

Q-Tip Signs with UniversalMotown

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Q-Tip has signed a worldwide deal with Universal/Motown as a solo artist. The hip-hop rap star, who rose to prominence as a member of A Tribe Called Quest, is working on a new album.

Q-Tip was most recently signed to DreamWorks but never released an album for the label. Previously, he was aligned with Arista, which released his solo debut, "Amplified," in 1999, a year after A Tribe Called Quest disbanded. The artist recorded another album for Arista, the jazz/soul influenced "Kamaal the Abstract," but the intended spring 2002 release was shelved.

Of late, Q-Tip has played a handful of shows with A Tribe Called Quest, but plans for a new studio album have not moved beyond the discussion phase.

The rapper can be heard on "Galvanize," the first single from the Chemical Brothers' upcoming Astralwerks album, "Push the Button," as well as the track "The Outsiders" from R.E.M.'s latest Warner Bros. album, "Around the Sun."

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