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The Wu Massacre is out today.

Wu-Tang- Return Of The Wu & Friends

Since their debut album, 1993's *Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)*, Wu-Tang has become synonymous with gritty, direct lyrics and beats that draw from classic soul, horn-blasted funk, cinematic curios, and dirty guitar licks (among many others.) With each successive album, the group solidifies their hold on hip-hop, watching over the years as rappers, trends and ephemeral styles come and go and become musical footnotes in the game.

As devoted fans clamor and salivate for anything Wu-related, Gold Dust & Nature Sounds are proud to announce the release of *Return of the Wu & Friends*, produced and compiled by Wu-Tang Clan producer/DJ Mathematics and including some exclusive tracks, lost gems and old time favorites featuring all nine emcees.

The 16 tracks featured on *Return of the Wu & Friends* were compiled from songs recorded during the group's critically acclaimed 2000 album *The W* through 2008, including exclusive tracks like "Steppin 2 Me" featuring GZA, Inspectah Deck and Masta Killa. The producer also offers a slew of new remixes, including "Respect Mine" and "Clap". On the former, featuring

Raekwon, Method Man and Cappadonna, the sprightly piano loop found on the original (from Mathematics' 2003 solo album Love, Hell or Right) gets flipped into a slower, more ominous track anchored by a funky slap bass line.

On Return of the Wu & Friends, every member gets their chance to shine, backed by Mathematics' acute ability to perfectly match each member's cadence and tone to the respective beat. Slower, more soulful tracks like "Da Way We Were" and "Strawberries & Cream" are balanced with classic Wu funk like "Iron God Chamber" and "It's What It Is" (the latter the new superhero anthem for the 21st century.) For anyone fiending for more Wu classics, Return of the Wu & Friends offers up an album's worth of tracks sure to fill the need for Wu bangers.

Having known the Clan since the mid-80s and produced for them since 1996, Mathematics is no stranger to the group. Starting off as GZA's DJ during the emcee's Cold Chillin' days, the producer has since gone on to create a diverse and memorable production catalog with the group, contributing tracks to The W and 8 Diagrams, as well as Ghostface Killah's Supreme Clientele, GZA's Beneath The Surface, Method Man's Tical 2000: Judgement Day and Method Man & Redman's Blackout!.

Wu-Tang- The Return of The Wu-Friends will be released on 2-16-10 on Gold Dust Records

DL Link to "Clap 2010" f/Raekwon, Ghostface Method Man & U-God: <http://www.mediafire.com/?kynizeiwjmy>

<http://www.wutang-returnofthewu.com/>

New Rza Album & Wu-Tang Tour/ Role In Judd Apatow Film

Wu Music Group, the new label ran by the administrative mind of Mitchell "Divine" Diggs and the creative force of Wu-Tang Clan's chief architect, "The RZA", will release their second album, *Afro Samurai: The Resurrection*, on January 27th, 2009. The album is the soundtrack to season two of Spike TV's critically lauded animated television show and DVD featuring the voice of Samuel L Jackson and is musically produced entirely by Wu Tang Clan's The RZA. The soundtrack features unlikely collaborations and guest spots from legendary recording artists such as Sly Stone, members of the Wu-Tang Clan, Kool G Rap, Rah Digga, and a whole cast of RZA's protégés, including the late Ol' Dirty Bastard's son – Boy Jones. This highly anticipated release demonstrates RZA's incredible genius and ability to unite some of the finest voices in hip-hop together in one place. The multi-talented producer/actor will also hit the big screen again later in the year as he co-stars in the upcoming comedy from writer/director Judd Apatow (*The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, *Knocked Up*) out summer 2009. He will be seen alongside Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen and Leslie Mann in *Funny People*, the story of a famous comedian who has a near-death experience.

The *Afro Samurai* animated series debuted on Spike TV in 2006 and was the best-selling anime DVD release of 2007. In *Afro Samurai: Resurrection*, Academy Award®-nominated actor Samuel L. Jackson returns as the voice of the solitary warrior Afro Samurai and his sidekick Ninja Ninja as well as executive-producer of the this stylish series. Joining the cast this season is Lucy Liu (*Dirty Sexy Money*, *Charlie's Angels*, *Kill Bill*) as Sio, the seductive and sadistic mastermind plotting to destroy Afro. Also newly cast is Mark Hamill (*Star Wars*) as Bin, Sio's servant and protector.

RZA's 2007 soundtrack to season one of the *Afro Samurai* series introduced the world to a new team/swarm of the Wu disciples and included legendary collaborations with Big Daddy Kane, Q-Tip, Talib Kweli, and more never thought to be captured on tape. The exceptional follow up comes with deluxe packaging

and O-Card and features the Wu-Tang mastermind at his architect best, drawing up the blueprint for a new dimension of sound and collaborations with friends old and new.

Afro Samurai: Resurrection marks another milestone for Wu Music Group, which recently announced a comprehensive partnership with The Orchard, to distribute and market the label's popular catalogue worldwide. The Orchard and Wu Music have digitally released the label's entire catalogue of unreleased material, including important recordings from RZA and other Wu-Tang Clan members, and will be marketing and distributing future physical and digital releases, beginning with Afro Samurai: Resurrection, from current label acts and new signings. The saga will continue, as the Diggs brothers breathe new life into the legacy of the Wu-Tang Clan. The RZA is also currently on tour with the Wu-Tang Clan – dates below!

