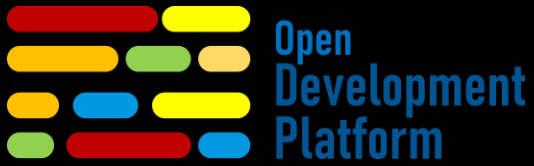




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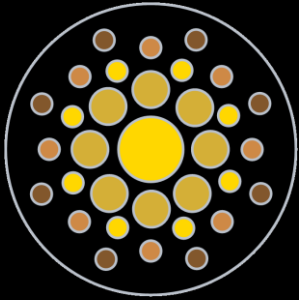


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- *Startups:*  
Entrepreneurs and Innovations
- *Panel:*  
Executive Perspective on AI Revolution
- *Panel:*  
Growing up in the World of AI
- *Launch:*  
Research Net AI and the Open Development Platform
- *Networking:*  
Adda, the Meeting of the Minds

# Startup: **EVENT LOGISTICS**

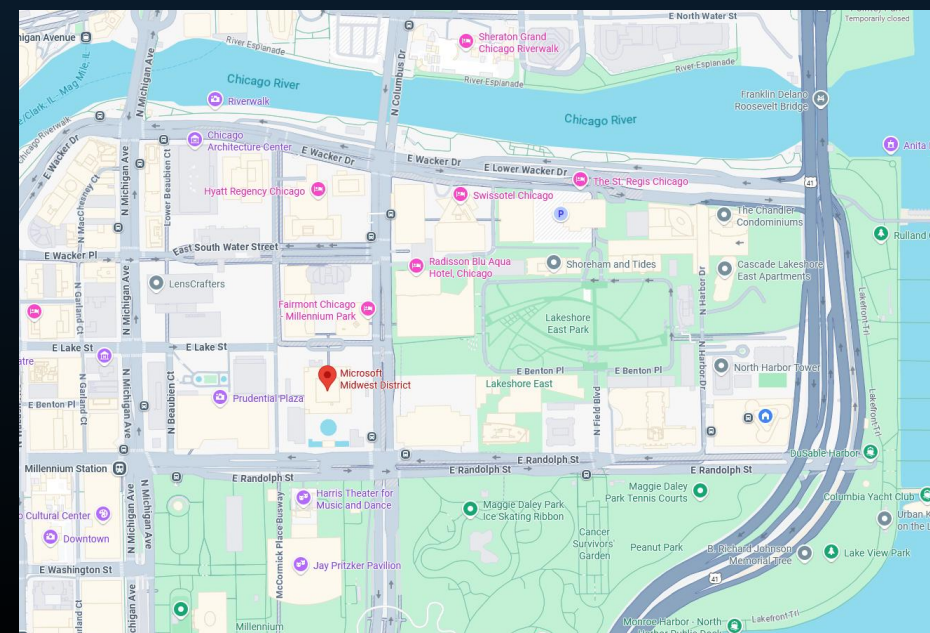
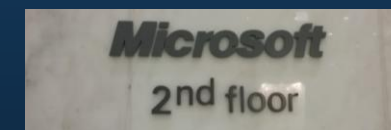


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## Startup: **EVENT COORDINATORS**



**Subroto Mukherjee**  
Founder, CEO  
Future Global Tech

**Paul Ditman** retired in March of 2013 but is still active in the technology community. He is Immediate Past President of AITP Chicago and President of AITP National. He is on the planning committees for the CIO of the Year Award, the CISO of the Year Awards and the Most Effective Technology Team Awards in Chicago.

Paul has over 40 years of experience in business and technology, starting out on the audit staff of Touche Ross & Co followed by finance and risk management positions before switching to technology in 1978. His extensive career includes serving as a Principal in the Technology practice of a CPA firm and as a Partner in several technology firms.

