

Media Questions Of The Week



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How are the murders of Tupac Shakur and The Notorious B.I.G. [connected](#)?

Butcher Brown Rework A B.I.G. Classic For Their Upcoming Big Band Album



Butcher Brown takes on the Notorious B.I.G.'s "Unbelievable" for their upcoming big band album. The late Brooklyn rapper and producer DJ Premier crafted "Unbelievable" for B.I.G.'s 1994 *Ready To Die* debut album. Marcus "Tennishu" Tenney who raps B.I.G.'s verses had this to say about the song:

"This is one of my favorites from B.I.G.'s catalog. This record to me is an example of what makes rap music special. This beat by DJ Premier is one of the greatest beats of all time and the way that the lyrics lay inside of the sections of the beat made it lock into a classic as soon as I heard it."

Butcher Brown has been performing jazz and hip-hop-inspired music since they came along in 2014 with *All Purpose Music*. Their new project *Butcher Brown Presents Trey featuring Tennishu And R4ND4ZZO BIGB4ND* started out as a hip-hop album but morphed into a tribute to big band jazz. The artwork was created by designer Lou Beach who designed the cover for Weather Report's fusion classic *Heavy Weather*. The official release date is September 16th and vinyl copies will be available on November 11th. The 12-inch vinyl comes with a 7-inch which has two additional songs, "Guitar Army" and "Peace."

The band will perform at the Afropunk Festival in Brooklyn on September 11th.



Watch: Trailer Biggie: I Got A Story To Tell

Watch the trailer for the Netflix documentary *Biggie: I Got A*

Story To Tell. The film goes behind the scenes of Biggie Small's life to talk with friends, family and industry folks about his rise as one of the biggest rappers of the '90s. His mother Voletta Wallace says,

"This will be the first documentary to focus on the experiences of my son's life rather than the circumstances of his death. It is a celebration of who he was and where he came from. This is how he would have wanted to be remembered."

It was 24 years ago when Christopher Wallace was murdered in Los Angeles. The New York native had managed to bring pride back to his city's rap scene after the West Coast explosion that reached a plateau with Dr. Dre's *The Chronic*. Wallace's two albums are still regarded as two of the most important in hip-hop. It was 12 years ago when his life was first adapted to film in the biopic *Notorious*. The Netflix documentary will make its premiere on March 1st.

**Whitney Houston, Biggie
Smalls, Kraftwerk & Rufus
Feat. Chaka Khan Nominated
For 2020 Rock Hall Of Fame**



The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has announced its 2020 nominees. The Notorious B.I.G., Whitney Houston, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan and Kraftwerk are among those who may join the 2020 class. Fans can vote via [Google](#) every day until January 10, 2020, and can choose up to five nominees. The top five artists will constitute a fans' ballot and will be counted along with the other ballots. The ceremony will take place on May 2nd at Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information go to the [official site](#).