## **Focus on Hip-Hop Producer Focus**

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Dr. Dre's exclusive Aftermath producer, FOCUS, who has produced for the likes of Beyonce, Destiny's Child, 112, Jennifer Lopez, hip-hop rap artists Petey Pablo, The Game and many others, will hit the studio in July to start working on what is said to be the hip-hop / rap legend Dr. Dre's last solo effort titled, Detox.

FOCUS comments, "I have submitted close to 50 beats for Detox so I"m definitely looking forward to being a part of this highly anticipated album. We"re looking at a 7-month studio lockout in Los Angeles starting this July."

According to the Ringz & Partners Entertainment Group, the company that represents FOCUS, Wu-Tang's RZA, Cilvaringz and others, FOCUS will also be carrying the task of executive producer for the next OUTLAWZ (the late great rap icon Tupac Shakur's group) album set to be released this year.

In regards to the OUTLAWZ project, FOCUS recalls, "I saw a vision for them and I told them that if they"d give me a chance, I would show them what needed to be done. I was just asking them to believe in me enough to give them that edge back and give them the leeway to turn around and do deeper songs instead of more surface songs." The OUTLAWZ and Tupac's enormous fan base are exceedingly enthusiastic about the upcoming album with FOCUS.

And those aren't the only projects FOCUS has had his hands in. FOCUS has also contributed production to other high-profile upcoming albums such as the debut album from G-Unit's Tony Yayo, the eagerly awaited first Aftermath release from EVE, Pussycat Dolls who are currently blowing up on MTV's TRL, megastar Tyra Banks, and Shady Records/Aftermath artist Stat Quo.

In addition, the Ringz & Partners Entertainment Group will be releasing a mix tape of FOCUS" former and current work with the nation's hottest Hip-Hop and R&B artists next month. The increasingly heavy demand for this FOCUS mix tape is reaching incredible heights!

FOCUS has stated, "This year I"m really showing people what I"m capable of." His year began with The Game's staggering success, and he has stayed busy with the other projects he's

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immersed himself in, but now, closing the year with a 7-month studio lockout with Dr. Dre, FOCUS has proved that he will be showing people what he's capable of for many years to come!

I don't want to be anything but a legendary producer." FOCUS