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Kill The Record Labels

An insightful documentary showing how Hip Hop declares war on the record industry and decides that they have had enough of seeing suits get MTV Cribs houses off the back of their flows.



It's all about the Benjamins, the green, the bottom line. In a culture where Pirate Bay got burnt down by the record companies it's not surprising to discover that this is not the first time that the record industries have gone to war with outlets for talent that they havent been able to skim off the top of.

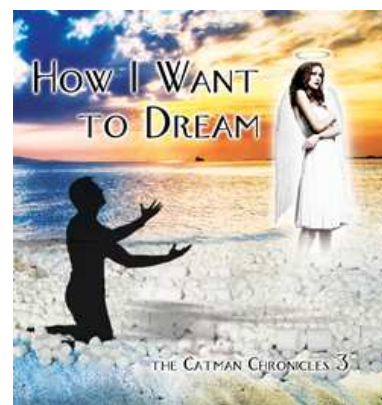
Mixtape culture is a global phenomenon within Hip Hop. With hundreds of artists from the likes of Flo Rida, Fiddy and Ludacris having strong backgrounds in appearing in mixtapes. This documentary put together by Charles Rand and T.Thomas features a host of industry insiders and luminaries that through a host of interviews reveal the way that the records labels along with the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) have teamed up to try and disassemble a part of Hip Hop culture that they deem to be a threat to them. Here we learn from the likes of 50 Cent, Lloyd Banks, DJ Drama, Chamillionaire, Bun B and Kid Capri how mixtape culture creates the foundations for everything else, and how artists have got wise to the fact that they influence everything from radio play to whose records sell.

It's an intriguing watch that will interest those who like to know the background to the music they love. It's an obviously partisan documentary designed to stir up the senses of Hip Hop fans across the world, and for the most part it works, although some of the machismo that shines through from the characters on display gets a bit waring after a while. Overall though if you are interested in the current state of Hip Hop and urban music in America, or how the record companies are seeking to maintain their grip in this new age of the music industry Kill The Record Labels is an insightful and worthwhile documentary, even if we know that many of the people here have benefitted enormously from said corporate structure later in their careers!

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