

Listen: J.Dilla's 20th Anniversary Edition Of Welcome 2 Detroit



Today would have been J. Dilla's 47th birthday and it is also the 15th anniversary of *Donuts*, the album he was working on before he passed. It is well known that Dilla's dedication to his craft had him working on *Donuts* from his sickbed. The instrumental album was named after his favorite dessert and was a bittersweet ending that elevated his legend.Â

On Friday, the 20th-anniversary edition of his solo album *Welcome 2 Detroit* was released to the streaming platforms. There are instrumentals and never heard alternate versions of the songs. The producer's short life is still being felt in his music that continues to astound and cause serious head-nodding 15 years later. Busta Rhymes who worked with Dilla, used one of his beats on his current *Extinction Level Event 2: The Wrath Of God* album.Â

This year rapper Frank Nitti who also worked with Dilla hosted

the first digital Dilla Fest to celebrate his life. Ma Dukes talks about her son's childhood love of music and how they recognized his gifts early. There are appearances from Amp Fiddler, Robert Glasper, his brother Illa J, Pete Rock, Guilty Simpson, DJ Rhettmatic, Terrace Martin and T3 of Slum Village. DJ Spinna closes the event with a DJ set.Â

Robert Glasper Pays Tribute To J.Dilla During Blue Note Residency

[youtube id="jGZPAa-4a-A"]J.Dilla is one of the artists that Robert Glasper has paid tribute to during his current Blue Note residency that ends today. Last weekend Ma Dukes, T3 of Slum Village, Common, Bilal and James Poyser were there to remember Dilla's music and life. In this clip, there are moments of "Raise It Up," "Climax" "Fall In Love" "Thelonius," "The Light" and "The Look Of Love." This was Glasper's second residency at the Blue Note and with his planning and the audience's response, it looks like a possible annual event. Glasper's [Fuck Yo Feelings](#) mixtape is out now.Â

Illa J Creates A New Mother's Day Anthem With Maureen

Illa J sings a loving dedication to his mother Maureen Yancey on his latest single "Maureen." The lady known as Ma Dukes to the world is acknowledged for her unconditional support, her wisdom and courage. Illa J's [Home](#) has its official release on June 30th.

Rebirth Of Detroit Listening Party

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Last night the J.Dilla Rebirth Of Detroit listening party took place at the Magic Stick in Detroit. McKinley Jackson, who is the father of late rapper/hypeman Proof debuted his new band The Philanthropists of Soul. Jackson was accompanied onstage by Amp Fiddler, DJ Dez and others and they paid tribute to the memories of J.Dilla and Proof. Black Milk, Guilty Simpson, Bishop Lamont, Phat Kat and Frank Nitt all took to the stage before Waajeed ended the night with a DJ set. The [Rebirth of Detroit](#) comes out June 12th.