During his career, he has managed and delivered engagements covering all areas of Information Technology (IT) - IT Strategic Planning, Process Design, ERP Systems Selection & Implementation, Infrastructure Design & Implementation, and UXD Driven Application Design and Development



**Subroto Mukherjee**  
Founder, CEO  
Future Global Tech

**Subroto Mukherjee** is a global leader in digital transformation and emerging technologies with over 20 years of experience. He is the Chief Strategist at FutureGlobalTech, a digital transformation advisory firm. Before this, he held roles at Microsoft and GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Health, focusing on Strategy, innovation, and emerging technologies using AI and Automation, Advanced Analytics, IoT, Cloud Solutions, Spatial Computing, and Gaming.

Subroto is a Strategic advisor to CxOs, has led executive briefings and conferences, mentors Columbia University and Northeastern University Executive Technology Management programs, and is a guest speaker for EMBA programs. Subroto holds an M.S. in Computer Science from Columbia University and educational certificates from NYU and Harvard University's Innovation and Entrepreneurship program. He is also currently advising startups and co-authored a book on AI.



**David Girard**  
Partner Solution Architect  
Microsoft

**David Giard** is a former accountant and a former biochemist, who has been developing solutions using Microsoft technologies for over three decades. Currently, David helps people design and build solutions in his role as a Partner Solution Architect at Microsoft.

David has been very active in the developer community, speaking at numerous major conferences, code camps, and user groups around the world; helping to lead user groups; and helping to organize conferences and other geek events. He is the host and producer of the mildly popular online TV shows Technology and Friends and GCast. He is the co-author of the Wrox book Real World .NET, C#, and Silverlight. You can read his latest thoughts at DavidGiard.com. His hobbies include video, photography, sports, and embarrassing his sons.

More Presentations:  
<https://github.com/DavidGiard/Presentations>

# Startup: **AI STARTUP INNOVATIONS**



**David Lobo**

Founding Member  
Workmate



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**David Lobo** is part of the Founding Team of at Workmate, an OpenAI-backed startup focused on giving every knowledge worker their own AI Executive Assistant. A seasoned startup operator, David has founded and scaled B2B and B2C businesses in the US and abroad. Previously, he founded Covalent, a product for creators that grew to 40,000 users. He advises and invests in exceptional founders, and he loves to help leaders accelerate with AI. David received his MBA from Wharton and MA in International Studies from the Lauder Institute.

## Abstract

Workmate is your AI Executive Assistant, available 24/7 to eliminate your busywork. Starting with scheduling and calendar management, Workmate lets busy professionals and teams focus on the things that make them human: decision-making, creativity, and taste.

### Hire a Workmate

## Meet Your New EA

#### Reliable 24/7

Smart scheduling, every time. Your workmate handles 1:1s, group meetings, human EAs, booking links, and more.

Sarah 1:1

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Coffee w/ Ben

Performance

Intro: Zach

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#### Works Where You Do

Connect the apps you already use.

#### Customized to You

Your workmate learns your preferences on Day 1 and schedules meetings when you want them.

Scheduling Instructions

Locations

Availability

Duration

Urgency

#### Protects Your Time

Your schedule is optimized by grouping meetings together, avoiding awkward breaks.

Monday		Tuesday	
8 am	8 - 9 am	8 am - 11 am	Focus Block
	10 - 11 am		
11 am	11 am - 1 pm		11 am - 1 pm

# Stop Scheduling. Hire a Workmate.

Meet your AI-powered Executive Assistant who schedules meetings, manages your calendar, and prioritizes your preferences.

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# Startup: AI STARTUP INNOVATIONS



**Ajit Mohapatra**

Founder, CEO  
Fast Peer AI



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**Ajit Mohapatra** is the CEO and Founder of Fastpeer AI, an agentic AI company transforming how real estate professionals work. Fastpeer empowers agencies and agents by automating critical tasks—including lead generation, document and email management, contract drafting, underwriting, property search, and marketing content creation. At its core, Fastpeer provides each team member with a personal AI coworker that understands context, takes action, and completes tasks on behalf of them—so human teams can focus on building client relationships and driving new business.

Fastpeer stands at the forefront of Agentic AI, reimagining human-AI collaboration through intelligent digital coworkers. While currently bootstrapped, the company is actively exploring partnerships with visionary investors who believe in an agent-powered future of work. Designed as a scalable platform, Fastpeer is starting with real estate and expanding into industries like insurance, finance, and professional services, where productivity and automation are critical.

