

Throwback: Da Brat-Give It 2 You

Da Brat made history as the first woman rapper to have a platinum album with her 1994 debut *Funkdafied*. Jermaine Dupri and Manuel Seal Jr. built the third single, “Give It 2 You” around a sample of “All Night Long” by the Mary Jane Girls. Da Brat’s confident promise to command the party got better with each verse elevated by a courtly funk groove. The video was a ’90s rap and R&B spectacular with appearances from MC Lyte, T-Boz, Mary J. Blige, Keith Murray, The Notorious B.I.G., Goodie Mob, Da Bush Babees, Big Lez, Too Short and comedian Bill Bellamy. *Funkdafied* won the Soul Train Lady of Soul Award for Best Rap Album and Billboard awards for Top Hot Rap Artist and Top Hot Rap Single for the title track. Da Brat’s fourth album *Limelite, Luv & Niteclubz* was released in 2003 and the single “Is It Chu” surfaced in 2013. Da Brat has appeared on *Celebrity Fit Club*, *The Rap Game* and *Growing Up Hip-Hop: Atlanta*. She has been the co-host of the Rickey Smiley Show since 2015. The rap legend married her partner Jessica Dupart in 2022 after they co-starred on their show *Brat Loves Judy*.

