

Hip-Hop's Respected AZ to Drop AWOL 8-23

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Quiet Money / Fastlife Music announces the release of A.W.O.L., the new full-length album by rap artist AZ. A.W.O.L., his first album since his 2002 release Aziatic (Motown), is this millennium's blueprint to real Hip Hop.

AZ's vision and lyrical power to paint pictures have long been celebrated by critics. His skill has put him on the level above most, alongside his peers NAS and Jay-Z.

A.W.O.L. showcases AZ at his best. His descriptive and impressive lyrical flow is at the forefront of his new album. The new album is to be released August 23rd.

The 10-year veteran began his career by debuting on rap legend Nas' track "Life's A Bitch." He released classic bangers like 1995's Doe or Die, 1998's Pieces Of A Man, 2001's 9 Lives and 2002's Aziatic. AZ was also a member of rap super group The Firm with NAS, Foxy Brown and Nature, recording with some of today's greatest producers such as Dr. Dre, Trackmasters and Pete Rock.

Expanding his horizons, AZ also starred in and Executive Produced the 2003 feature film Envy.

Since the 1997 release of the platinum-selling album "The Firm," AZ's solo albums have sold over 700,000 units combined.

A.W.O.L. is a rock-solid collection of 16 hot, brand new joints. The first single & video is "The Come Up," produced by the legendary DJ Premier. The buzz tracks "AZ's Chillin" and "Never Change," are already heating up New York airwaves. Funkmaster Flex, Absolut, Enuff and Kay Slay are a few of the DJ's who are spinning the record every chance they get.

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The complete track listing for A.W.O.L. is as follows (subject to change):

1. Intro (Produced by Heatmakerz)
2. Omega (Produced by Tone Mason)
3. The Come Up (Produced by DJ Premier)
4. Magic Hour feat. CL Smooth (Produced by Tone Mason)
5. No Strings (Produced by Baby Paul/BpZy)
6. Never Change (Produced by Heatmakerz)
7. A.W.O.L. (Produced by Vinny Idol)
8. AZ's Chillin (Produced by Fizzy Womack)
9. Envious feat. Bounty Killer (Produced by MoSS)
10. Can't Stop Won't Stop (Produced by Frado)
11. Live Wire (Produced by Buckwild)

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12. New York feat. Ghostface (Produced by Emile)

13. The Truth (Produced by DJ Absolut & Young Calvin)

14. Bedtime Story feat. Slick Rick (Produced by Jimmy Kendrixx & Baby Paul/BpZy)

15. So Sincere (Produced by Heatmakerz)

16. City Of Gods (Produced by Disco D)