

Throwback: Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes-The Block Party



Lisa Lopes moved away from the hip-hop and R&B sound of her band TLC to explore a different palette on her 2001 single “The Block Party.” Driven by a sample of “Drum Song” by Earth, Wind & Fire, Lopes and producer Salaam Remi grabbed inspiration from electronic music and rap to propel her style into the future. Lopes’ experimental flow was given more relevance with the Hype Williams-directed video. The clip presaged the colorful look of the clip and Lopes unconventional cadence presaged the methods of many pop stars 20 years later. The songs of *Supernova* were redone and released after her death on the *Eye Legacy* album.

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Missy, Lil Kim & Da Brat Reunite For Ladies Night At The Soul Train Awards

Missy, Lil Kim, Da Brat, Yo-Yo, Lady of Rage, MC Lyte and Total took to the stage to pay tribute to Kool and The Gang with a performance of “Ladies Night” at the Soul Train Awards.

Eric Benet sang the lead to the original song and Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes was acknowledged for her part as well. It was the first time in 16 years they had performed their hip-hop version of Kool and The Gang's 1979 hit.