

GET YOUR VOTE IN FOR NEXT DJ

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POPULAR station Gagasi 99.5 FM's hunt for aspiring DJs with the hottest mixes in the *So You Think You Can Mix* competition is almost over.

The winner from the five finalists who have been battling it out on air on *Midday Madness* – with DJ Mzokoloko Gumede (**right**) – will be announced on air this Thursday. Entering the competition was as simple as recording a 20-minute mix and dropping it off at any Cash Crusaders store.

The competition was narrowed down to five finalists who played their mixes live on Gagasi 99.5FM. Then it was up to the listeners to vote for their favourite DJ via the Gagasi 99.5FM SMS line.

As part of the selection panel, DJ Mzokoloko gives an overview, from a thousand hopefuls to the final five.

“We were overwhelmed by the mix tapes that started pouring in. In two weeks we had about 100 and we still have more coming in, even though the deadline has passed. The hard task was listening to all of them, but the talent is amazing. We have taken into account that some finalists might send us mixes that are not theirs. That is why we need to see them mix live.



“We are impressed with the finalists, so now it is up to the listeners,” said Mzokoloko.

The five finalists in the running are DJs Amigo, Gold, Langabi, Ronstar and Smira.

Those who have not heard the mixes, or picked a favourite, can listen to them on the website www.gagasi99.5.co.za.

As much as a good mix is about the music, it takes more than that to be a DJ. Mzokoloko gave some tips.

“It’s about the music selection, timing, understanding your audience and knowing the listenership the station attracts. You have to talk to audiences as if they are your friends and keep that conversation interesting. It’s not only about mixing, you need to keep up with current affairs.”

● ***Midday Madness* on Gagasi 99.5, weekdays, 12pm to 3pm. To vote for your DJ, SMS 33119.**