

## **Hip Hop Reacts to the Loss of Producer Johnny J**

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The loss of legendary hip hop and R&B producer Johnny "J" on Oct.3<sup>rd</sup> has touch many in the hip hop and R&B community. Johnny "J" was well known and respected and his work, not only with Tupac (2Pac) but for his work ethic and talent, that made him a much sought out producer.

The loss of Johnny "J" is not only a loss for hip hop and R&B but to the many who knew him on a personal level also.

Below are some statements from hip hop and music insiders who worked with Johnny "J" and knew the man behind the board.

Memorial Service information will be available soon and will be posted as soon as possible.

### **Mopreme Shakur – Hip Hop artist and Member of THUG LIFE**

"I am stunned. Johnny J was a close friend, as he used say, we were family. Johnny J was one of the most talented producers of this hip hop generation. We made history together. My condolences go out to his wife and family. He will truly be missed."

### **Stacy Smallie – (R&B singer and Backup vocals of many Tupac tracks.)**

"My heart is broken! One of the Greatest Producers, one of the Greatest Men that ever touched my life! Johnny J, thank you for giving me a chance and being a man of your word! You didn't forget about me, and I will never forget about you! My friend...RIP"

### **QD3 – (Music Producer)**

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Man... my heart dropped when I heard the news... J was as real as Pac, u never had to wonder where he was coming from. Our relationship was always one of 100% mutual love and respect (see 9:12 in the youtube clip above, as a disclaimer, LT & Sha are my boy's, these are not my words). Johnny and I worked along side each other since the Echo Sound days in 1987 (I was next door when he recorded his first hit "Knockin Boots") and I'd say our friendship was flawless from beginning to end and that's rare in this industry. They don't build too many like J anymore, great producer, great friend, and a great family man... My prayers and support go out to his wonderful kids and wife... that's all J would talk about was his family and Pac...

J was guaranteed the most soulful producer (let alone Mexican) on the planet, he did this music ish from the heart. I know u n" Pac up there making beautiful music together again. The Pac's albums and the Thug Angel DVD would not be the same with out you homie. Thanks for all your contributions to the entertainment game as well as your friendship, your music and sincerity will live on in the hearts of many world wide.

Love u Bro, QD3

### **S-Endz (of Swami) – (Rapper from the UK, part of a huge Indian fusion music group out there called SWAMI)**

Johnny, I want to write here the things I never got to say to you. I want to say thanks for everything, from the music you created that inspired me in doing what I do, to the incredible amount of love you showed when we met. You were a true souljah, and I hope you, "Pac and Roger are jamming in the afterlife. I'll miss you.

My deepest condolences go out to your wife and children....

R.I.P Johnny "J" Jackson

"UNTIL THE END OF TIME"

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### **Robert – Site Administrator of ThugLifeArmy.com**

“Through my work with the legacy of the late great hip hop icon Tupac Shakur (2Pac), it was an honor to have had so many conversations and interactions with Johnny “J”.

He was always available for me and I grew to admire and respect him immensely, and was blessed to be able to call him my friend. Not only his work but his memory will live in hip hop history.

I pray that at this time people focus on the man Johnny “J” and not the circumstances surrounding his death, that will all come out later, but for now it is important to realize what we have all lost and what Johnny meant to the world.

I would like to offer my deepest respect and sympathy to his wife Capucine Jackson and their children.

RIP my friend, and know you have many who have love for you.” One Luv - RB

### **Imaan Faith – (Canadian hip hop and rap artist)**

"The release and success of my debut album was largely in part due to Johnny's faith in my music, it was an honour to get a chance to spend time at his studio to collaborate with him. We were actually scheduled to return to California later this year to film the video with Johnny for my next single, we spoke of doing many albums together so I can't believe he's gone. My deepest sympathies to his family, don't worry Johnny I know you found Tupac up there."

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### Deejay Ra – (Hip Hop Insider and Founder of the Hip Hop Literacy Campaign)

"I am deeply saddened by the circumstances and fact of Johnny's passing. His professional contributions to my projects and his personal mentorship over the past five years has been invaluable. Our last conversation touched on collaborating on everything from film scores to the growing South Asian music industry, and I'm sure every artist he ever worked with realizes how much the music community has lost. I'd like to express my deepest condolences to Johnny's family, we'll sincerely miss you my brother."

In regards to Johnny "J" recent Canadian project -

In mid 2008, Iranian-Canadian rapper Imaan Faith collaborated with Deejay Ra in the assembling of Imaan's debut album "Let The Truth Be Known", which was released through Canadian imprint DEP and distributed on Universal Music Canada. The album featured an opening track produced and written with Johnny "J" entitled "Goin 2 Da Top," which to date has over 40,000 hits on Imaan's MySpace page.

Johnny's name was mentioned in many of Imaan's media interviews as well as in billboard, radio and TV advertisements across Canada as one of the album's guest highlights during a 3 month promotional campaign. The album charted at #6 on the Nielsen SoundScan top ten charts for Canada the week of its March 11th release.

If you would like to leave your thoughts on the loss of Johnny "J" please visit the following sites and post your thoughts. You can also send them to [Administrator@ThugLifeArmy.com](mailto:Administrator@ThugLifeArmy.com) and

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we will be sure that they are forwarded to the family.

<http://www.myspace.com/johnnyj1>

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