



Prof turns the tables

WHO da white guy? That's **Stephen Webber**, probably the first American music school professor to get turntablism and scratching admitted into a curriculum.

Webber (pictured, right) is so significant in pioneering formal turntablist education that hip-hop pioneer **Grandmaster Flash** was moved to give him "a big hug" onstage recently at the prestigious Berklee School of Music.

"He said, 'This is a great man. I can't believe he's made it into a curriculum!' It was a moment. Like, check this out, Grandmaster Flash giving me props," Webber told us.

Flash was the first DJ to mix tracks seamlessly and to produce DJ sets as "works of art", Webber says.

"He deserves a lot of credit for that. And he'll take it!"

Webber's also picked the brains of **Mix Master Mike** and **Qbert**, who "gets better every time I see him."

Webber's been running turntablism classes this week at JMC Music Academy and will run record production seminars today and tomorrow from 10am-4pm.