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It's true that true female hip-hop rap MC's are few and far in-between, but there are some great one's out here and it is hard to understand why they do not get the respect and 'shine' that they deserve.

I have seen and heard a few female rap artists who I have thoroughly been amazed by. Strong women who do not fit the hip-hop definition of 'hoochie', but these are strong beautiful women with the 'skillz' to match most of the signed major MC's of today.

Such is the case of a Boston, Massachusetts based female rap artist named Brix; (pronounced 'Bricks').

One listen and you can tell she is not your 'cutzie' gurl rapper but here is a straight forward 'real' rap artist who shares her life experiences and philosophy on wax. She is a voice for the real everyday women on tha block. She brings her flow in an amazing way thru her craft that most people can relate to. When she spits, she has your full attention and you feel compelled to hear her out. Her skillz are captivating and insightful.

Brix knows that most of us can not relate to the BET type video, where the 'all is good out here' and the 'bling' of the good life builds a 'fantasy' world for the youth who swallow that type of propaganda. Brix says "Daises don't grow in the hood". And in that attitude her flow encompasses everything from club banging tracks to tracks that embellish the 'streetz' thru the reality of social and economic struggle and the hustle of everyday reality of life in the block.

Because Brix is 'new' to me does not mean she is new to the game. I was just lucky enough to run across her and to hear her talent and to be blessed to respect and appreciate her talent.

BRIX has contributed to the following recording accomplishments: DJ Kurupt's "Streetz Is Talkin"", Dome "Beast From The East" [All City Records], "The Undisputed" [Shadow Skills], SaveHipHop.org "Official Mixtape v. 1", N.B.S. "The Antidote v. 1" [Block 617], "Boston's Elite Pt. 2" Hosted by "DJ Geespin" [Team 220 Records]. DJ Geespin JAMN 94.5 Launchpad "Studio to The Streets", Cyrus The Great "50 MCs Mixtape" [Backcourt Records], DJ Liphted "New England's Finest v. 1" [Matrix Recordings], "The Black Party Complilation"

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[Downtimeonline.net], "BRIXTAPE v. 1", J Saki's "Best of The Bean" vol. 1 [Goonskwad], "Taking Over The Masses" [Punchlinme Productions], DJ Dead Eye Presents Krumbsnatcha "Hate Me More" [W.O.L.V.E.S. Entertainment], "Green Heist v. 1" [Block 617], "The Unveiling" [Assassin Music Unit], DJ Elementz "v. 4" [Scratchizms Crew]. Brix has produced music for RdaFact, Myart, Ant Nitty, Shay Muse, V, and Trajic Thoughts, as well as, various production credits as "The Lotus" of production team, Shadow Skills. In addition, BRIX has recorded with Krumbsnatcha, K.T., Buckshot Boys, Tek M.P., Tek 9, K-Soul, Paw Dukes, RdaFact, and others.

BRIX has also contributed live performances to the following: Nomasonha Magazine Release Party, Balance Showcase to benefit The M.A.P., New England's Music Meet & Greet Conference, Krumbsnatcha's Record Release Party, October Blast Off with Def Squad, Guru of Gangstarr's Birthday Bash, Bridgewords Video Release, Living Poets Society, Flava @ All Asia, B2b Evos Art Institute, End Of Summer Jam sponsored by Middle East, DJ Versus by GigCity

BRIX has opened for: Redman, Keith Murray, Erick Sermon, JAZ-O, Guru of Gangstarr, Wise-Intelligent of Poor Righteous Teachers, Krumbsnatcha, Kreators, Akrobatik, and EDO G

BRIX is featured on the following DVD Projects: 4th Sun Ent. "BridgeWords", Lightray Ent. "Women in Hip-Hop"

BRIX performances have also been aired on: Thug T.V, CCTV'S ESPN Sponsored Sports Talk With Clyde

BRIX is currently getting spins on the following radio stations: DJ Jimizz 'Choice Is Yours' Saturday Nights 88.1 FM Boston 10PM-12PM, DJ Jon & DJ Big Lee 'The Blast' Sunday Nights WRED 95.9 FM Maine 10PM-11PM, DJ Geespin 'The Launchpad' Sunday Nights JAMN 94.5 FM Boston 11PM-1PM and is also getting spins on 88.9, 97.7, and other college and commercial stations throughout New England and on the east coast. She is also featured on several online radio stations including HydroRecords.com and several stations on Live365.com.

BRIX's Online "Fam-Club" located at BRIX-CENTRAL.com has had over 374,190 page views and over 20,000 downloads since May 2005 and currently home's 901 members, 47 Street Team Members, 113 iTeam Members, and a mailing list of over 7,200 local subscribers

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(50,000+ internationally) supporting BRIX in over 14 countries. Editors of Subversive Mag made BRIX's site Editor's Choice and it acquired acclaim in RapDirectory.com as Editors Best! She also has over 1900 online friends/fans via the Myspace.com network and has charter #1 in her region in August 2004 and January 2005 for most plays and highest ranked song. BRIX's track "Where Was U" was also featured on MTV Germany's website as a Hot Holiday Download in December 2004.

BRIX has been sponsored by: Saucony/Floorlords Courageous Sneaker Line, 110 South Street Wear, Scratchismz Crew, Groove Promotions, Groove Record Pool, D.O.T.F.W./Justus League, Team 220 Records, W.O.L.V.E.S. Entertainment, Golden Eyes Entertainment, Str8 Up Entertainment, Assassin Music Unit, 30 Deep Productions, Hood Respect, and NeHipHop.com

BRIX has contributed as writer to: Nomasonha Magazine, Ear2TheStreets.com

Brix is currently working on: BRIXTAPE 2 – Spring 2005, Where Was U 12" Vinyl – Late Spring 2005, The Lotus/ BRIXTAPE 3 – Summer 2005, Apples of Eve - Fall of 2005 [Blackwerdz Music Group] Mixing and Mastering by Eric Zimmermann (Filter Magazine, Snoop Dogg, Alanis Morrisette), Believe EP produced by Scratchismz Crew, The M.A.P. – Late Summer 2005, Overproof LP, and various TBD Projects.

So now your informed and you are aware that there is a female rap artist on the move and on the rise. Check her out and hear some of her tracks <u>HERE</u> and visit her site <u>HERE</u>. You can thank me later.

Watch for her album. We will have news on the drop date soon.