

Roxanne Shante In Her Own Words

[youtube id="0IRH6Rf0svw"] Roxanne Shante sits for *Mass Appeal* and talks about being in hip-hop for 35 years and her Netflix movie *Roxanne Roxanne*. "Roxanne's Revenge" was the song Marley Marl produced for Shante when she was 14-years old and she explains how the whole event happened because of proximity and a need for clean underwear. The record sparked what is known as The Roxanne Wars because of all the response songs it inspired but Shante prefers to see it as a watershed moment for women in rap. Shante was the only woman rapper in 1984 to have the spotlight two years before the emergence of Salt-n-Pepa. *Roxanne Roxanne* will start streaming on Netflix March 23rd.

Roxanne Roxanne: Official Netflix Trailer

[youtube id="IKA8H_Lo1NM"] The official trailer for Netflix's *Roxanne Roxanne* has scenes guaranteed to make the average 2018 hip-hop fan curious. Roxanne Shante's rise at age 14 as the only female member of The Juice is another hip-hop story that was long overdue for a movie treatment. Her "Roxanne's Revenge" inspired the most response songs in the genre and became known as the Roxanne Wars. Roxanne Shante's voice was everywhere in 1984 and it along with her doorknocker earrings have become icons of '80s hip-hop.

Actress Chanté Adams won a Sundance Special Jury Prize Breakthrough Award for her portrayal of Roxanne Shante' and it

is her first acting job. Nia Long portrays her mother and Mahershala Ali is her boyfriend of the time and their appearances in the trailer add to the movie's appeal. Rza composed music for the film and Pharrell and Forest Whitaker are co-producers. *Roxanne Roxanne* will stream on Netflix March 23rd.

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Nia Long Cast As Roxanne Shante's Mother In Biopic



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Nia Long has been cast as Roxanne Shante in the upcoming biopic about the Queens rapper. Shante became famous in the '80's as a member of the revered Juice Crew and recording "Roxanne's Revenge." The song inspired the most response records of any rap song and the aftermath became known as the Roxanne Wars. Shante was inspired by U.T.F.O.'s "Roxanne, Roxanne" and their cancellation at a Marley Marl event. Forest Whitaker is co-producing the movie that is filming right now. *Roxanne, Roxanne* will come out in 2017.