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The Dude is back, with his homegrown blend of the lighter side of reality with his fourth studio release “Waiting to Inhale” courtesy of Rap-a-lot records. On March 13, the streets can breathe easy as the original “King of Hip-Hop Comedy” returns with another classic. Since his debut in the early 90’s, “The Dude,” has become well known for his humorous social commentary dubbing him the “Richard Pryor of Hip-hop”. Though a little less raunchy then his previous offering “To the Extreme,” Devin is still as raw and uncut as ever as he laces the classically styled grooves provided by his original Coughee Brothers crew. The Odd Squad’s OG front man takes you higher as he stimulates the mental with his ability to make listeners think between the laugh lines.

The first single “Little Girl Gone” featuring Bun B and Lil Wayne is a glimpse into the more emotional side of the Dude as he delves into the inner-city’s inner child gone awry. Although the perils of the streets aren’t always a laughing matter, humor always gives hope as far as the lyrical crooner is concerned. “Waiting to Inhale” gives hope back to hip-hop as the melody gives way to the antics of an altered mind-state.

As an ode to “Waiting to Exhale” the album deals with an array of relationship issues dealt with from the male perspective. “I think women tend to filter things out a little more often then men do,” explains Devin, “Men tend to hold things in till the very end until they’re about to blow. I think it helps to take a deep breath and relax your mind a little. It helps you deal with things a lot better and it’s better than going on a drinking binge.” From the homicidal ballad “Just Because” to the hilarious skits, Devin has the uncanny ability to make his audience see the cultural dramedy of everyday living.

Prepare to get lifted On March 13, as the Dude’s highly anticipated “Waiting to Inhale” hit’s the streets and breath’s new life into the game. Currently on a national promotional tour, you can visit www.myspace.com/devinthedude or www.rapalotrecords.com for tour dates and to hear exclusive clips from his upcoming release.