

DJ Premier Shares New Gang Starr Song Family and Loyalty Feat. J. Cole

[youtube id="PEbM034iN70"]DJ Premier surprises with unreleased music from Gang Starr in the form of a song called "Family and Loyalty" featuring J. Cole. It's been nine years since Guru's passing and anything new from the duo. The wordplay between Guru and J.Cole sounds so close to reality that fans have wondered how the two would have interacted in the studio had they met in the same time and place. Cole's contribution is even more valuable now that he has stated that this song is his last feature.Â Gurus's ancestor voice just blessed rap music again but this time it's from the afterlife. Premier says a new Gang Starr album is on the way.Â

Throwback: Guru-Feel The Music



[youtube id="eIWTKrj9SfI"]Guru started his Jazzmatazz series in 1993 with the first volume that had collaborations with Donald Byrd, Roy Ayers and N'Dea Davenport. Guru's main group, Gang Starr, was at the height of their creativity and recognized around the world the year he started working with jazz and R&B musicians on the new project.Â "Feel The Music" is from *Jazzmatazz Vol. 2: The New Reality*. Martine Girault's "Revival" was the sound bed as Guru rapped about the power of his microphone presence. The second album in the series is

noted for the great lineup that included Chaka Khan, Branford Marsalis, Meshell Ndegeocello, Kool Keith, Jamiroquai, Ramsey Lewis, Bahamadia, DJ Scratch and Kenny Garrett. Guru's rap voice already had the smoothness, authority and cadence for jazz. He told *Blues and Soul* magazine,Â

"Back around '93"when I first came up with the Jazzmatazz concept"I was noticing how a lot of cats were digging in the crates and sampling jazz breaks to make hip-hop records. But while I thought that was cool, I wanted to take it to the next level and actually create a new genre by getting the actual dudes we were sampling into the studio to jam over hip-hop beats with some of the top vocalists of the time. You know, the whole thing was experimental, but I knew it was an idea that would spawn some historic music."

Guru recorded four volumes of Jazzmatazz records but it is the first two that are most recognized for their successful blending of hip-hop, R&B and live jazz playing as well as some sampling. As one-half of Gang Starr, he released six albums and they are permanent underground heroes who are always cited but never received widespread recognition in the music industry. Guru passed away in 2010 from cancer at the age of 47.Â

Fong Sai U-What's Real Featuring Guru



<http://www.kickmag.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/whats-real-feat-guru-edit.mp3>

Fong Sai U is a native of D.C. residing in California and his newly released sophomore album, *Ballads Of A Massacre* is steeped in the rhythm of hard asphalt and an unfolding wisdom. “What’s Real” has one of the last posthumously released recordings from Fong Sai U’s mentor, Guru of the legendary Gangstarr. “What’s Real” is an expose of how owning nice things can not mask a lack of character. Black Thought, Res and Dice Raw are also featured on *Ballads Of A Massacre*.

Gang Starr’s Mass Appeal Magnum Opus Complex

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Gang Starr’s *Mass Appeal* is discussed during *Complex*’s Magnum Opus series. DJ Premier, Stretch Armstrong, Noah Callahan Beaver and Jadakiss talk about Gang Starr’s critically acclaimed career that never reached huge commercial recognition and how they stayed true to their aesthetic. It’s noted how DJ Premier and Guru became defining creators of New York hip-hop even though they both were from other places. DJ Premier also mentions the lack of a magazine cover for Guru when he passed in 2010.