

'Firewater' is Last Call for Hip-Hop Rap Group

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The fifth album from hip-hop / rap group the Alkaholiks, "Firewater," will be the hip-hop group's final album. Due to be released on Waxploitation Records and KOCH Records; "Firewater" is slated for a February release and will precede an Alkaholiks "farewell tour" -- a final party for their fans. The hip-hop / rap group will retire after the release of "Firewater" and the final tour.

"Knowing "Firewater" was going to be our last album made us very, very focused," says E-Swift. "We knew there was never going to be a second chance and we owed it to our fans to put everything we could into it, right here, right now."

"We all have different goals and things we want to do as individuals. It's important for us to move forward and find new challenges," says J-Ro.

Over the last decade, few artists have been able to crossover with both commercial and underground audiences as seamlessly as Tha Liks have done. Consistent fixtures year after year in the fickle hip hop world, Tha Alkaholiks (Tash, E-Swift and J-Ro) are considered by many to be as influential as any artist in hip hop. Classic Alkaholiks singles like "Make Room," "Daaaaaam!" and "Likwit" are still radio and mixtape staples.

"In some ways, the release of "Firewater" is bittersweet," says Waxploitation Records founder Jeff Antebi. "It feels like the end of an era, but Tha Alkaholiks are exiting with an incredible legacy to follow them. It's not often an artist can pick their own exit, at the peak of their game."

Tha Alkaholiks have released four critically acclaimed CDs: "X.O. Experience," "21 & Over," "Coast II Coast," and "Likwidation," which have featured a "who's who" of hip hop and rap elite including Nas, Busta Rhymes, Madlib, Xzibit, Q-Tip, Kurupt, The Neptunes and Ol' Dirty Bastard, to name just a few.

Three early samples from the new album are available online. The song "Get Into It" can be heard at www.alkaholiks.com and the Danger Mouse-produced "Chaos" can be heard at www.myspace.com/alkaholiks. The single "The Flute Song (LaLaLa)" can be heard at www.waxploitation.com

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Track Listing:

1. The Flute Song (LaLaLa)

2. Turn It Up

3. Chaos

4. Faded

5. Drink Wit Us

6. On Tha Floor

7. The Get Down

8. Hangover

9. Poverty's Paradise

10. Get Into It

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11. Party Ya Ass Off

12. Handle It

13. Over Here

14. Do It

15. Popular Demand