

MC LYTE

THE ORIGINAL, THE PROTOTYPE, THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO INVADe THE HIP-HOP SPOTLIGHT AND LAY DOWN RHYMES AS HARD AND FAST AS ANYONE BEFORE OR SINCE, IS BACK. AND DA UNDAGROUND HEAT VOL. 1 HOSTED BY JAMIE FOXX, WITH ITS TONGUE-RIPPING RHYTHMS AND STRIPPED-DOWN TEXTURES, MAKES IT PLAIN THAT EVEN AFTER HER FOUR-YEAR HIATUS, LYTE STANDS SUPREME AS THE QUEEN OF THIS SCENE.

SHE FIRST BURST OUT OF BROOKLYN WITH *I CRAM TO UNDERSTAND YOU (SAM)*. SHE TOPPED THE RAP CHARTS WITH HER FIRST SINGLE, *CHA CHA CHA*, AND MEMORABLY PUT THE LIE TO THE VIOLENT LIFE IN *CAPPUCCINO*. ALL THAT WAS JUST THE BEGINNING. *ACT LIKE YOU KNOW* FOLLOWED IN 1991, AND THEN IN 1993, *AIN'T NO OTHER* LAUNCHED *RUFFNECK* AS THE FIRST SINGLE BY A FEMALE RAPPER EVER TO GO GOLD. *DA UNDAGROUND HEAT VOL. 1 HOSTED BY JAMIE FOXX* EXPLORES AN ARRAY OF TOPICS WITH A MIXTURE OF THOUGHTFULNESS AND BLUNT HONESTY.

INTERSPERSED BY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES LEFT ON HER VOICEMAIL FROM JANET JACKSON, DA BRAT, BIZ MARKIE, QUEEN LATIFAH, AND OTHER LUMINARIES, THESE TRACKS PRESENT LYTE IN ROLES THAT REFLECT THE COMPLEXITIES OF HER CHARACTER. MUSIC ITSELF IS JUST ONE FACET. SHE HAS EXPANDED HER ACTING CREDITS TO INCLUDE TELEVISION APPEARANCES ON *THE DISTRICT* AND *GET REAL*, AND FEATURE FILM *CIVIL BRAND*. SHE'S BECOME A PROMINENT RADIO HOST, WITH A WEEKEND SHOW OVER THE SIRIUS SATELLITE NETWORK. SHE'S COMMITTED HER TIME, MONEY, AND ENERGY TO WORTHY CAUSES, FROM ROCK THE VOTE AND RAP THE VOTE APPEARANCES TO FUNDRAISERS FOR ANTI-VIOLENCE EFFORTS AND AIDS AWARENESS.



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