Ajit and his cofounders founded Fastpeer after completing the Wharton CTO Program in 2023. Ajit brings over 20+ years of experience in Data and AI automation across both startups and Fortune 500 companies. Most recently, he served as Director of AI at GSK R&D Tech, leading the automation of complex business workflows using Generative and Agentic AI. He is also a Board Director at the Allotrope Foundation and an active participant in AI innovation communities and events. Ajit lives in New Jersey, USA, with his wife and two sons.

## Abstract

Fastpeer.ai is a domain-centric Agentic AI platform that automates complex workflows through a Coworker-based interface and a library of predefined intelligent agents. Starting with real estate, Fastpeer combines a SaaS platform, industry-specific products, and built-in agent integration to deliver instant productivity from Day 1—streamlining data operations, client engagement, and marketing processes. Designed for scale, Fastpeer is targeting expansion into adjacent industries, including insurance and finance, through flexible, domain-ready agentic workflows.

## Digital Coworker for Everyone — Domain-Specific Workflow Automation

Fastpeer AI streamlines tedious manual tasks for real estate professionals through intelligent workflows—starting with real estate and built to scale across other industries.



### Digital Coworker

A digital AI assistant that proactively manages workflows, communications, and decisions for Users.



### Property Manager

Organizes listings, Finding properties, updates pricing, and syncs with clients instantly.



### Lead Assistant

Auto-captures, scores, and follows up with leads via chat and email.



### Automated Tasks

Automates repetitive tasks like contracts, transactions, marketing content, emails, social media, and document workflows.



### Increased Productivity

Realtor's own digital coworker saves 25+ hours per week, reduces missed inquiries by 90%, and generates \$ in new revenue.

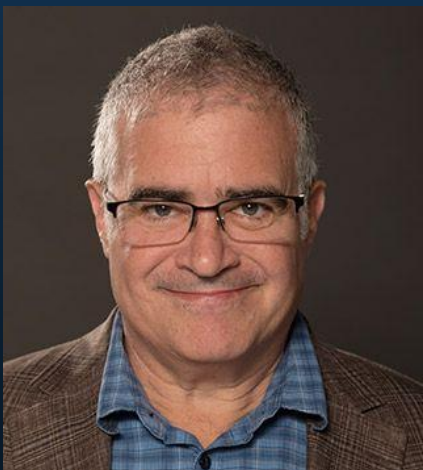


### Scalable Platform

Fastpeer's SaaS platform with AI agents, digital coworker, and integrated tools can be scaled to serve every industry that thrives on productivity.

# Panel: EXECUTIVE PERSPECTIVE ON AI REVOLUTION

## MODERATOR



## PROF. LANCE FORTNOW

Professor and former Founding  
Dean of the College of  
Computing, Illinois Tech

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## BIOGRAPHY

Lance Fortnow is the inaugural Dean of the College of Computing at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Fortnow received his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at MIT in 1989 under the supervision of Michael Sipser. Before he joined Illinois Tech in 2019 as Dean of the College of Science, Fortnow was the chair of the School of Computer Science at the Georgia Institute of Technology and previously was a professor at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, a senior research scientist at the NEC Research Institute and a one-year visitor at CWI and the University of Amsterdam. From 2007 to 2018 Fortnow held an adjunct professorship at the Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago.

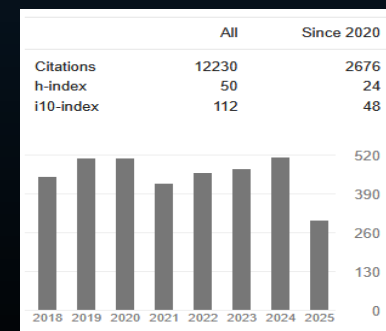
Fortnow's research spans computational complexity and its applications. His work on interactive proof systems and time-space lower bounds for satisfiability have led to his election as a 2007 ACM Fellow. In addition, he was an NSF Presidential Faculty Fellow from 1992-1998 and a Fulbright Scholar to the Netherlands in 1996-97.

