

Spoken Word's Black Ice Drops The Death of Willie Lynch

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'The Death of Willie Lynch', the debut album by renowned poet Black Ice is scheduled to hit streets on September 5th, 2006 and features artists Musiq Soulchild, Natalie Stewart of Floetry, Vee and Chyna Black.

Black Ice earned his respect as one of the premiere wordsmiths on Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam. Known across the nation as one of the most gifted poets of his generation, Ice has moved crowds to the depths of their deepest emotion with his special brand of spoken word.

This fall, KOCH Records and world famous DJ Jazzy Jeff are proud to present Black Ice in a light you have never seen him in before. The Death of Willie Lynch showcases his skills with wordplay over 12 tracks. In an unusual move in today's multi-producer projects, Black Ice opted to create The Death Of Willie Lynch with one producer, Eric Greene Jr., a phenomenal young producer who has been blazing a trail of his own. A drummer at heart, Eric has kept a steady tempo of rising notoriety, touring with multi-platinum recording artists Jill Scott, Floetry, and Pharrell. In a very organic manner, Black Ice and Eric have combined to revive the notion of the Hip-Hop concept album. The Death of Willie Lynch is as thoroughly entertaining as it is socially relevant.

At the personal request of superstar R&B songstress Mary J. Blige, Black Ice joined her for The Breakthrough Tour scheduled for more than 30 venues nationwide this summer.

Black Ice has lent his genius to the Live 8 concert in Philadelphia, and has made feature TV appearances on BET (Live 8 Concert Special, Rap City The Basement and 106th & Park) and NBC (Showtime at the Apollo), in addition to starring in five consecutive seasons of HBO's Def Poetry Jam. The New York Post has rated his live performance "diamond brilliant". He was cast as a lead member in Def Poetry on Broadway, which went on to win the 2003 Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event. Black Ice's talents are also showcased on releases by Pete Rock, Method Man and Fabolous.

In addition to releasing his album, The Death of Willie Lynch, Black Ice has just completed the Hoodwatch Movement Mixtape Volume I. He also plans on releasing a book of his prayers, entitled "Me & God," a five year chronicle of Black Ice's journal writings.

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The track listing for The Death of Willie Lynch:

1. The Path
2. The Ugly Show
3. A Dream Transferred
4. Find My Way Home
5. Lone Soldier feat. Chyna Black
6. takeyetime feat. Musiq
7. Nice2MeetU feat. Vee
8. Hoodwatch!!
9. Front Page
10. Rain, Hail, Sleet or Snow feat. H. Hill
11. The Real

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12. SHINE feat. Natalie Stewart of Floetry