

# Casablanca Records Spinning Gold Film Has Trailer

The trailer for the Casablanca Records biopic *Spinning Gold* gives a glimpse of the film. Wiz Khalifa is George Clinton, Ledisi is Gladys Knight, Jason Derulo is Ron Isley, Tayla Parx is Donna Summer. Neil Bogart founded the label in 1973 after being an executive at Buddah Records. Kiss, George Clinton's Parliament, Cher, Village People, Summer and Lipps Inc. were successful Casablanca artists. Timothy Bogart is the writer and director of the movie about his father. *Spinning Gold* will be in theaters March 31, 2023.

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## George Clinton Wins Defamation Lawsuit

George Clinton won a defamation lawsuit brought against him by label owner and music publisher Armen Boladian. A two-week trial in Los Angeles determined that 20 statements made in Clinton's autobiography did not defame Boladian. Clinton has maintained for years that Boladian has stolen the copyrights to some of his most famous songs including "Atomic Dog," "Flashlight," "One Nation Under A Groove" and "We Want The Funk (Tear The Roof Off)" through plagiarized documents and not paying artists.

In 1994, a United States District Court judge ruled that Clinton did not sign the document used by Boladian's company to record its rights with the Copyright Office. Boladian swore in a 1995 statement that he did alter the language of 1982 written agreement with Clinton and added songs to the

agreement pursuant to his power of attorney.Â

Clinton's attorneys Jordan Sussman and Margo Arnold of Nolan and Heiman LLP, shared with the jury the 1994 District Court decision, Boladian's 1995 declaration and affidavits from two of Boladian's former employees corroborated that he altered agreements after they were signed by Clinton and other artists.Â

The jury decided after hours of deliberation that the statements in Clinton's book were not actionable because they were either true, matters of opinion, or not made with institutional malice.Â

Sussman stated afterwards,Â "This verdict is a win for George and the First Amendment. No one should be prohibited from sharing their life story, from their point of view, simply because it may paint someone else in a less than flattering light. Especially, as the jury held, when George had no reason to seriously doubt the truth of his statements."Â

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The verdict came days after George Clinton's 80th birthday and announced he is coming out of retirement to continue making music and touring with his P-Funk crew.Â

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Clinton said,Â "I am grateful and overjoyed that a jury of my peers agreed that there is nothing defamatory in speaking my mind and sharing my life story. I will continue to speak truth to power, and to fight against the forces that have separated so many songwriters from their music. Investigate. Interrogate. Litigate. Unseal. Reveal. If we don't get this right, then they win."Â

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# George Clinton To Receive Star On Walk Of Fame

George Clinton will receive his star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame as part of this year's group of honorees. Clinton will join Martha Reeves, The Black Eyed Peas, Ashanti, the late Nipsey Hussle, DJ Khaled, Avril Lavigne and Los Huracanes Del Norte. Each recipient will have their own individual ceremony later this year. Clinton will be portrayed by Wiz Khalifa in the upcoming *Spinning Gold* biopic about Casablanca Records and its founder Neil Bogart. This weekend he and his Parliament-Funkadelic crew will perform at Capital One City Parks Foundation Summerstage in [New York City](#).

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## Throwback: George Clinton-Quickie



George Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic stopped releasing new albums by 1981 and he started his solo career in 1982. His move into releasing music under his name alone still had a lot of the players from his P-Funk collective. He started with the success of "Atomic Dog" from his 1982 *Computer Games* album. *Shouldn't-Nuf Bit Fish* was Clinton's sophomore recording. "Quickie" combined the synth-heavy R&B of *Computer Games* with the kind of rock guitar usually heard on a Funkadelic record. The description of a brief sexual experience was classy, fun and favorable to the dance floor. The funk was just as potent as his earlier music but there was a smoothed out edge to

“Quickie” that wasn’t quite as raw as songs like “Flash Light” or “(Not Just) Knee Deep.” Many fans believed that “Quickie” should have been promoted as the second single from the album. *Shouldn’t-Nuf Bit Fish* was one of Clinton’s well-received solo outings that pushed the P-Funk vision into the next decade.Â George Clinton released his last solo album in 2008 and Parliament returned after 38 years with *Medicaid Fraud Dogg in 2018*. [youtube id=”3JbLbkjMXFQ”]