Among his many activities, Fortnow served as the founding editor-in-chief of the ACM Transaction on Computation Theory, served as chair of ACM SIGACT and on the Computing Research Association board of directors. He served as chair of the IEEE Conference on Computational Complexity from 2000-2006. Fortnow originated and co-authors the Computational Complexity weblog since 2002, the first major theoretical computer science blog. He has thousands of followers on Twitter.

Fortnow's survey The Status of the P versus NP Problem is one of the CACM's most downloaded article. Fortnow has written a popular science book The Golden Ticket: P, NP and the Search for the Impossible loosely based on that article.

## AWARDS

EATCS-IPEC Nerode Prize, 2014  
ACM SIGACT Distinguished Service Award, 2014.  
ACM Fellow, 2007  
NSF Presidential Faculty Fellow, 1992–1998.  
Fulbright Scholar in The Netherlands, 1996–1997.  
Office of Naval Research Graduate Fellow, 1985–1988.  
Kieval Prize for best graduating mathematics major at Cornell, 1985.  
Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternities.





## Panel: EXECUTIVE PERSPECTIVE ON AI REVOLUTION



**Kevin Rooney**  
CIO,  
West Monroe

**Kevin Rooney** is the Chief Administrative Officer and acting CIO at West Monroe, a fast-growing consulting firm known for its multidisciplinary approach and people-first culture. As CAO, Kevin, leads Shared Services, aligning technology and operations to enhance employee experience and support the firm's growth. This includes oversight of HR operations, PMO, equity programs, insurance, travel, real estate, and events.

As acting CIO, he drives digital transformation by streamlining internal systems and enhancing data, automation, and security, enabling consultants to focus on delivering client value.

With a career focused on leading organizations through change, [Kevin builds inclusive, innovative cultures and delivers measurable results through practical, technology-enabled solutions..



**Katie Heupel**  
VP Technology Strategic  
Initiatives and Head of AI  
Strategy & Compliance,  
CNA

**Katie Heupel** leads AI Strategy and AI Governance at CNA Financial and is Chief of Staff for the Technology team. She chairs CNA's AI's Executive GenAI Working Group and CNA's AI Governance Committee. Prior to CNA, Katie was a Senior Manager in Accenture's IT Strategy and Transformation practice. She started her career as a developer. She has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Illinois State University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University..



**Rajeeve Kaul**  
Executive Leadership,  
Machine Learning/AI, Digital  
Transformation, Revenue  
Growth Strategy,  
McDonald's

**Rajeeve Kaul**, with a view towards the needs of the customer, combines broad executive leadership experiences with an exceptional capability to operationalize and execute revenue growth strategy in an increasingly digital world creating and deploying AI/ML solutions and leading analytic organizations. Rajeeve has diverse experiences across multiple industries with both P&L and functional responsibilities driving success at companies including McDonalds, GE, Cardinal Health, OfficeMax, Essendant, G4S and AutoZone. Rajeeve is also the co-author of a textbook on applying machine learning and AI in Marketing and Sales..

# Panel: GROWING UP IN THE AGE OF AI

## MODERATOR



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**Nitin Murali**  
Graduate,  
Illinois Tech

**Nitin Murali** is a recent graduate from the Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Tech) with a Master's degree in AI. As an executive board member of the Machine Learning and Product Management clubs at Illinois Tech, Nitin moderated fireside chats with top leaders from Microsoft, Amazon, AT&T, and Motorola Solutions, as well as moderating a special discussion with the Dean of the College of Computing. He's a Software Engineer turned Product Manager.

Nitin is passionate about building impactful technology. He built an AI chatbot for Illinois Tech that now supports over 50 users daily. He is also an active contributor to the Chicago tech community, volunteering with AICamp and the Chicago Java User Group. Recently, he demonstrated his creativity by presenting an "AI-powered phone call with Steve Jobs" at the Chicago Elastic User Group.



