

Toni Braxton Working with Hip-Hop Producers

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Toni Braxton, the sweet, soft and sensual Grammy winning superstar is gearing up to release her new album, 'Libra' on Blackground Records in association with Universal Records.

The new single "Please," from her upcoming sixth studio album, 'Libra' is already causing a buzz with fans and radio DJ's. The mid-tempo, bass heavy track is growing fast at Urban Mainstream radio.

Produced by the much sought after keyboardist/producer Scott Storch, who has worked with many rap and hip-hop artists including Beyonce, female rap artist Lil Kim, and west coast rap artist Snoop Dogg; "Please" is enjoying heavy airplay in New York City (Hot 97), Los Angeles (The Beat), Miami, and Washington, D.C., among other major markets.

Toni Braxton is also working with acclaimed hip hop video director Chris Robinson (rapper Jay-Z, R&B's Alicia Keys, and rap artist Snoop Dogg) on a sultry music video, scheduled to premiere soon.

The six-time Grammy winner Braxton exploded onto the music scene in 1993 with her multi-platinum, self-titled smash debut album. Toni Braxton won 3 Grammys, netting Toni the "Best New Artist" statue, and selling more than 10 million copies worldwide, marking the beginnings of Braxton's legendary career in R&B and pop. Her follow-up album, 1996's *Secrets*, sold 12 million copies worldwide, garnered two Grammys, and established the husky-voiced songstress as one of the music world's most hypnotic vocal divas, placing her in the ranks of legendary female vocalists such as Whitney Houston, Anita Baker and the beautiful and unforgettable Chaka Kahn.

Three more solo albums followed, with Toni delivering her fifth studio offering, the 2002 *More Than A Woman* CD. The dramatically charged album was a therapeutic work for the tireless Braxton, balancing provocative themes that foreshadowed the changing landscape of her personal and professional life. Soon after, Toni took a temporary hiatus from the limelight to enjoy motherhood (she has two sons with musician Keri Lewis) and explore creative avenues outside of the recording arena. The versatile performer starred in the Broadway musical hit *Aida* in 2003, (in 1998 she starred as Belle in Broadway's *Beauty And The Beast*) but her own brush with a heart ailment (Pericarditis) while she was on stage, led the singer to take a break from most of her entertainment duties.

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Braxton, now fully recovered, has recently

become a spokesperson for the American Heart Association, joining their efforts to educate women about heart disease.

Excited about her return to recording, the charismatic Braxton is simultaneously pursuing acting roles that showcases her diverse talent. Toni recently appeared in a recurring 3-episode role on the hit UPN show, Kevin Hill. Currently, the talented songstress/songwriter/actress is putting the finishing touches to her upcoming Blackground/Universal debut, Libra, as she proceeds to reemerge as the music world's reigning diva. Libra represents a bold, new statement from Braxton that even though she took a break, she is still on top.

The proof is in the music, as Toni prepares to catapult to the top of her genre once again.

Toni Braxton's New Album "Libra" Due Out on Blackground Records in September: Watch for it.