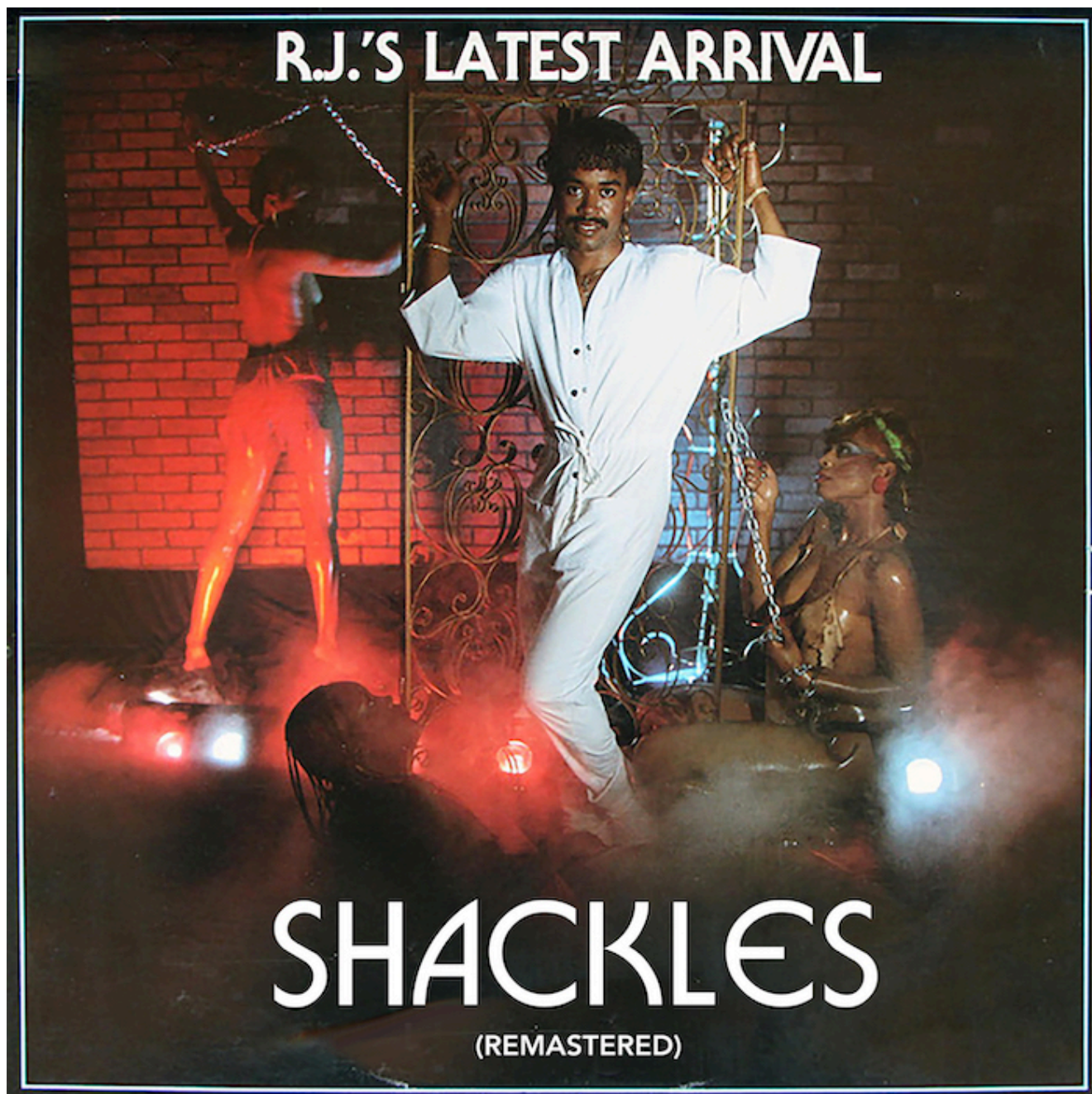


# RJ's Latest Arrival Releases Remastered Shackles Album Following BMF Feature



Detroit R&B/funk group RJ's Latest Arrival has released a remastered version of their sophomore album *Harmony* under the title *Shackles*. "Shackles" the title track, was recently featured in the second season third episode of STARZ's BMF series. The drama centers around the Flenory brothers'

narcotics empire started in Detroit during the '80s and so far the soundtrack has authentically presented the music from that time period. "Shackles" was loved locally and became a Top Ten hit later sampled in Nas' "You Owe Me." RJ's Latest Arrival was known for its blend of funk, R&B and New Wave sounds that made "Shackles" a dancefloor necessity. The group had regional success with their 1978 single "Crystal" but it was "Shackles" in 1984 that introduced them to a national audience. They would later have more acclaim with "Heaven In Your Arms" and 17 charted R&B singles.

Group leader Ralph "RJ" Rice also produced songs for The Barkays, The Pet Shop Boys, singer-songwriter Poe, Color Me Badd, Kurupt and Ice Cube. When RJ's Latest Arrival disbanded in 1990 Rice founded Barak Records. The label was a recording lab for several Detroit hip-hop artists including J.Dilla, Slum Village, Phat Kat, Guilty Simpson and Marv One. Rice's son, Young RJ was mentored by Dilla and is a member of Slum Village.

The *Shackles* remaster is available via Rice's [Neastra Music](#).



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## Starz Celebrates BMF Premiere With Atlanta Screening & Concert

Starz celebrated the premiere of the new crime drama *BMF* at the Cellairis Theater in Atlanta last night. Executive producer Curtis “50 Cent” Jackson was there along with members of the cast and guests. *BMF* is the story of the Black Mafia Family who became infamous for running a huge illegal drug enterprise in Detroit and Atlanta during the late '80s until the early 2000s. Demetrius “Big Meech” Flenory and his brother Terry “Southwest T” Flenory founded *BMF*. Demetrius “Lil Meech”



Flenory Jr. stars as his father in the series and he attended the premiere.Â

Snoop Dogg, who has a recurring role, was there with his wife Shante Broadus and performed the show's theme song "Wish Me Luck" with 50 Cent and rapper Moneybagg Yo. Angie Stone, Monica and Anthony Hamilton were among the guests to hit the red carpet. *BMF* will debut on Starz Sunday, September 26th right after the season finale of *Power Book III: Raising Kanan*.



Angie Stone



Anthony Hamilton



Monica







Hip Hop Legend Snoop Dogg and wife, entrepreneur Shante Broadus