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**Silvia Grabacki**  
Ex-Director of Secure Products  
Motorola Solutions



**Tim Grabacki**  
Ex-Director of Product Management  
Crane Payment Innovations

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KAPLAN INSTITUTE: KI 107



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## Panel: GROWING UP IN THE AGE OF AI



**Sasha Preuss**

Sophomore,  
Walter Payton College Prep

**Sasha (Alexandra) Preuss** is a rising sophomore at Walter Payton College Prep in Chicago with a passion for the creative applications of STEM. She explores mathematics, crochet, and digital media, and has experience with Unity and C#. Her VR project "Why Must We Make it All Burn?" was exhibited in the CAVE2 environment and featured at the STEM Symposium, addressing the UN Sustainable Development Goal "Life on Land." Through immersive 3D typography, the project challenges viewers to reflect on deforestation and ecological harm. Sasha Preuss is also an active athlete, playing on the Varsity Girls Soccer and Bowling teams, and sailing for both the JV and Varsity teams. She is especially interested in using creative technology for environmental advocacy and innovative storytelling, and has a strong passion for applied mathematics, striving to take as many related classes as possible.



**Vivan Wali**

Senior,  
Stevenson High School

**Vivan Wali** is a rising senior at Adlai E. Stevenson High School with a focus on applying computer science to real-world problems. He is the founder of BRIDGE AI Development & Ethics, a student-led initiative that helps students actively engage with how AI is developed, understood, and used through workshops, events, and policy-focused projects. His technical work includes bioinformatics research at Purdue University, where he uses data science to study patterns in gene expression, and his broader interest lies in building tools that respond to actual human needs. As Vice President of Policy and Outreach for the Lincolnshire Autism Awareness Project, he helped lead advocacy around Illinois SR31, a resolution encouraging schools to better support neurodivergent students. He has also presented advocacy presentations in multiple schools educating the youth and empowering the neurodivergent community. Under LAAP, he also developed SpectrumLens, an AI-powered tool that analyzes emotional tone in writing to assist educators in understanding and supporting neurodivergent students more effectively. Alongside his technical work, Vivan is a nationally competitive debater with a strong interest in the intersection of communication, policy, and technology. His writing on AI and ethics has been recognized by platforms such as the Harvard International Review.



**Abhi Majumdar**

Sophomore,  
UHigh, University of Chicago

**Abhi Majumdar** is a rising sophomore at UHigh, University of Chicago Lab School in Chicago. He is part of the hyper accelerated mathematics program at UHigh and has completed Discrete Mathematics and well on his way to complete Pre-Calculus this summer. He is the Math Kangaroo International Winner in 2019, 2nd place at Chicago Area First Lego League in 2022, won the Title of Chicago Youth Chess Champion in 2019 receiving the prestigious award from Rahm Emmanuel, T-2nd in Chicago Class Open Championship in 2024. He was recently rewarded with the Annual Award for Academic Excellence by the Poet's Foundation in 2025. Abhi is in the USA National team for Sports Stacking and represented USA at the World Championship in 2024 and participating in the Junior Olympics for the last 5 years. Abhi is also passionate about Rubik's Cube (3x3) at 10-12 sec. Abhi has a 5-wicket haul and Man of the Match award at the national level for Youth Major League Cricket. Abhi is an accomplished pianist playing at recitals and competing at several completions in Chicago and aspires to play the 5 most complex piano pieces by Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin. He is selected to perform at the UHigh orchestra for piano where he was playing violin earlier. Abhi's recent interest is in AI orchestration and has been contributing to the release of Research Net.AI.

