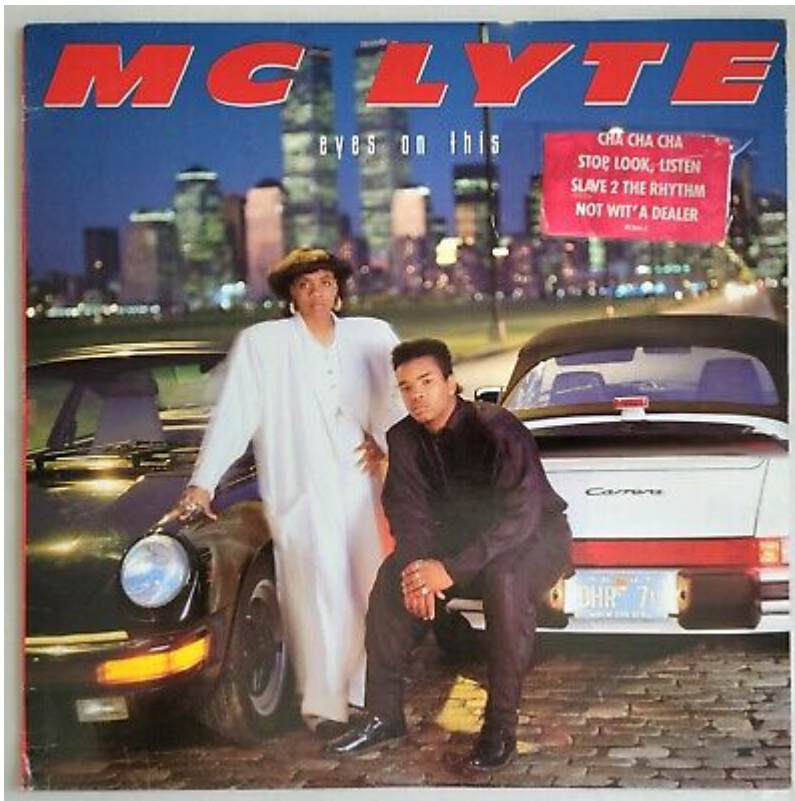


Throwback: MC Lyte: Cha Cha Cha



MC Lyte's "Cha Cha Cha" was the single that introduced her second studio album, *Eyes on This*. King of Chill wrote "Cha Cha Cha" with MC Lyte, and he produced its futuristic sound. Lyte's distinct alto asserted her lyrical mastery and triumph over lesser rappers. She dissed all contenders with a precise flow that was more focused on her audience than inviting a rival to a battle. The video and the album cover for *Eyes on This* have become iconic for their early depictions of New York City and Golden Era rap. Lyte made history with her 1988 debut, *Lyte as a Rock*, because she was the first woman rapper to release a full-length album. She did it again with her sophomore album because it made the Billboard 200 chart, which no other solo woman rapper had achieved up to that point. In 2014, MC Lyte performed the song for President Obama for the 50th anniversary of the legislation that created the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the

Humanities. “Cha Cha Cha” is a seminal hip-hop song and has influenced many artists years after its release, including Lil’ Kim, Rick Ross, Jack White, and more. MC Lyte released her 10th studio album, *1 of 1* in 2024.

MC Lyte Says Thank You Feat. Muni Long & Mary Mary (Official Video)

MC Lyte shares the video for the spiritually-focused “Thank You” featuring Mary Mary and Muni Long. The single is Lyte’s celebration of God and gratitude for all the positive things that have come from her belief in a higher power. The video is a direct throwback to her classic clip for “Paper Thin.” Like the “Paper Thin” video, Lyte reflects and remembers her younger self in the video, which takes place in a New York City subway car. She previously shared [“Woman,”](#) featuring Salt, Big Daddy Kane, and Raheem DeVaughn. Both singles will appear on Lyte’s first album in nine years, *1 of 1*, which is due before the end of 2024. MC Lyte was recently celebrated at the Black Music Honors back in May.

Netflix Presents Ladies First: A Story Of Women In Hip-Hop

<https://youtu.be/QMcnPdp54aE>

Ladies First: A Story Of Women In Hip-Hop is a new docuseries coming to Netflix. Women's history in hip-hop is chronicled from early emcees like Sha-Rock to current rappers like Latto and Coi Leray. Hip-Hop is having its 50th year of existence and this docuseries is a timely contribution to all the canonizing celebrations. The trailer features MC Lyte who is also an executive producer, along with other women such as Tierra Whack, Rapsody and Queen Latifah sharing their perspectives. Viewers have already complained about the absence of Nicki Minaj and Missy Elliott but Shawn Allen who worked on the series posted on Twitter that both artists refused to license their music and videos. *Ladies First* will debut the first of a four-part series on August 9th.

Media Questions Of The Week



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Who should have been on Recording Academy's list of 5 essential women rappers?