

Rap Legend Commemorated Eazy-E - 'Eternal E Gangsta Memorial Edition

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On September 6, Capitol/Priority Records commemorated the 41st anniversary of late west coast rap icon Eazy-E's September 7, 1964 birth and the tenth anniversary of the rap icon's 1995 death by releasing Eazy-E - "Eternal E: Gangsta Memorial Edition", a deluxe CD/DVD package.

The expanded set includes 16 Eazy-E songs, seven music videos starring Eazy-E and the previously unreleased song "A Lil" Eazier Said" from Eazy-E's son, the 21 year old emerging rap artist, LIL" E. The DVD also includes three HIV/AIDS Public Service Announcements. At the age of 31, Eazy-E died on March 26, 1995 due to AIDS-related causes.

Eazy-E was born Eric Wright on September 7, 1964. He rocketed 'straight Outta Compton" to rap gangsta superstardom with Dr. Dre, Ice Cube, MC Ren and Yella in N.W.A

Eazy-E became one of rap's most important figures by paving the way for the rap businessman. The Compton rapper-executive took the then-revolutionary step of launching his own Ruthless Records in the mid-1980s and helped to popularize gangster rap with his solo recordings and as a member of N.W.A, the controversial rap super group.

"He started the whole gangster rap era," says LIL" E, Eazy-E's son. LIL" E's "A Lil" Eazier Said," a previously unreleased update of Eazy-E's classic "Eazy-er Said Than Dunn" single, is included on Eazy-E - "Eternal E: Gangsta Memorial Edition".

"There wouldn't be nothing - not 2Pac (Tupac), not Biggie, not 50 Cent, not Dr. Dre, not Eminem - if it wasn't for my father," LIL" E continues. "He started it. He's the Godfather of gangster rap."

In addition to LIL" E's new track on the new "Eternal E" package, the set's DVD includes three Rap-It-Up Public Service Announcements, produced by the Kaiser Family Foundation and BET. The PSAs are designed to foster HIV/AIDS awareness through celebrating Eazy-E, a rap legend who fell victim to the epidemic.

In a March 2005 article paying tribute to Eazy-E and his musical legacy, the Los Angeles Times

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called Eazy-E's "Eazy-Duz-It" and N.W.A's 'straight Outta Compton" "landmark albums" and continued, "These albums established Eazy-E, from the then-little known suburb of Compton, as a major player in the rap industry." 'straight Outta Compton" also earned the ranking of #144 on Rolling Stone magazine's 2003 list of the "500 Greatest Albums Of All Time" and was ranked #10 in Spin magazine's July 2005 tally of the "100 Greatest Albums 1985-2005."

Eazy-E - "Eternal E: Gangsta Memorial Edition" is the most complete tribute available for one of rap's most significant figures.

"This album keeps his legacy pushing and keeps his name out there," LIL" E says.

The album is in stores now. Buy it please do not download it off the web. Support those who bring us true hip-hop.

Track Listing for CD and the DVD

Eternal E: The Best Of Eazy-E -- Gangsta Memorial Edition

CD

1. Boyz-N-The Hood (remix)
2. 8 Ball (remix)

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3. Eazy-Duz-It
4. Eazy-er Said Than Dunn
5. No More ?'s
6. We Want Eazy
7. Nobody Move
8. Radio
9. Only if You Want it
10. Neighborhood Sniper
11. I'd Rather F*** You
12. Automobile
13. Niggaz My Height Don't Fight
14. Eazy Street

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15. Real Muthaphukkin G's

16. Ole School S***

17. Lil Eazier Said - unreleased track from Eazy-E's son; LIL'E.

DVD

1. We Want Eazy

2. Only If You Want It

3. Eazy-er Said Than Dunn

4. 100 Miles & Runnin"

5. Neighborhood Sniper

6. Straight Outta Compton

7. Appetite For Destruction

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And 3 PSA announcements

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