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The Rap Industry

by Kevin Tucker

The Rap music industry is very big, but there are several good rappers that are still unknown. In the music business you have to be good and know the right people. In the beginning, people used to rhyme only for fun. Today's rap music; however, is all politics.

The Bronx, New York is where the originators of rap like African Bambaata, the Zulu Nation, and Flash & the Furious Five began. They went to the playgrounds and entertained teenagers. If they did a show it was for about 100 people or less. But they didn't care; they just loved to rhyme. Today with big stars like LL Cool J, The Fat Boys, and Run DMC, certain rappers can make anywhere from ten to twenty-five thousand dollars a night.

The Rap Industry is expanding very rapidly with rappers like: Doug E Fresh - known all over the world as the greatest hip hop entertainer.

Eric B. & Rykim - known for having several hit albums with their latest hit "Follow the Leader."

Salt N Pepa - the best lady rappers with their latest hit album "A Salt with a Deadly Pepa."

Kid-N-Play - their hit album called, "Two Hype."

EPMD - their hit album called, "Strictly Business."

Big Daddy Kane - with his album "Long Live the Kane."

M.C. Rob Base - with his hit album "It Takes Two."

And last but not least, Biz Markie and M.C. Heavy D.

These are just a few of the major rap stars that are known throughout the nation. There are several others and many more to come in the future of the rap industry.

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Heavy Metal

Guns - N - Roses - Lies

by Mark Piedmonte

This newly released EP from rock's hottest and hardest-working band today has been defined as a gift to the fans and an appetizer to satisfy their needs until G'N'R's next full-length album. The eight song EP contains four re-released live recordings from 1986 and four original acoustic tracks.

Side one of "Lies" is a re-release of Guns-N-Roses' 1986 "Live Like a Suicide" EP, consisting of four live numbers recorded before the release of the bands multi-platinum "Appetite For Destruction" LA "L.L.A.S." was known to be going on the market for as high as \$15.00. The band felt this was ridiculous, and as a present to their legions of fans, put the EP back on the shelves for an appropriate nine dollars.

The second side is quite different and quite good. Here we are treated to a very different, unexpected side of the boys as they jam out to four acoustic songs. The highlight of which is, "Patience," which was a definite crowd pleaser on the band's 1987-1988 tour. In concert, the song was performed in a more rockish style, but on "Lies" it is slow, easy moving, and very beautiful.

Gun's 'N' Roses promises to have a new full length production in stores soon, but for now we at least have something to snack on. Check it out.

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