

Sounds

Fugees CD shows diversity

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Were it not for 2 Pac's immense appeal, I'd pick the Fugees' new CD to debut at No. 1. It should. What Shakur lacks in creativity, the Fugees deliver and then some.

The group has an odd mix of rap, old-school r&b and hip-hop that's very appealing. Its style is hard to pin-point, giving it an air of exclusivity. What makes this group work is its combination of Lauryn Hill's excellent signing voice with free-flowing rap. "FUGEE-LA" is already a huge radio hit and may only get larger. "Zealots" uses an obscure song, "I Only Have Eyes For You," to make a chilling statement.

when Hill is turned loose on Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly." She does the song supreme justice, starting slowly, then weaving the rest of the Fugees around her glorious voice. It's stunning work - not something you'd expect to hear on a rap CD. I'm glad it's here.

Something For The People
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Fuzzy, Sauce and Cat Daddy, producers
Warner Bros.

☆☆☆ 1/2

Something For The People is an established remix and production team that's worked with En Vogue, Brandy and Adina

Howard. The trio of Fuzzy, Sauce and Cat Daddy have decided to spin some hits of their own. Wise decision. This could be the party album of the year.

Speaking of partying, remember last year's "You Want This Party Started?" This is the group. The rest of the CD is a mix of dance, hip-hop and ballads done with traces of some old-school masters. Al Green, Curtis Mayfield and even some Prince is evident on this set. Nice job, guys.

Rating:

- ☆☆☆☆ Classic;
- ☆☆☆☆ Excellent;
- ☆☆ Good;
- ☆☆ Fair;
- ☆ Why?

No Stars Given - Please, Spare Me.

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