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Madea's Family Reunion Soundtrack contains music by Brian McKnight, hip-hop's LL Cool J featuring Mary Mary, beautiful Chaka Khan, KEM, Yolanda Adams, The legendary O"Jays and more.

Motown Records re-teams with Lionsgate and ground-breaking director/actor/playwright Tyler Perry to release the soundtrack for his new movie, "Madea's Family Reunion." The Madea soundtrack will be in stores on February 21st three days prior to the films" nationwide opening on February 24th. In preparation for the soundtrack release, the label is promoting the sultry Brian McKnight ballad, "Find Myself In You."

Tyler Perry executive-produced the soundtrack and made certain that every song on the soundtrack appears in the movie; so fans will be pleased to find that, like the movie, Madea's Family Reunion soundtrack focuses on themes of love and family.

The soundtrack contains new songs from talented artists as LL Cool J featuring Mary Mary ("We"re Gonna Make It"), Chaka Khan ("Keep Your Head Up"), Johnny Gill ("You For Me - The Wedding Song"), KEM ("Tonight") and a rousing all-star ensemble comprised of Chaka Khan, Gerald Levert, Yolanda Adams and Carl Thomas on the rousing, "Everyday (Family Reunion)." Perry also tapped into soul classic favorites like Al Green's "Love And Happiness" and The O"Jays" "Family Reunion" to round out the soundtrack.

The movie revolves around the 68-year old southern matriarch; Mabel Simmons, "Madea" (played by Perry) the central character in last year's blockbuster, "Diary Of A Mad Black Woman." "Madea's Family Reunion" finds Madea using every tactic in her arsenal to keep the peace and hold her family together for a rapidly approaching family reunion. The all star cast includes Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield, Boris Kodjoe, Henry Simmons, Maya Angelou, Rochelle Ayers, Jenifer Lewis, Cicely Tyson and many other familiar faces.

Last year, Perry took the entertainment industry by storm with the release of his #1 box-office hit, "Diary Of A Mad Black Woman" which garnered over \$22 million dollars in its opening weekend. The Diary Of A Mad Black Woman soundtrack, was released one month after the theatrical release on Rowdy/Motown Records.

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Lionsgate and Motown are working closely with Perry to launch a multi-media marketing campaign to promote the movie and soundtrack that includes a promotional partnership with Ashley Stewart. Plans are in the works for both the film and the soundtrack to be featured throughout the Ashley Stewart fashion retail chain and will also be offering the soundtrack for sale.

Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion Soundtrack Listing:

- 1. Find Myself In You Brian McKnight
- 2. We"re Gonna Make It LL Cool J featuring Mary Mary
- 3. Keep Your Head Up Chaka Khan
- 4. Tonight Kem
- 5. Everyday (Family Reunion) Chaka Khan, Gerald Levert,

Yolanda Adams & Carl Thomas

- 6. Love And Happiness Al Green
- 7. You For Me (The Wedding Song) Johnny Gill
- 8. Family Reunion The O''Jay's

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9. I"II Be - Will Downing

10. Wounds In The Way - Rachelle Ferrell