

Love It **OR** Leave It

ARTISTS THAT ARE WELL DESERVING OF SOME RECOGNITION AND SOME THAT **NEED TO STEP THEIR GAME UP**



Donell Jones

Many of us have been wondering where this brother's been? Well call off the dogs and cancel the APB, because **Donell Jones** is back and in a huge way!! Recently the 1 minute and 47 second teaser of the video, Love Like This, was leaked onto the Internet. And while normally anything involving the word 'tease' would have folks running faster than Marion Jones in the opposite direction, the sample not only pulls you in, but leaves you craving for more.

The hot single, written and produced by the man of the hour himself, starts off from the rip with an amazing beat that demands your attention and causes your head to start nodding involuntarily! Oh yes, a bobble-head you will be within seconds of the song's beginning. Now that's, how an artist comes back! But, a 1 min and 47 secs? Really? Donell, we love you, but you didn't have to do us like that!

Kelly Rowland

Ms. **Kelly Rowland** is large and in charge with her 3rd and highly anticipated album. The first video provided to the public was Commander, where she appears to have a dance off with herself, while bellowing out lyrics, commanding you to dance.

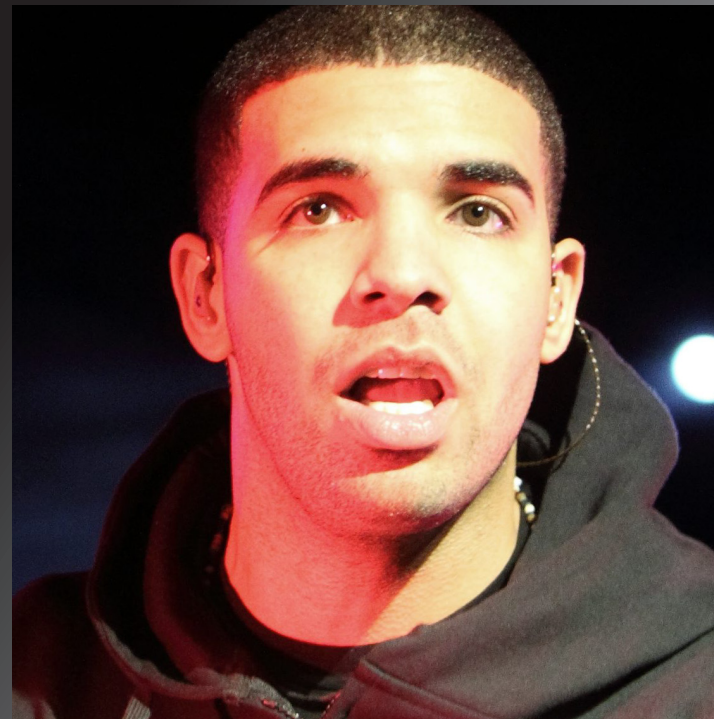
As if Kelly's vocal pipes weren't strong enough, this song displays range and strength that is second to none. