

## Hip Hop Artists Educate the Streets on Roots of Gang Culture

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Hip Hop artists Supa Nova Slom and D-Block's own Jadakiss have teamed up on 'Gangsta's Salute', a mixtape banger educating on the true, activist origins of gang culture in efforts to unify the streets.

Gangsta Salute, produced by Brooklyn-based producer Ntrfied, brings together for the first time Jada and Supa Nova Slom, a hip hop emcee and organizer known and respected by Crip, Blood and other street organizations for his national work around unifying young members of both gangs and educating them on the community-empowerment based origins of the organizations while providing a creative outlet.

"Gangsta Salute is a timely song because there are a lot of YG's (young gangsta's), especially in NYC banging in the name of various sets without knowing the history and original intent of these gang organizations," says Supa Nova Slom. "I was personally taught by respected OG's from both organizations that the original intent and purpose of organizations such as the Bloods and Crips was economic empowerment, political empowerment and community protection...not bangin" on each other. Me and Jada are from these streets which are now gang infested areas in NY. So, who better than the two of us to help school and unify YG's on the home front and beyond?"

The single has been well received by the streets and by the hip hop and rap mixtape community through DJs such as DJ Armz, Kool Kid and Kay Slay among others. Gangsta Salute was officially released to DJ's nationwide this week through the Digiwaxx Media service and is enjoying positive responses.

"Gangsta Salute brings the Chuck-D out of Jada," joked hip hop artist Jadakiss. "It's a hot track with hot lyrics and no preaching. What more can you ask for? BPG's Supa-Nova Slom is the realest homie and I got his back."

In addition to preparing his forthcoming debut album entitled "Unify the Hood/Heal the Hood" and street organizing work, Supa Nova's monthly Unify the Hood/Heal the Hood Hip Hop

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showcases in Brooklyn, NY provides a neutral, well-attended open-mic performance outlet to emcees that may be involved in gang activity or other at-risk activities. The all day event also provides various workshops on economic empowerment among other topics lead by music execs, signed artists, community activists, business professional, reformed OG's and others. Most recently Supa Nova unified a large group of concerned Bloods and Crips in New York City to participate in organized protests around the murder of Sean Bell, a young, African-American man murdered by NYPD officers the night before his wedding.

Supa Nova Slom's debut album Unify the Hood/Heal the Hood is slated for a second quarter release.

For the latest Supa Nova Slom info and upcoming show dates visit [www.myspace.com/supanovaonline](http://www.myspace.com/supanovaonline)