**Break:**

## MUSIC FEATURING ABHI MAJUMDAR

Tarantella by Albert Emil Theodor Pieczonka (1879)

Tarantella in A minor

A. Pieczonka

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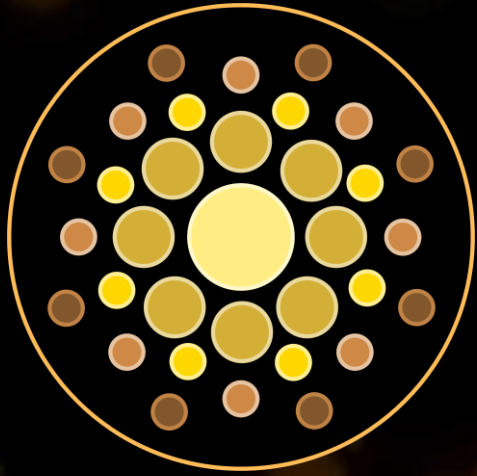
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Tarantella was written in England by the pianist Albert E. T. Pieczonka, who later emigrated to the United States. Originally composed as part of the 10-piece “Danses de Salon” set, the Tarantella and the Grande Polonaise Héroïque were the two that survived the filter of Time. And out of the two, the Tarantella is the only piece widely played by students, and perhaps, may be the lone composition that keeps Pieczonka out of the pit of eternal oblivion.







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Former Head, IBM Center for  
Advanced Studies (USA)



**MVP Release: 0.1.0**  
August 5<sup>th</sup> 2025



# Music: LI YANG CHANG, ABHI MAJUMDAR, JIM MURRAY, CARLY MATEA



**Ms. Li-Ying Chang**

Piano Coach

<https://www.pianoaccompanists.com/profile-li-ying-chang>

**Li-Ying Chang** graduated with a Master's of Music in Piano Performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, under the tutelage of Benjamin Pasternack. As a musician, Li-Ying seeks to share the transcendent experience of music with others as a solo and collaborating artist. She graduates as a Performance Diploma at the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, in the studio of Meng-Chieh Liu and Dr. Winston Choi. Li-Ying is a previous winner of the CCPA Showcase at Roosevelt, and played the opening concert at Pianofest 2013. Li-Ying was chosen to collaborate with the CCPA Wind Ensemble for an annual performance at Ganz Hall in 2013. Ms. Chang played the piano with CCPA's Chamber Orchestra as they recorded Thunderwalker, composed by Stacy Garrop, for Cedille Records. Ms. Chang actively performs as a solo pianist and chamber musician in the Chicagoland area and is a teaching instructor at the Chicago School of Music, Skinner North classical school, Old Town School of folk music as well as private teaching at her home studio at the Lakeview area.



**Abhi Majumdar**

Piano Player

<https://abhimajumdar.com/>

**Abhi Majumdar** is a rising sophomore at UHigh, University of Chicago Lab School in Chicago. Abhi has been learning to play the piano from before he was 6 year old under Ms. Li-Yang Chang, a great coach and has a graduate degree on music and piano from John Hopkins University. Abhi has also been playing violin for the school orchestra since middle school and has been selected to play piano with the U High Chamber Collective. He has participated in numerous recitals and competitions in the city. His is on his path to master the 5 most difficult classical piano compositions: Fantaisie Impromptu by Chopin, Moonlight Sonata 3<sup>rd</sup> Movement by Beethoven, Flight of the Bumblebee by Korsakov, Torrent by Chopin and La Campanella by Liszt.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j46JRk0V4M&list=PLlg-D0CkqnNN9gdWKnUOKyxrWzfG4DZM9>



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**Carly Matea**

Producer, DJ  
Proxoxie

<https://proxoxie.com/>

**Carly Metea** is a Chicago-based music producer, performer, and DJ. With a degree in Music Business and Music Technology from Columbia College Chicago, Carly blends her technical expertise with a deep understanding of the music industry. Performing under the name PROXOXIE, she has independently produced and directed multiple full-length albums, earning recognition for her dynamic fusion of hyperpop, techno, and experimental electronic music. Her work has been featured in national tours, radio playlists, and clubs across America.



[https://open.spotify.com/artist/5i4JcK9dSjJxFu6NfJau6i?si=j4pJTfKyS\\_qO\\_Al5VWv7XQ&nd=1&dlsi=ba35c5c2696e4136](https://open.spotify.com/artist/5i4JcK9dSjJxFu6NfJau6i?si=j4pJTfKyS_qO_Al5VWv7XQ&nd=1&dlsi=ba35c5c2696e4136)

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