12.10.2008 DENVER, CO OGDEN THEATRE
12.11.2008 FORT COLLINS, CO AGGIE THEATER
12.14.2008 CHICAGO, IL HOUSE OF BLUES –
12.15.2008 MINNEAPOLIS, MN FIRST AVENUE
12.17.2008 CLEVELAND, OH HOUSE OF BLUES
12.18.2008 ROCHESTER, NY MAIN STREET ARMORY
12.19.2008 PHILADELPHIA, PA THE TROCADERO THEATRE
12.20.2008 NEW HAVEN, CT TOAD'S PLACE
12.21.2008 SAYREVILLE, NJ STARLAND BALLROOM
12.23.2008 NEW YORK, NY HAMMERSTEIN BALLROOM
12.27.2008 LANCASTER, PA CHAMELEON
12.31.2008 BALTIMORE, MD SONAR
01.01.2009 WASHINGTON, DC 9:30 CLUB
01.02.2009 PROVIDENCE, RI LUPO'S HEARTBREAK HOTEL
01.04.2009 SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT HIGHER GROUND
01.07.2009 NORFOLK, VA THE NORVA
01.08.2009 RICHMOND, VA TOAD'S PLACE RICHMOND
01.09.2009 GREENSBORO, NC THE N CLUB AND RED ROOM
01.10.2009 CHARLESTON, SC THE MUSIC FARM
01.11.2009 CHARLOTTE, NC AMOS' SOUTHEND

01.12.2009 RALEIGH, NC LINCOLN THEATRE

01.13.2009 COLUMBIA, SC LEVEL

“AFRO SAMURAI: RESURRECTION” TRACKLISTING:

1. Combat (Afro Season II Open Theme) – RZA; P. Dot
2. You Already Know – Kool G Rap; Inspectah Deck; Suga Bang
3. Blood Thicker Than Mud “Family Affair” – Reverend William Burke; Sly Stone; Stone Mecca
4. Whar – Kool G Rap; Ghostface Killah; Tash Mahogany; RZA
5. Girl Samurai Lullaby – Rah Digga; Stone Mecca
6. Fight for You – Thea Van Seijen
7. Bitch Gonna Get Ya’ – Rah Digga
8. Bloody Days Bloody Nights – Prodigal Sunn; Thea Van Seijen
9. Kill Kill Kill – Rugged Monk
10. Nappy Afro – Boy Jones
11. Bloody Samurai – Black Knights; Dexter Wiggles; Thea Van Seijen
12. Dead Birds – Killah Priest; Prodigal Sunn; Shavo
13. Arch Nemesis – Ace; Moe Rock
14. Brother’s Keeper – Reverend William Burke; The RZA; Infinite
15. Yellow Jackets – Ace; Moe Rock
16. Take the Sword pt. III – 60 Second Assassin; Leggezín; Crisi; Christ Bearer; Rugged Monk; TrÃ© Irie; Kinetic; Reverend William Burks; Bobby Digital
17. Number One Samurai (Afro Season II Outro) – The RZA ; 9th Prince

The Genius Speaks!!! Wu -

Tang's Gza/Genius Speaks On The August 19th Release Of "Pro Tools!!" Myspace Album Preview Now!!! Imeem Contest, Tour Dates & More!!!

The GZA/Genius, Wu-Tang's famed lyrical swordsman, serves up some jewels regarding "Pro Tools," his fifth solo album, set for imminent release on August 19th.

The notoriously elusive emcee opens up in this rare and exclusive interview, providing coveted insight into the new album (and his favorite tracks), the current state of hip-hop and also directly addressing the recently leaked, buzzing 50 Cent diss track ("Paper Plate").

THE GENIUS SPEAKS (VIDEO)... WATCH IT NOW:

Also...log on to www.myspace.com/gza NOW to check out an exclusive preview of the entire "Pro Tools" album. This is an exclusive

opportunity to preview what notable blogger/tastemaker/critic Byron

Crawford has already coined "shockingly good. The best GZA album since

Liquid Swords...very well the best Wu-Tang-related album since Supreme Clientele."

Tune in to www.imeem.com as well for the "Pro Tools" album cover redesign contest for a chance to win a full CD DJ set-up

from Stanton

worth \$1600.

<http://www.imeem.com/gzagenius>

Also look for GZA this summer/fall on the highly anticipated nationwide "Liquid Swords" tour which commences August 21st in Los

Angeles at the El Rey Theatre. He plans to debut the new material for

the first time ever following the performance of the entire classic

"Liquid Swords" album.

GZA/Liquid Swords Tour:

Thu 8/21 Los Angeles, CA El Rey
Fri 8/22 Santa Cruz, CA Moe's Alley
Sat 8/23 Petaluma, CA Phoenix
Mon 8/25 Portland, OR Berbaty's
Tue 8/26 Seattle, WA Neumos
Wed 8/27 Vancouver, BC Richards
Fri 8/29 Salt Lake City, UT Paladium
Sat 8/30 Denver, CO Cervantes
Mon 9/1 Dallas, TX Palladium
Tue 9/2 Houston, TX Warehouse
Wed 9/3 Austin, TX Emo's
Thu 9/4 Minneapolis, MN Cabooze
Fri 9/5 Grinnell, IA Grinnell
Sat 9/6 Madison, WI SoCo Music
Sun 9/7 Chicago, IL House of Blues
Tue 9/9 Oberlin, OH Oberlin Collge
Wed 9/10 Baltimore, MD Ram's Head
Thu 9/11 Philadelphia, PA Trocadero
Fri 9/12 New York, NY Irving Plaza
Sat 9/13 Boston, MA Harper's Ferry
Wed 9/17 Tempe, AZ Clubhouse
Thu 9/18 Flagstaff, AZ Congress
Fri 9/19 San Diego, CA Street Scene

