

Hipnott Records And HipHopDx.com To Release Hipnott Records 2010 Takeover Mixtape

Kevin Nottingham, of KevinNottingham.com's notoriety, introduces his record label HiPNOTT Records's latest musical endeavor. Through a partnership with HipHopDX, HiPNOTT is slated to release the first volume of a two-part series mixtape entitled HiPNOTT Records 2010 Takeover where Nottingham hones the label's direction and sound. The mixtape, presented by HipHopDX, KevinNottingham.com and DJBooth.net, will be available for free download starting January 11, 2010. A video promo trailer is available for download and share now at <http://hipnottrecords.com/hipnott-records-2010-takeover-promo.html>.

HiPNOTT Record's 2010 Takeover is a feel-good head-bobber reminiscent of the Golden Era of hip-hop that we all miss. Expect a skillful blend of exclusive tracks from both unsigned and established hip hop talent including Chaundon (Justus League), Guilty Simpson, Kyle Lucas, Joe Scudda, Verbs featuring MURS, El Prez, Truck North (The Roots), Tiye Phoenix, Wax, and Ilyas (Tanya Morgan). HiPNOTT's signed artists, Cymarshall Law, K. Sparks, Nobody Famous, Trav Williams, JC Poppe and Preach, more than hold their own.

Following the Takeover mixtape series, the label will usher in its impressive roster of talent that includes Cee & Bekah, Cymarshall Law, Dasha, G.C., Has-Lo, JC Poppe, Jermiside & Danny Diggs, K.Sparks, Nobody Famous, Notion, Preach Jacobs and Trav Williams, with the release of projects beginning the first quarter of 2010.



In other news:

HiPNOTT Records 2010 Takeover Vol. 2 will be available February 2010, bolstering a list of talent that includes Epsilon Project, Has-Lo, Hawdwerk & Jansport J, Jermiside & Danny Diggs, L.E.G.A.C.Y., MaG, Nâ€™Telligence, Plex Long, Preach Jacobs, Random, Self-One, Siya and The Movement Fam (Cee & Bekah, Notion, Tommy Gunnz).

Additional first quarter HiPNOTT releases:

January: Cymarshall Law – The Creator’s Kid EP

February: K. Sparks + G.C. – A Day In The Life

March / April: Albums by Jermiside & Danny Diggs, Preach Jacobs and JC Poppe

About Kevin Nottingham:

Kevin Nottingham is an award-winning hip-hop blogger and founder of HiPNOTT Records. His blog, KevinNottingham.com, sees an average of 13,000 viewers a day was named one XXLâ€™s Top 100 Hip-Hop Websites (2009) and voted SOHHâ€™s Best Music Love Blog (2008). Nottingham launched HiPNOTT Records in 2009 via the release of Nobody Famousâ€™ Order Up Vol. 3 Chicken & Waffles.

“These days it seems the blogs are running the music scene,” Nottingham said. “I receive hundreds of emails a day from people asking to listen to their music. Combine that with an ear for good music and the right connects and it becomes a solid foundation to run a successful label.”

For more information:

Label – <http://hipnottrecords.com>

Blog – <http://kevinnottingham.com>

Mary J. Blige New Album In Stores Monday, December 21st

Matriarch Entertainment and Geffen Records are proud to announce the release of Stronger with Each Tear, MUSIC GIANT MARY J. BLIGE's ninth studio album on Monday, December 21st. The first single from the album is titled "I Am" and was produced by Stargate while the video for the song was directed by famed lensman, Anthony Mandler.

Stronger with Each Tear represents knowing that the work we do on ourselves is never done, but we do get stronger through the trials, the tribulations, and the tears. Lending a hand of expression to MARY'S work are some of the best producers and artists in the business. They include: Rodney Jerkins who produced the first song to be heard from the album, the single, "The One," featuring newcomer Drake. The Runners produced "Tonight," and Ryan Leslie produced "Said and Done" and "Closer." "Good Love" features T.I. and is produced by The Stereotypes. Trey Songz appears on "We Got Hood Love" which is produced by Bryan-Michael Cox. The Dream and Tricky Stewart produces "Kitchen" while D' Mile brings us "In The Morning." Hit maker Nayo worked on "Good Love" with Stargate and the incredible heart-wrenching "I Can See In Color" produced by the soulful Raphael Saadiq, is featured on both Stronger and The Precious Soundtrack that Mary co-executive produced and

released on her label Matriarch Entertainment.

In support of the release of Stronger with Each Tear, on Tuesday, December 22nd, fans have the opportunity to meet Mary and get signed autographs of the CDs they purchase at Best Buy in Union Square in New York City (52 E. 14th St) @ 8pm.

As one of the greatest singers of our time, MARY J. BLIGE'S accomplishments are beyond impressive. A multi-faceted mogul and philanthropist, with a career spanning 15 years – including nine Grammy awards, eight multi-platinum records, over 40 million albums sold and unrivaled love from fans and critics alike. Mary co-executive produced the soundtrack to the critically acclaimed film, "Precious" through her music, TV and film company, Matriarch Entertainment and made star turns in Tyler Perry's "I Can Do Bad By Myself," "30 Rock," and "Entourage." Co-owner of the successful beauty line, Carol's Daughter, Mary is set to put out a new fragrance line called "My Life." Not only an entrepreneur and entertainer, she is a dedicated philanthropist. Through FFAWN (Foundation For The Advancement Of Women Now) Mary's mission is to inspire women from all walks of life to gain the confidence and skills they need to reach their fullest potential.

