

Hip-Hop Greats Danger Mouse MF Doom Collaborate

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Two of this generation's most respected hip-hop artists, Danger Mouse and MF DOOM, have come together to produce "DANGERDOOM:The Mouse and the Mask", an album inspired by [adult swim], Cartoon Network's popular late-night animation network; Waxploitation is pleased to announce.

The album, set to debut in October 2005, will be released on Epitaph Records, in association with Adult Swim. The album will contain character voices and skits from Adult Swim's most popular original shows, including Aqua Teen Hunger Force, Sealab 2021 and Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law.

Danger Mouse is recognized as one of music's most innovative artists and producers. Danger Mouse's The Grey Album, an ingenious re-production of Jay-Z's Black Album with the Beatles' White Album, was named the Album-of-the-Year in 2004 by Entertainment Weekly and catapulted him into the international spotlight.

Danger Mouse recently produced Gorillaz Demon Days album, which has sold more than 500,000 copies worldwide in it's initial first weeks of release. His next project is Gnarlz Barkley, collaboration with music's flamboyant, one-of-a-kind force of nature, rap artist Cee-Lo.

After a five-year hiatus that ended in 1998, Daniel Dumile, a former member of KMD, emerged as MF DOOM, a persona inspired by the comic supervillain Dr. Doom, and released the critically praised albums Operation: Doomsday and Mmm...Food. DOOM also released one of 2004's most acclaimed albums, Madvillain (featured in Spin, Rolling Stone, Vibe, The New Yorker, etc), under the same name and Venomous Villain under the name Victor Vaughn. He has been involved in a number of collaborations with the industry's finest and has a project with hip-hop rap artist Ghostface Killah (of the infamous hip-hop group Wu-Tang Clan) in the works.

Adult Swim delivers an assortment of edgy programming and has quickly earned its place as the #1 basic cable destination for adults 18-34, often surpassing the viewer ship of late-night kings Jay Leno and Dave Letterman among key young adult demos. Adult Swim's shows, starring off-beat characters like a shape-shifting, talking wad of meat, a winged, ex-superhero lawyer and a butterfly inspired super villain, have spawned a best-selling line of DVD's, apparel and collectibles.

"Danger Mouse? Genius! MF DOOM? Genius! Adult Swim? Not genius. Lucky," said Mike Lazzo, senior vice president in charge of Adult Swim.

"Danger Mouse and DOOM are both brilliant at taking chunks of pop culture and reshaping them into art. The context of Adult Swim makes this already promising collaboration truly inspired," said Andy Kaulkin, president of Epitaph Records.

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Watch for "DANGERDOOM:The Mouse and the Mask" in October.