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Hip Hop Legend Bun B and one half of the award winning duo UGK made an impressive return with the first week sales debut of his new album, "II Trill," which was independently released on May 20th, through Rap-A-Lot/Asylum. Bun's first solo effort in almost 3 years, "II Trill" debuted in this weeks Top 200 sales chart at #2, and Hip Hop, R & B and Independent charts at #1, selling 97,957 units in its first week - making it the highest debut by any independent hip-hop artist this year.

Featuring 18 solid tracks, which boasts production from top-level hip hop producers like Mr. Lee, Scott Storch, Jazze Pha, Bigg Tyme, Black Out Movement, Khalil, Clinton Sparks, Enigma and Chops, and featuring notable hip hop and rap guests Pimp C, Lupe Fiasco, Z-Ro, Mya, Mike Jones, Junior Reid, Webbie, Chamillionaire, Expensive Taste (Paul Wall, Skinhead Rob, & Travis Barker) and Slim Thug to name a few, "II Trill" has been warmly received by critics and regarded as one his best bodies of work to date.

Following the release of the album's first official single/video for the JR Rotem produced, "That's Gangsta" featuring Sean Kingston, Bun is now asking for fans to help him make the final decision on the soon to be released sophomore single, which will either be "Pop It 4 Pimp" featuring Phatz & Webbie, "Damn I"m Cold" fearing Lil" Wayne or "You"re Everything" featuring Rick Ross, David Banner, 8-Ball & MJG. Fans can post their choice for selection on Bun's myspace, www.myspace.com/bunbofugk.

II Trill's chart topping achievement follows upon the heals of UGK's 2007 seventh album release of the 26-song, two-CD set, UGK (Underground Kingz) which claimed the #1 spot in the country and presented the duo with two Grammy nominations for the soulful smash hit "Int"! Players Anthem (I Choose You)" featuring Outkast; and serves as a follow-up to Bun's critically acclaimed and Gold Certified debut solo effort, Trill which was released in 2005 and peaked at #1 on the Top R&B/Hip Hop Albums Chart.

Currently on a national promotional tour to promote II Trill, Bun, along with Rap-A-Lot Records and Microsoft Zune have also launched the "R You II Trill" competition to discover the nation's next rap superstar. Entrants will be able to download an exclusive Bun B instrumental Mp3 track from Zune Marketplace, record their own original rap over the track, and submit their demo. The winner will be flown to Houston to record the track with Bun, which will then be featured as a free download on Zune Marketplace in September. Fans can register at www.rapalotrecords.com/ryoulltrill and more

details are set to be announced. Bun B fans can also link to his profile in the Zune online music

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community by creating their own Zune Card, a profile that automatically updates to reflect what they or their friends are listening to and provides a vibrant method of music discovery.

Bun is scheduled to make an appearance at the 2008 BET Awards on June 24th in Los Angeles to celebrate UGK's two award nominations for "Best Group" and "Video of the Year" for "Int" Players Anthem (I Choose You)" featuring Outkast.

ABOUT BUN B: As one half of the duo, UGK, Bun B along with the late, great Pimp C put the south on the map in 1988 with their first album release The Southern Way. Two decades later, the Port Arthur, TX natives and award winning pair have maintained a presence in the music world with seven major label released albums, mixtapes, indie releases and cameos on numerous prominent artists" tracks. In 2000, they made a high-profile appearance on Jay-Z's "Big Pimpin." In 2005, Bun released his first solo album Trill. The gold-certified CD debuted at #6 on Billboard's Top 200 Albums chart and peaked at #1 on the Top R&B/Hip Hop Albums Chart.