

Anticipated albums out this month

What's On Your iPod?

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Big time collaborations, concerts selling out in seconds, number-one singles and tons of new music videos, music is a big part of college life. It dictates a party's atmosphere, who we choose to see in concert, and most importantly, who we want to see rocking out during homecoming. This month, expect everyone from Big K.R.I.T to The Devil Wears Prada to release new albums. Here are a few new releases we're looking forward to. Some have been around for a while, yet their music is still topping charts.

Young Jeezy

It's been three years since Young Jeezy released his last album, "The Recession" in 2008. His newest album, "Thug Motivation 103: Hustlerz Ambition" is scheduled to debut on September 20. The song "Lose My Mind" is featured on the album, though it was released in 2010. The single had a lot of

commercial success, even earning a Grammy nomination earlier this year. The Georgia native stated in an interview on Sohh.com, that he had to get off the road and go back to "what's real" to draw inspiration for his latest album. If this album is anything like his previous works, Jeezy fans should expect hard core street anthems on top of his signature heavy-bass southern rhythm.

Demi Lovato

Ending her hit Disney show, "Sonny with a Chance" in order to further pursue her music career, Demi Lovato is set to release her new album, "Unbroken" late this month. This teen pop artist is going against the grain of dance anthems and is testing out a new sound for her third studio album. The singer is slated to perform her first single, "Skyscraper" for the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) ALMA Awards, in a special remix version, in which she will sing in Spanish and English. The NCLR ALMA awards honor artistic contributions to Latino culture.

Mary J. Blige

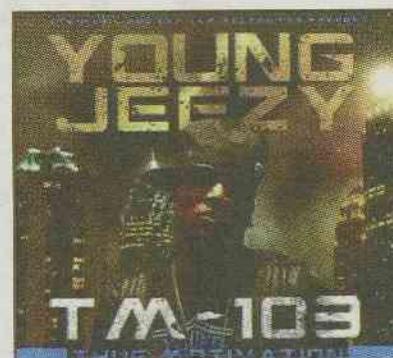
Grammy award winning artist Mary J. Blige is rumored to be preparing for an al-

bum release around September 20. In an interview with Rap Up magazine, Blige stated she wants to take her time with this project. Featuring collaborations with Sean "P.Diddy" Combs, Nikki Minaj, Kanye West, Johnta Austin, Ne-Yo, and Alicia Keys, the album is poised to be a top Billboard contender.

But as one of the only artists to release seven consecutive albums that landed on the Billboard Hot 100 charts, Blige is no stranger to the charts.

J. Cole

"Finally!"—Is what the fans of the Fayetteville native must be saying. As of press time, J. Cole's debut album's release date was September 27. According to many, BET's "Rising Star" is expected to go platinum. The album will feature the single "Work Out" in addition to collaborations with Trey Songz,



Jay-Z, and Missy Elliott. Most of the tracks on the album were produced by Cole himself, as was his first single, "Who Dat." Cole's first worldwide tour kicked off in August and will have him everywhere from China to London and then back to North Carolina, promoting his latest project.

Lady Antebellum

Country music strikes again, with the top country music group, Lady Antebellum, releasing yet another album, "Own the Night." This four time Grammy award winning group emerged onto the national scene with the smash hit song, "Need You Now." After going through more than 50 songs to get the album down to the final 14 tracks, two of the singles have already made it on the charts, including the single "We Owned the Night" and the country chart number-one hit, "Just A Kiss." Set for release on September 13, fans of all genres are ready for more.



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