

Legendary Rap Label Inks 2 Agreements

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Worldwide rights from Death Row Records and legendary hip-hop rap record mogul CEO of Death Row Suge Knight for "Tupac Shakur: Live at the House of Blues," DVD, have been obtained by Eagle Rock Entertainment.

The DVD is now scheduled for September 2005 release in North America, Europe and other territories on DVD, CD and UMD. (The UMD format plays on the Sony PlayStation Portable game device.)

In a separate agreement with Suge Knight and Death Row Records, Eagle Rock Entertainment will represent Death Row's audio catalogue for the world outside North America and Canada from April 1, 2006, onwards

Death Row Records was founded by Suge Knight in 1991 and fast became the biggest and most influential hip-hop rap label of the '90s with releases such as the late rap icon Tupac Shakur's "All Eyez On Me", Dr. Dre's solo album "The Chronic," and Snoop Doggy Dogg's "Doggystyle".

The first fruits of the relationship with Death Row Records will be the simultaneous DVD/CD/UMD release of the never-before-seen, uncensored "Tupac Shakur: Live at the House of Blues," scheduled for a September 2005 worldwide release on Eagle Vision. The show, which took place in Los Angeles on July 4, 1996, also features guest appearances by artists including Snoop Dogg and the Outlawz. The video of the performance is believed to be the last available of Shakur before his death from gunshot wounds later that year. The DVD will also include several of Shakur's music videos as well as an exclusive interview with Knight.

"The quality of the Death Row catalogue is without question. It is a phenomenal collection of seminal hip hop and rap," says Terry Shand, Executive Chairman of Eagle Rock Entertainment worldwide. "We're excited about making these recordings more accessible to a greater audience on CD and through other channels and plan to release them with special packaging and bonus material when the catalogue is re-launched in April."

Said Eagle Rock Entertainment Executive Vice President and President of North American

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Operations, Mike Carden, ""Live at the House of Blues" captures Tupac at the peak of his career. It will be a must-have for fans of his music, and we're looking forward to bringing this performance to rap and hip hop fans around the world, not only on DVD but on CD and UMD as well."