

Unsigned Hip Hop Artist Metafore Shines

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Although he is only 17 years old, Metafore has been rapping for almost one quarter of his short life. His youth, integrity and unique rhyme style set him apart from the legions of faceless hip hop artists who have come and gone.

Growing up listening to hip hop mainstays Jay-Z, Rakim and Slick Rick, Metafore (real name Tashan Turner), grew up immersed in hip hop and old soul. Although his flow isn't reminiscent of his idols, their hunger and spirit pervades his work.

Urged by his father to devote his time to other activities after a youthful run in with the law, Metafore moved to Florida with his mother and began rapping. With no studio equipment or connections, Metafore began recording his demo on a karaoke machine. It was by chance that a coworker of his mother's heard the tape and the wheels were set in motion to bring Metafore to Luckybug Entertainment; his management team today. Almost overnight, he's achieved phenomenal buzz. His first mixtape, "Heir To The Throne" (hosted by DJ Envy), is already blowing up the New York streets.

His first single, "Nah Mean" was produced by Charles Roane and is described as "a club experience, [about] picking up females." It is currently burning up the airwaves on Music Choice and is available for download on Rhapsody and Napster. Much of the rest of the still-in-progress record deals with similar subject matter - girls, survival on the streets and everyday life. The album also features production by hip hop heavy hitters Alchemist, Heatmakers, No ID and Knobody.

The up and coming unsigned hip hop artist Metafore will be opening for hip hop and rap luminaries Saigon, KRS 1 and Method Man at Revolution in Ft. Lauderdale, FL., Wednesday, October 25th, 2006.