons over hip-hop-style beats. Now and then, Jack Black, the Roots and other cool friends stop by to help.

At the end of each show, DJ Lance packs his "Gabba Land" characters into his old-school boom box and struts off... apparently, to Central park. At least, that's where he and his green-striped pal Brobee are hosting tomorrow's family-friendly dance party.

We asked Lance Robertson—the 40-something actor, electronic musician and former record-store clerk inside the orange unitard—what it's like to be DJ Lance rock.

Where's the oddest place you've been recognized?

Crossing the street in Melbourne, Australia.

How die-hard are "Yo Gabba Gabba!" fans?

They're awesome. They come to the live shows dressed as their favorite character—sometimes DJ lance rock. They make "Yo Gabba Gabba!" birthday cakes and homemade, knitted "Yo Gabba Gabba!" hats and sweaters. If it's not on shelves, our fans make it.

Coollest thing a fan's ever made you?

A little girl made a DJ Lance head out of a rock she decorated, and I keep that on my shelf.

If you weren't DJ Lance Rock, which character would you be?

Probably the flying toast.

How do you dress on your days off?

In anything but orange!

DJ Lance Rock and Brobee play tomorrow from 4:45 to 5:15p.m. At Family Day at Summer Stage, Rumsey Playfield (enter at 69th



Street and Central Park West). Gates open at 2:15p.m., with storytelling, activities and Billy B and the Fresh Beat Band. Free.