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September 2006 will mark the 10 year anniversary of the death of hip-hop cultures greatest rap icon, Tupac Shakur.

September 13th, 2006 marks ten years since the rap icon succumbed to his wounds from the assassination in Las Vegas. Tupac was shot while riding with his friend and Death Row Record label boss Marion 'Suge' Knight on September 7 th, 1996 and the world and culture of hip-hop changed forever with Tupac's passing.

The rap icon's mother, Afeni Shakur Davis has taken great care in protecting, promoting and insuring the legacy of her talented son in a host of things, ranging from the opening of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts in Stone Mountain Georgia to releasing more of her sons music for the world to enjoy.

2006 looks as if it will be one of the biggest years for fans since Tupac Resurrection was released in 2004. Many things are planned to be released in the year 2006, surrounding the late rap icon.

An interactive book is planned for next year, 2006. The book contains a great deal of Tupac memorabilia that has never before seen before. The book will have 'pull outs' that will make the book more of an adventure than the normal read. I am told that, lets say, you want to see Tupac's report card from school; you will be able to pull it out and look at it, making the book a treasure trove of reproductions of all kinds of Tupac Shakur memorabilia.

Also a new album is planned and many are now working on it. Long time friend and producer of Tupac's, hip-hop legendary beat maker Johnny "J" has told me he is working on tracks for the album along with many other producers and artists.

It is not known yet if the album will be a double disc or a triple or just what it will be released as; a boxed set is said not to be out of the question.

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Afeni Shakur Davis, Amaru lawyer Dina LaPolt and Jimmy lovine from Interscope still need to work out the details of the release, but surely fans are awaiting its arrival.

There is also, 'Live 2 Tell', the only script written by Tupac, that may be turned into a movie as early as next year, so there are many things to look forward to for fans of the late great rap icon Tupac Shakur.

In all the things that Afeni Shakur Davis does, she holds her sons memory close by. If it is bringing the fans the acclaimed Tupac Resurrection movie or Afeni Shakur Davis & her sister Gloria Cox going to Houston's Astrodome in September to volunteer, hug, & lift the spirits of Families disrupted by Hurricane Katrina, to unveiling the statue of her late son in the Peace Garden at the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts, to opening the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts, or any other work that the Tupac Amaru Shakur Foundation (TASF) does, Afeni always seems never to forget Tupac's 'extended' family, his world wide fan base.

It seems that 2006 will be an extra special year for all of the 'family' of Tupac Shakur and we have Afeni Shakur Davis to thank for never forgetting us and we as fans shall never forget her and the love that she extends to all of us. So watch for great things coming from Tupac next year.

Please visit the only Official Tupac site online at http://www.2paclegacy.com

And visit the TASF web site and see ways that you can support Afeni and help in the building of the legacy of Tupac Shakur at http://www.tasf.org

Read 2 exclusive interviews that ThugLifeArmy has just done with 2 special friends of the late rap icon; one with the legendary beat maker and producer Johnny "J" and one with video director Gobi who directed many of Tupac's videos plus many other rap and hip-hop videos and who has just released a book of never before seen Tupac pictures titled 'Thru My Eyes', Afeni Shakur Davis wrote the forward for his book; part of the proceeds from the book benifit TASF.

ThugLifeArmy.com and Johnny "J" interview can be found HERE .

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