

## Hip Hop Strength and Loyalty from Bone Thugs-N-Harmony

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After auditioning over the phone for hip hop's godfather of gangsta rap, Eazy-E, in 1993; and their first album released in 1994 – Bone Thugs-N-Harmony have made their place in hip hop history.

Having a long lasting career blessed with a world wide hip hop and rap fan base, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony has worked with many of the top artists over the years; and not just artists of the hip hop genre. Artist like pop music's Phil Collins and others have shared tracks with the 'Bone Thugs'. They are also the only group that can say they have worked with the 3 late icons of hip hop and rap: Tupac Shakur (2Pac) , Eazy-E and the Notorious B.I.G..

Now Bone Thugs-N-Harmony will have their impact again on hip hop with the release their long-awaited Interscope/Full Surface debut, "Strength and Loyalty," on April 17, 2007.

"I Tried," a track that features Akon is the album's lead single. Mariah Carey rejoins Bone on the melodic "Little Love," the album's second single produced by Jermaine Dupri. Another album gem is the track "Order My Steps," which pairs Bone with Grammy award winning gospel artist Yolanda Adams marking her first appearance on a hip hop album.

When asked about the new LP Layzie Bone says "Man, I just feel fortunate to be able to put together something of this quality. We've been working on it for some time now, and everyone involved has been focused on making a classic. I think that's what we've done."

When asked Wish Bone adds, "I'm really excited to be back on a major label and have the opportunity to introduce a new generation to Bone Thugs n Harmony."

This is the major-label return of the Grammy-winning super-group, now a trio (Layzie Bone, Wish Bone, and Krayzie Bone), who have been busy in the studio working with hit makers Akon, Swizz Beats, Will.I.Am, Jermaine Dupri and Neo Da Matrix.

While recording Strength and Loyalty, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony members found time to work on

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outside projects.

Krayzie Bone snagged another Grammy nomination for his appearance on Chamillionaire's 2006 hit single, "Ridin'." "Being a part of Chamillionaire's smash "Ridin" was incredible, I'm excited to keep the momentum going with the Strength and Loyalty Bone project," states Krayzie Bone.

In addition to Akon, Mariah Carey and Yolanda Adams, "Strength and Loyalty" features The Game, Twista, Bow Wow and an unreleased verse from affiliated Bone member Flesh-N-Bone, who is currently incarcerated. ( In 2000, Flesh-N-Bone was sentenced to 11 years in prison.)

Best known for their mega-hits, including "Thuggish Ruggish Bone," "1st Of Tha Month," and "Tha Crossroads," and chart-topping LPs (E 1999 Eternal and The Art of War), Bone Thugs-N-Harmony has sold over 30 million albums to date.

"Strength and Loyalty" will be their seventh original full-length release.

Watch for "Strength and Loyalty," to drop on April 17, 2007.

To keep up on Bone Thugs-N-Harmony visit their web site at

<http://www.bonethugsnharmony.com>