MARY is set to promote Stronger with eachTear with a barrage of television show appearances. She has already appeared or performed on The American Music Awards, Oprah, Extreme Home Makeover, Lopez Tonight, So You Think You Can Dance, Leno and Kimmel. She is set to do A&E Private Sessions, Tavis Smiley, Home for the Holidays, Christmas In Washington, The Today Show, The View, and others around release.

WATCH MARY HERE:

TONIGHT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009 – TONIGHT

JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE

12:05 AM on ABC

MARY PERFORMS 2 SONGS AND IS INTERVIEWED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009 – 2 TV Hits

A&E PRIVATE SESSIONS

9AM EST

MARY PERFORMS 5 SONGS WITH INDEPTH INTERVIEW

CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

8PM ON TNT

MARY PERFORM “THE CHRISTMAS SONG” AND “O’ HOLY NIGHT”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009 – Multiple TV Hits

TAVIS SMILEY

11:00PM ON PBS

Mary Interviews with Tavis

SATELLITE MEDIA TOUR – MARY INTERVIEWS ON MORNING TV WITH HER
TOP 20 MARKET ACROSS THE COUNTRY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009 – 2 TV HITS

THE TODAY SHOW

8 AM ON NBC

MARY PERFORMS 2 SONGS AND INTERVIEWS

BET SPECIAL – WORDS AND MUSIC WITH MARY J. BLIGE

7:30PM ON BET

MARY PERFORMS SONGS OFF OF HER NEW ALBUM AS WELL AS SOME OF
HER HITS. THROUGHOUT THE SPECIAL, VIEWERS ARE TREATED TO THE
PERSONAL STORY BEHIND EACH SONG IN HER OWN WORDS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009 – 3 TV HITS

THE VIEW

11AM ON ABC

MARY PERFORMS “I AM” AND INTERVIEWS

OPRAH – RERUN OF THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

4PM ON ABC

MARY PERFORMS WITH ANDREA BOCELLI

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

8PM ON CBS

MARY PERFORMS “I AM”

JANUARY 6, 2010

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD

9PM on CBS

MARY PERFORMS “I AM”

DJ Babu Preps Instrumental LP Beat Tape Vol 2

A world-famous DJ with active memberships in Dilated Peoples and Beat Junkies among his most notable accomplishments, DJ Babu has made a noteworthy evolution. The Los Angeles-based turntablist also stands as one of underground rap’s fastest-

rising producers.

In 2007, DJ Babu released The Beat Tape Vol.1, an instrumental compilation of the beatsmiths' soulful yet hard hitting compositions. It's also been 1-year since Babu released the critically acclaimed Duck Season Vol. 3. A self produced album that boasted tracks from MCs all across the globe. At the beginning of 2010, the Dilated Junkie comes forth with the instrumental follow up, The Beat Tape Vol. 2, which will be released on 2-23-10 on Nature Sounds Records.

"There was no holding back with this album, I wanted to get the beats out no matter what. I wanted to give my fans a fresh body of music" Explains DJ Babu. "My mission with these instrumentals are to put some doubters to rest." For having 10+ years of production experience under his belt, most people know Babu as the World Renown / Champion DJ. "I want people to know my sound, all my beats come from a DJ mentality, so The Beat Tape Vol. 2 is a great outlet for me to showcase my production"

A West Coast veteran in his own right, Babu has achieved a sound that can't be labeled by region or style. This album could be equally appreciated in the Bronx, Compton or anywhere in between. The Beat Tape Vol. 2 is a treat for all the true B-Boys' out there and a testament to the fact that hip-hop's golden era is alive and well and as Babu concludes the vine between the golden era and today is still deeply rooted "allot of the DJs that I looked up to became great producers, from Dr. Dre to DJ Premier to Pete Rock. In a lot of ways, I'm trying to carry that same torch, where hip-hop is still rooted within DJing and records."

Tracklisting and credits for DJ Babu's The Beat Tape Vol 2:


1. Intro
2. I Don't C U
3. K-Dub

4. 2024
5. Earthfire
6. No Secret
7. Sunshine Days
8. Mr. Lone Lee
9. Hold The Mark
10. Silly
11. Yacht Hop
12. Forever
13. Here I Am
14. Nelson's Cesar Salad
15. Takeova
16. Ready
17. Reneg
18. Canned E
19. Do Not Dispute
20. Gyeah
21. Strive To Be A Godfather
22. Ghost Romper Room
23. Lil's Juanito
24. Shack Of Soul
25. Dracoola
26. Who Can't Hear
27. Blackfoot
28. Kallen Durr
29. Mortay
30. Manferd
31. What R U Doing
32. Funkydromedary
33. I Heart U For All
34. Finally
35. Elec Trick Sim Phonie
36. Innernathional Thylyee
37. Phlip The Track
38. Preach B-Dub
39. I'm Gonna Stay

(ALL SONGS PRODUCED, MIXED and ARRANGED by DJ BABU)

DL Link to DJ Babu's "Lil Juanito":
<http://usershare.net/o7t1184k8b1b>

Dr. Boogie's Hair Studio Opens in Hollywood

 con Debbie Allen / hair, makeup and photography by Dr. Boogie / www.BoogieSecrets.com

Dr. Boogie has plans to usher in next year with an even bigger bang when he makes the transition from hair stylist to executive television producer. Be on the look out for reality television that will take his famous "chair chat" drama from the salon direct to your tv screen!

Dr. Boogie can be booked at boogieshair@yahoo.com . He takes 'walk-ins' at www.BoogieSecrets.com.

Pictured from left to right: Television producer Jacqui Pittman, Foxxhole radio host Claudia Jordan, comedian Kym Whitley, actress Elise Neal, Dr. Boogie and model Melyssa Ford.