

The Best of Snoop Dogg Revisits Rap Icon

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October 4th brings the release of "The Best of Snoop Dogg". This high-powered collection includes revolutionary production from hip-hop and rap's most important producers: Dr. Dre, The Neptunes, Timbaland, and DJ Premier.

When the smooth-flowing Snoop Dogg teamed with fellow rap icon Master P in the mid-"90s. Snoop updated many of his classic recordings. Included on "The Best of Snoop Dogg" are "Still A G Thang" and "Gin & Juice II," two deft reworkings of the songs that made Snoop a star in the first place.

Snoop Dogg also showed while working with Master P that his creative juices remained strong. "Bitch Please," "Down 4 My N's" and "Woof!" were three smash singles contained on 1999's "No Limit Top Dogg" album that are also featured on "Best of". In fact, "Bitch Please" and "Just Dippin'" (another "No Limit Top Dogg" cut also included on "The Best of Snoop Dogg") marked the reunion of Dr. Dre and Snoop, who reunited in 1999 after not working together for several years because of complications from their respective departures from Suge Knight's legendary Death Row Records. Furthermore, Die-hard rap fans will recall that "Bitch Please" was the song that catapulted Xzibit to superstardom.

In 2000, Snoop Dogg worked with Timbaland on the funky "Snoop Dogg (What's My Name Pt. 2)" and teamed with Dr. Dre, Master P and Nate Dogg for "Lay Low," an excellent exercise in gangster lyricism. Both songs are included on "The Best of Snoop Dogg". The 19-track collection also includes "Beautiful," the first smash single teaming Snoop Dogg with The Neptunes that was originally featured in 2002 on Snoop Dogg's platinum-plus "Paid Tha Cost To Be Da Bo\$\$".

With hit after hit, "The Best of Snoop Dogg" pays worthy tribute to one of rap's most successful, influential and iconic figures. "The story of Snoop Dogg is a Hip-Hop epic that will last as long as the music does," Cooper writes in the liner notes. "After weathering the storms of manhood, gangsterism, and the music industry - all under the unrelenting scrutiny of the public eye - he has become a pop icon, a personality with universal appeal."

"THE BEST OF SNOOP DOGG" Track listing

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1. Beautiful Featuring Pharrell
2. Snoop Dogg (What's My Name Pt 2)
3. Woof! Featuring Mystikal & Fiend
4. Lay Low Featuring Master P, Nate Dogg, Butch Cassidy, Tha Eastsidaz
5. Down For My N's Featuring C-Murder & Magic
6. From tha Chuuuch To Da Palace Featuring Pharrell
7. Bitch Please Featuring Xzibit
8. Still A G Thang
9. Just Dippin" Featuring Dr. Dre & Jewell
10. Wrong Idea Bad Ass, KoKane & Lil HD
11. Stoplight

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12. Snoopafella
13. The One and Only
14. Loosen" Control Featuring Butch Cassidy
15. Gin & Juice II
16. Stacey Adams Featuring KoKane
17. Ride On/Caught Up! Featuring Kurupt
18. G Bedtime Stories
19. Hell Yeah Featuring WC