

Breakdancing is coming the the Olympics

December 09, 2020

Breakdancing is officially an Olympic sport now, clearing its final hurdle this week to feature at the Paris Games of 2024.

- 1. Breakdancing is officially an Olympic sport now, clearing its final hurdle this week to feature at the Paris Games of 2024.
- 2. Breaking, as the dancers themselves call it, is a pillar of hip-hop culture that originated in New York in the 1970s.
- 3. Red Bull's BC One global breakdance competition racked up more than 50 million views on streaming platforms last year.
- 4. And, an official Olympic program report estimated there are roughly a million breakdancers worldwide.
- 5. This is 17 year-old Logan Edra, known as Logistix -- a former gymnast and prize-winning 'B-Girl', as female breakers are known.
- "Our culture and our communities can get this recognition that I feel we deserve, you know, as culture, another culture and another circle in such a beautiful art form. So, yeah, I'm like, honestly, I don't think that I don't think there's a week that I haven't thought about Olympics for the past year. So it's been really exciting. And yeah, I'm looking forward to it."
- 6. Breakdancing isn't the first art form to be counted as an Olympic sport, but its inclusion has prompted some soul-searching.
- "I think one thing for the breaking community is we want to make sure that it's not known as just sport, but an art, a sport, a culture."
- 7. Key moves the judges will be looking out for are "top rocks": introductory moves, and power moves, more frenetic displays like spins.

8. The breakers will be judged not just on their technical skill, but on creativity and style -- requiring strength, speed, rhythm and agility.