

The Ultimate Mash-Up

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Collision Course a joint venture between Rap Superstar Jay-Z and Rap-Metals Linkin Park hits the shelves tomorrow November 30th. The first single from the album is a mix of Linkin Park's "Numb" and Jay-Z's "Encore." Other tracks include "Lying From You" mixed with "Dirt Off Your Shoulder", "Papercut" with "Big Pimpin" ", and "Faint" with "Jigga What?"

Well this gives new meaning to the Best of Both Worlds for music fans. When you get the CD/DVD set there will be no scenes of any artists getting pepper sprayed. But there is great footage from the studio rehearsals, in the studio creating the album and the Live Performance from Hollywood's Roxy Theatre.

Mash-Ups has been a part of music & Hip-Hop for quite some time now. Before Rap-Metal made its way on to the scene there were several collaborations that brought together Rap with Hard Rock. You can say it started back when Aerosmith and Run-D.M.C, got together for "Walk this Way". Just as downloading music has been very popular with fans so have mash-ups. Many times when looking to download a track these days you can find many mash-ups in your search. I remember one time finding a mix between an Eminem song with a Britney spears song, talk about a collaboration that would never happen. That's just an example of how the limits of remixing can be pushed. Anyone with a computer and the right equipment can do it.

DJ Danger Mouse did it with a whole album that was even released until EMI who owns the Beateles recordings put an end to it with a cease-and-desist order. Danger Mouse did a Mash-up of Jay-Z's *The Black Album* with the Beatles *White Album*. Which was titled *The Grey Album*.

The days of playing music videos for MTV are long gone and we have shows like the Real World to thank for that. Even MTV2, which was supposed to play nothing but music videos has started to follow the trend. Shows like

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Laguna Beach (who watches that anyway?) the reality show about being a rich kid, have taken over. So its good to see a new series coming out that is good to watch and could possibly have an affect on music. Cause lets face it, shows about spoiled rich kids are not entertaining and they aren't much of a reality.

"I don't believe in sectioning off music," Jay-Z said at a screening of the new show. "You'll catch me listening to Sarah McLachlan." I think that in today's music it is important to have that attitude. We need more artists that are willing to step up and give projects like this a chance to keep things interesting. I personally am looking forward to getting this CD/DVD. As a fan of Jay-Z and Linkin Park I don't think I will be disappointed.

I only hope that MTV realizes how good a show like this is and continues it from here. Although it is not music videos like I said earlier. It is about music and uniting artists or groups that may never have worked together. Other groups that have been reported as being requested for the show have been U2, Eminem, Coldplay, Kanye West and OutKast.