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Blackalicious: “Rhythm Sticks” (remix)



This year in hip-hop is making 2005 look like even more of a dud than I imagined. The one exception was Blackalicious' *The Craft* (available at [eMusic](#)). But then, I never really expect anything less than the best from Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel.

Browsing [their MySpace](#), I found the duo is offering a remix of *Rhythm Sticks*, a hot track off *The Craft* that flaunts Gab's metered and breathless delivery. The remix (with no production credit) is a jazzier take on the original – pianos, horns and wah-wah guitars fill the holes where a persistent beat holds down the original.

Regardless, it's worth the cost of admission on either version when Gab spits a verse by spelling out "Blackalicious" by starting each sentence with every letter in the word. Alphabet aerobics is Gab's specialty.

Blackalicious | [Rhythm Sticks \(original\)](#)

Blackalicious | [Rhythm Sticks \(remix\)](#)

(Beware: 96 kbps bitrate on remix; from their MySpace)

Also, at [AOL's Spinner](#), you can watch Blackalicious' new DVD, *4/20 Live in Seattle*, in its entirety. It includes a full concert from the Showbox Theatre in Seattle with [Fatlip](#), [Pigeon John](#) and [Lifesavas](#).

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