

Talib Kweli Launching New Talk Show

[youtube id="Q2x6C3f9nPo"]Rapper and activist Talib Kweli is kicking off his new show talk show *People's Party With Talib Kweli* next week. Kweli will host and interview different guests on a weekly basis. He will lead discussions hip-hop, culture and politics with various personalities. B-Real, Perry Farrell, Jemele Hill, Lamar Odom and Angela Rye are in the trailer that came out today. The first episode has Bun B in the building and he shares his thoughts on The Notorious B.I.G., gun ownership and his UGK partnership with Pimp C. The first show will be available for streaming on June 9th.Â

Amerigo Gazaway Releases Black Star & Aretha Franklin-Young, Gifted & Black



Amerigo Gazaway releases the Aretha Franklin and Black Star project *Young, Gifted & Black* on what would have been Franklin's 77th birthday. Gazaway took the title from Franklin's 1972 album and the actual single and blended it with Black Star's "Hip-Hop (Screamixx)" lyrics from *The Boondocks* official mixtape. Franklin passed in August of 2018.Â

[Black Star & Aretha Franklin – Young, Gifted & Black by Amerigo Gazaway](#)

Throwback: Mos Def-Auditorium Feat. Slick Rick



[youtube id="vwjwKPXy4sg"]Mos Def named his fourth album after Victor LaValle's novel *The Ecstatic*. The album's unusual sound was influenced by a quote about the way 'ecstatic' was used in the 17th and 18th century to describe people who were inspired or mad and a litany of world flavors. "Auditorium" featured [Slick Rick](#), one of the album's few vocal collaborators and production from Mos Def and Madlib. Their rhymes about people's hopes and everyday struggles were said alongside a dense beat and a shimmery symphony constructed from "Movie Finale" on Madlib's *Beat Conducta In India* album. "Auditorium" was part of *The Ecstatic's* overall theme of looking at the world's social problems and reporting on them. Mos Def, Slick Rick and Madlib made the bleak scenarios of "Auditorium" feel like good news because of its sonic allure. *The Ecstatic* received two Grammy nominations, critical accolades and the support of his fanbase that questioned his musical choices after the 2006 *True Magic* album. In 2011, Mos Def legally changed his name to Yasiin Bey. He announced a Black Star album in February 2018 but did not give a release date. His voice can be heard on the Kanye West Kid Cudi 2018 Kids See Ghosts album.

Black Star Reunites For New Album Produced By Madlib



It's been 20 years since Yasiin Bey and Talib Kweli emerged as Black Star and they are coming full circle to reunite and release a new album this year. Yasiin Bey made the announcement in Denver, Colorado this past weekend during a Madlib DJ set. Reddit uploaded the audio from the show and Bey can be heard telling the audience that the new project is "coming soon."