

Allhiphop Interview With Roxanne Shante



There are female MCs, and then there's Roxanne Shante. The original bad girl blindsided Hip-Hop fans in 1984 with the Marley Marl produced "Roxanne's Revenge," her clever lifting of UTF0's "Roxanne, Roxanne." At 14, she was already a superstar and began battling (many times unprovoked) everyone from Kurtis Blow to MC Lyte. At 21 she abruptly retired, obtaining a PhD in Psychology from Cornell University and opening Hip Hop Ices, an ice cream parlor in Queens. Since then she hasn't looked back.

Now 16 years removed from her final album and a Juice Crew reunion at last week's A3C Hip-Hop Festival in Atlanta, Dr. Roxanne Shante shows life can be great after Hip-Hop stardom.

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