

# Kickmag's 2009 Picks

1 .Q-Tip *Kamaal The Abstract*

Q-Tip does funky reflective fusion and it works.

2. Raekwon *Only Built For Cuban Linx 2* More than competent return from Wu-Tang grime master.

3. Al B. Sure *Honey I'm Home* Classy R&B from a New Jack Swing era survivor.

4. Teena Marie *Congo Square* More timeless soul from the original vanilla soul child.

5. Sa Ra *Nuclear Evolution: The Age Of Love* Freaky free funk in the middle of a calcified R&B mainstream.

6. Blackroc A hodgepodge of mostly New York rappers backed by the hillbilly rock of The Black Keys presented by Damon Dash

7. Chico DeBarge *Addiction* Soulful sensuality from the DeBarge tenor on par with *Long Time No See*

8. Chrisette Michele *Epiphany* Jazzy R&B sweetness mediated by pop sensibilities.

9. Jay-Z *The Blueprint 3* Hova representing for his hometown with his superior slick hardness.

10. Mos Def *The Ecstatic* Dante Smith may act most of the time but he still raps well.

11. Jesse Johnson *Verbal Penetration* Former Time guitarist releases first solo album in thirteen years and his chops are still intact.

12. Maxwell *Blacksummer's Night* Everyone's favorite male "neo soul" singer makes good again after an eight year hiatus.

13. J.Dilla *Jay Stay Paid* Another lovely but sinister posthumous release of divine beat science from the Detroit master.

14. Whitney Houston *I Look To You* A nice comeback record from the '80's and '90's pop darling

15. Living Colour *Behind The Sun* Funk metal kings assert their deadly acumen once more after scaring fake rock fans with the brilliant *Collideoscope*.

16. Meshell Ndegeocello *Devil's Halo* The R&B deconstructionist rightfully picks apart the usual musical assumptions proving again why she is the most important R&B artist of her generation.

17. Ledisi *Turn Me Loose*— The singer reinvents her sound with a much needed faster pace and fire.

18. Buckshot & KRS One *Survival Skills* The Boot Camp Click hustler and the legend collaborate on a back to the basics type of hip-hop album.

19. Melanie Fiona *The Bridge* Sassy but not tacky R&B from the Canadian newcomer.

20. Snoop Dogg *Malice In Wonderland* Party music from everybody's favorite West Coast rapper.

21. The Clipse *Til The Casket Drops* Potent cocaine rap.
21. Shabazz Palaces *Abstract* funky hip-hop from Digable Planets' Ishmael.
22. Souls Of Mischief *Montezuma's Revenge* A much appreciated reappearance of the West Coast's Wu-Tang Clan type crew.
23. Kam Moya AKA Superstition *Splitting Image* Down to earth lyricist willing to be himself in world of flossy rappers. Refreshing.
24. Wale *Attention Deficit* Punchy delivery from the D.C. rapper with one of the biggest buzzes this year.
25. Q-Tip *The Renaissance* Ok it came out at the end of 2008 but it's nominated for a Grammy and it should be. Soulful hip-hop without the extraction of the boom bap.
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## RadioNine Presents The Clipse 6-13-09

June 3rd(LOS ANGELES)- Goldenvoice and The Service Company will be kicking off a brand new concert series in Los Angeles called Radio Nine on June 13th at Club Nokia in Los Angeles. The first show will feature the Virginia rap tandem Clipse along with Pac Div, B.o.B., Diz Gibran and Marshall Barns. The Clipse are gearing up to release their third record titled *Till The Casket Drops* later in 2009. LA natives, Pac Div who are signed to Universal Motown were on tour with Q-Tip and The Cool Kids earlier this year are also gearing up to release a

project titled Church League Champions.

Known for an amazing live show, B.o.B., aka Bobby Ray who is signed to T.I.'s Grand Hustle imprint will be backed by a live band at the event. Rounding out the acts is LA based-MC Diz Gibran who resonated with music media outlets with his album "Soon You'll Understand". The DJ for the event is world renowned Marshall Barns. Radio Nine is the brainchild of promoter Lewis Kunsler at The Service Company, who has overseen events such as the We The People Festival, Freestyle Session and the Pea Pod (Black Eyed Peas Grammy Benefit). This is the first of many Radio Nine shows to come. Tickets are on sale now for \$17.50 at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com)

For more info, visit [RadioNine.tv](http://RadioNine.tv)

Radio Nine presents:

Cclipse, Pac Div, B.o.B.(Bobby Ray),Diz Gibran, and Marshall Barns

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Saturday, June 13th

Doors open at 7:30pm

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