## Throwback: Kelis-Popular Thug Feat. Nas

Kelis recorded "Popular Thug" for her 2001 album Wanderland. The quirky song about a woman falling for the proverbial bad boy was humorous and sounded like no other R&B singer at the time. Pusha T of The Clipse was the featured rapper who provided the comeback to Kelis's complaint. The Neptunes' midtempo arrangement of lazy rhythm guitar, church organ and a spacey synthesizer made Kelis sound like a sensual android. Unfortunately Virgin Records did not understand Wanderland and the album would only be released in Europe until 2019 when it became officially available in the United States. Music critics praised her sophomore album and European fans embraced the sucession of her unique style introduced on her 1999 Kaleidoscope debut. American fans would later express disappointment at having to wait so long to be able to buy the album. Kelis recorded "Popular Thug" a second time with exhusband Nas for The Neptunes Present...Clones album released in 2003. Fans have argued over which version is better but they all agree on it being an underappreciated album cut.

Kelis's last studio album was *Food* released in 2014. In May of 2021 she revealed on Instagram that she she may title her seventh album Sound Mind. The singer became a chef in 2006 and has released a cookbook, line of sauces and in 2020 appeared on the Netflix series Cooked With Cannabis.



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## Media Questions Of The Week

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Did Pusha T go too far in his Drake diss "The Story Of Adidon?"Â

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Will ABC reboot the *Roseanne* show with Sara Gilbert as the focus after being canceled because of Roseanne's racist Tweets?Â

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Why is there a picture of Nick Ashford when "Chaka Khan net worth" is typed into Google?Â

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Is the music industry done with censoring artists now that Spotify has reversed their stance on "Hate Content" and gotten rid of the policy?

## Common-Black America Again Remix Feat. Gucci Mane Pusha T & BJ The Chicago Kid

Common's "Black America Again" gets a remix with Pusha T, BJ

The Chicago Kid and Gucci Mane. All of their raps address Black social problems as BJ The Chicago sings the chorus. Black America Again, the album is out now.

## River Tiber-Illusions Featuring Pusha T

https://soundcloud.com/redbullsoundselect/river-tiber-illusion
s-feat-pusha-t

Toronto producer River Tiber and Pusha T collaborated for Red Bull's Sound Select and created the R&B /hip-hop single "Illusions." Â KATRAYNADA Â and Doc McKinney also added their input to the producing of the song that sounds like Baptist preaching in the middle of digital soul.