

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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