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NYC hip-hop lyricist Oktober Zero released "The Art of Raw", November 8<sup>th</sup>. Hailing from the birthplace of hip-hop, the South Bronx, Oktober Zero is known for releases such as "Less Than Zero" and "Projekt:Building". Originally put on by underground legend Bobbito Garcia aka DJ Cucumber Slice, rap artist Oktober Zero was briefly part of the group "2 for 5" with Ace Lover. His single "Reset The Game" with J-Live is an underground classic, and "The Art of Raw" is filled with similar jewels.

A mystical theme runs through "The Art of Raw", with Oktober featured on the cover with images traditionally associated with Santeria, the Afro-Christian syncretic religion. Oktober's style is syncretic too; from street tales like "Twelve Cops Shot" to spiritual tales like "Muero Otro Dia (Die Another Day)" to "Black Magic Chick", the multi-layered flavors of the Bronx is present all at once through the whole album.

Produced exclusively by the UK's Q-Tones, "The Art of Raw" is also an example of how raw hip-hop is melding with the sophisticated technologies of tomorrow. Q-Tones and Oktober recorded the whole album without ever meeting each other via use of the internet.

Hip-Hop philosophical b-boys and girls, fans of boom bap, and lyrical heads will all appreciate the latest offering from the Bronx's youngest son.

Oktober Zero will also be starring in a new movie entitled, 'Six Niggaz in a Cadillac' that will be out February 2006. 'Six Niggaz in a Cadillac' is a social commentary revolving around the use of the "N" word in hip-hop and rap and the constant use of the "N" word in everyday vocabulary.

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More information and a trailer for 'Six Niggaz in a Cadillac' can be found at <u>http://sixniggazinac</u> <u>adillac.com</u>

Tracklisting for 'The Art of Raw':

1-Mission To Go

2-Word Born

3-Crimson Sky

4-Can"t Go On

5-Birdz

6-Nomad

7-Muerto Otro Dia

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8-Time To Kill

9-Next To None

10-Name In Vain

11-Only Gets Realer

12-Twelve Cops Shot

13-Hell Sounds Heavenly

14-Black Magic Chick

Bonus Track

15-Student Kills The Teacher

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