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Influential hip hop rap artist A Plus will release his first solo album, My Last Good Deed, early this summer. The hip hop artist whose real name is Adam Carter is also known as "Plee."

A Plus is one of the founding members of the hip hop groups Souls of Mischief and The Hieroglyphics Those are two groups that stand as titans in the history of independent hip hop music. This hip hop industry veteran has finally put together a record that showcases his personal voice and thought, all the while giving a head nod to his brethren at Hiero and Souls. Plenty of featured rap guests from both hip hop groups make their presence known, but let there be no confusion: this is Plee's record.

As a member of gold-selling hip hop crew Souls of Mischief, A Plus has produced music deemed "Hip Hop Classics." The Source Magazine listed both the single "93 "til Infinity" (which he produced) and the album of the same name as one of the Top 100 Rap Songs of ALL TIME and Top 100 Rap Albums of ALL TIME.

Perhaps more impressively, A-Plus helped build the Hiero Imperium label into the de facto template for successful independent hip-hop labels. They own their own office building, tour constantly, and have sold well over one million albums. Thus, for all those interested in the state of hip hop, My Last Good Deed, coming from such a veteran, is a goldmine.

Past successes notwithstanding, A Plus enjoyed the creative freedom of his first solo venture. "When writing songs in a group," he explains "you have to keep everyone's messages in a cohesive manner and that doesn"t always allow for individuality to shine through." On My Last Good Deed, A Plus explores personal topics such as his Jamaican heritage, strained relationships, the brutal murder of a close friend, and his 25-year journey in music. Although some of the topics sound ominous, the album embraces a positive and mature outlook.

"50 years ago we saying 'thanks for chitlins"" A-Plus raps after venting his frustrations about the industry, "now this hip-hop music got us bankin" millions... it's a beautiful thing." Compound7, comprised of Plee and AAGEE, handle most of the production on the album, but Jake One, Q Tones, and J-Zone also contribute their producing skills. Guest artists include Hiero members Del, Casual, Pep Love, Souls, and Living Legends member Sunspot Jonz, as well as others.

Catch A Plus on The Good Deeds Tour now with Souls of Mischief, Masta Ace, Wordsworth, DJ



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Sunday April 22 Ann Arbor, MI @ Blind Pig
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Thursday April 26 Asheville, NC @ The Emerald Lounge
Friday April 27 Wilmington, NC @ The Soapbox
Saturday April 28 Chapel Hill, NC @ Signal Fest held at Cat's Cradle
Sunday April 29 Greenville, SC @ The Handlebar
Monday April 30 New Orleans, LA @ The Howlin Wolf
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Thursday May 3 Orlando, FL @ The Firestone

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Saturday May 5 Sarasota, FL @ Tyler's Tavern