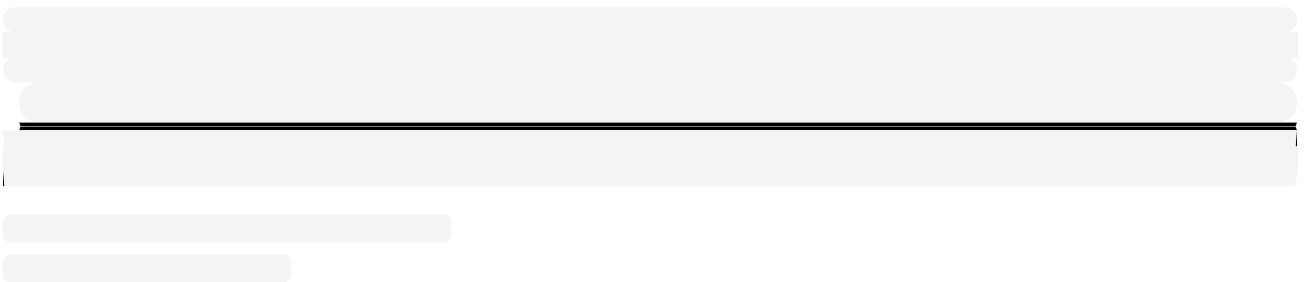


Media Questions Of The Week



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Of course media blows things out of proportion and takes things out of context. Usher is a King and always an inspiration so it was flattering to hear what him and Diplo

did on climax. X0 <https://t.co/GdLX4xD58a>

– The Weeknd (@theweeknd) [April 9, 2020](#)

Did The Weeknd influence Usher's "Climax?"

Stay Home, Stay Safe <pic.twitter.com/hF1MvtEuuB>

– Babyface (@KennyEdmonds) [April 10, 2020](#)

Who will win the Teddy Riley versus Babyface live beat battle?



Waterloo Records Austin,
Texas

Will the coronavirus pandemic cause independent [record stores](#) to go out of business?

Kendrick Lamar & DJ Khaled Honored At Inaugural Variety Hitmakers Brunch



On Saturday, November 18th *Variety* held its inaugural Hitmakers Brunch to celebrate those profiled in the Hitmakers issues on newsstands and *Variety.com* starting November 21st. Kendrick Lamar (Artist Hitmaker Of The Year) and DJ Khaled (Media POWERPLAYLIST Award) are two of the artists profiled.

iHearmedia and Mediabase, Circoc French Vanilla, Shattershock and BuzzAngle Music sponsored the event. DJ Stretch Armstrong provided music for the crowd that included Diplo and Machine Gun Kelly among the music industry attendees. *Variety's* Senior Music Editor Jem Aswad presented Kendrick Lamar with the Hitmaker Of The Year Award. Lamar accepted the award and said,

"I've been doing this for a long time, since I was 13, 14 years old. To hone in the title of a hitmaker means a lot because we put a lot of time and a lot of effort [in the studio]. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me to evolve and let me make these weird a songs that y'all

like. These songs represent me and who I am. I want to continue to push that envelope and hopefully, I continue to have yâ€™all ears to do so.â€™



Kendrick Lamar and DJ Khaled At Variety's Inaugural Hitmaker's Brunch



DJ Stretch Armstrong Arrives At Variety's Inaugural Hitmaker's Brunch



Diplo At Variety's First Hitmaker's Brunch

Major Lazer-Major Lazer Strikes Back Vol. 1



Diplo's Major Lazer project has changed the release date on *Free The Universe* to April 15th. They are currently touring and the *Major Lazer Strikes Back Vol. 1* remixes are available for download.

Major Lazer Tour Dates:

THU 2/28 TORONTO, ON Sound Academy
FRI 3/1 ROYAL OAK, MI Royal Oak Music Hall
SAT 3/2 CHICAGO, IL Congress
SUN 3/3 CLEVELAND, OH House of Blues
TUE 3/5 NASHVILLE, TN Cannery Ballroom
THU 3/7 CARBORRO, NC Cat's Cradle
FRI 3/8 ATLANTA, GA Masquerade
SAT 3/9 NEW ORLEANS, LA BUKU Fest
MON 3/11 DALLAS, TX House of Blues
TUE 3/12 HOUSTON, TX House of Blues
THU 3/14 AUSTIN, TX SXSW – TBA
FRI 3/15 SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX UME Festival
SUN 3/17 MIAMI, FL Ultra Festival

TUE 3/19 MADISON, WI Majestic Theater
WED 3/20 MINNEAPOLIS, MN First Avenue
THU 3/21 ST. LOUIS, MO The Pageant
FRI 3/22 LAWRENCE, KS The Midland by AMC
SUN 3/24 MIAMI, FL Ultra Festival
MON 3/25 VANCOUVER, BC Venue
TUE 3/26 SEATTLE, WA Showbox SODO
WED 3/27 PORTLAND, OR Roseland
THU 3/28 SAN FRANCISCO, CA Independent
SUN 3/31 SAO PAULO, BRAZIL Lollapalooza
FRI 4/5 BUENOS ARIES, AR Quilmes Rock Festival
SAT 4/6 SANTIAGO, CH Lollapalooza Chile SUN 4/7 BOGOTA, CO
Festival Estereo Picnic
TUE 4/9 LAS VEGAS, NV 10ak
SAT 4/13 INDIO, CA Coachella
SAT 4/20 INDIO, CA Coachella
WED 4/24 HAMBURG, DE Aebel & Gefahrlich
THU 4/25 PARIS, FR Bataclan
FRI 4/26 ROUEN, FR Le 106
SAT 4/27 AMSTERDAM, NL Paradiso
MON 4/29 UTRECHT, NL Tivoli
WED 5/1 SHEFFIELD, UK The Plus
THU 5/2 OXFORD, UK 02 Academy
FRI 5/3 BRISTOL, UK 02 Academy
SAT 5/4 LONDON, UK Roundhouse
TUE 5/7 BRUSSELS, BE AB Hall
WED 5/8 ZURICH, CH Maag Halle
THU 5/9 MILAN, IT Magazzini Generali
FRI 5/10 BOLOGNA, IT Link
SAT 5/11 MARSEILLE, FR Cabaret Alcazatoire
TUE 5/14 PRAHA, CZ Lucerna Music Hall
WED 5/15 WARSAW, PL Palladium
THU 5/16 BERLIN, DE Berghain

Marsha Ambrosius - Cold War



[Marsha Ambrosius – Cold War \(prod. diplo, picard brothers\) by diplo](#)

Marsha Ambrosius seems to be still finding a way to craft her naturally soulful demeanor with a more mainstream sound. "Cold War" is produced by Diplo and it appears to have palatable balance between her ability to give sultry emotion and current dance trends in pop. "Cold War" is from her upcoming second album *Friends & Lovers* and the song will be released December 11th.