

Vibe Interview With Santogold



Santogold, the new face in hip-hop and R&B? Lord knows sheâ€™s trying to be. Her take on R&B is drawing fans while simultaneously dishing the idea that genres can be both a sound, a color, and her collaborations with artists ranging from Spank Rock and Mark Ronson to Ashlee Simpson and Lily Allen reinforce the plausibility of her success.

On the heels of her April 22 self-titled release, VIBE had a chance to speak with Santogold (real name Santi White) about her quirky art, romantic interests, living in NYC, and continuously rocking out.

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Suntimes Interview With Saul Williams



In a twist on the Radiohead experiment, the third album by fiery political poet and rapper Saul Williams was released last November via the Web because no major record company was interested. Listeners could download the music for free as mid-fidelity MP3s, or pay \$5 for one of three higher-fidelity formats.

The difference was that while the majority of Radiohead fans are thought to have paid an average of \$10, his patron and producer Trent Reznor eventually revealed that only 18 percent

of the people who downloaded Williams' album paid for it. The rest took it for free.

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Clive Davis No Longer Chairman Of BMG



In a shake-up that reflects the new realities of the music business, the renowned hitmaker Clive Davis is making way for a younger executive known for having an ear toward the pop charts but also an eye on controlling costs.

Producer Clive Davis and singer Usher, right, arrive at the 32nd Annual American Music Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in November 2004.

On Thursday, Sony BMG Music Entertainment said that Mr. Davis would give up his corporate role as head of its BMG division and control of its RCA Label Group for a new creative post.

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VH1 Soul Premieres “Soul Story: Bobby Brown” and “New

Edition Weekend” Exclusively On VH1 Soul Friday, April 25

NEW YORK, NY April 17, 2008 “ In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of New Edition’s debut album Candy Girl, VH1 Soul presents “New Edition Weekend,” a weekend full of special programming and videos by the Boston bred boy band. Bursting onto the scene in 1983, New Edition became a pop phenomenon when they were discovered by writer/producer Maurice Starr, in hopes of launching a Jackson 5 phenomenon for the ’80s. The New Edition story continued to reach new heights with several solo projects from various group members, including break-out member Bobby Brown, the self proclaimed “King of R&B.” Bobby broke from the group in 1986 and rose to R&B superstardom as a solo artist. The weekend will include the VH1 Soul premiere of “Soul Story: Bobby Brown,” which celebrates the solo career of Bobby Brown through a timeline sequence of his videos, along with a new and never-before-seen interview, on Friday, April 25 at 7PM*.

“New Edition Weekend” premieres on VH1 Soul Friday, April 25 beginning 8AM*.

The weekend will be comprised of the following:

• New Edition Video Block “ Airs April 25 beginning at 8am*

• Behind The Music: New Edition “ Airs April 25 beginning at 10am*

• Urban Soul documentary “ Airs Monday, April 25 beginning at 12pm*

• “Soul Story: Bobby Brown” “ Premieres Monday, April 25 at 7pm*

*Each special will air through-out the entire weekend

The weekend is not only a celebration of New Edition, but of R&B music itself. The BBC documentary Urban Soul, which made its U.S. Premiere on VH1 Soul in September 2007, is an in-depth look at R&B music since the 1970s, covering everything from the New Jack Swing movement, to hip hop soul, neo-soul and mainstream R&B. This two-hour documentary is a groundbreaking journey through contemporary American music culture with a combination of rare archival footage and thought-provoking interviews with the greatest performers, producers, musicians and commentators of the genre. Urban Soul boasts a stellar cast of interviewees which includes Bobby Brown, Beyoncé Knowles, Mary J Blige, Wyclef Jean, TLC and Chaka Khan.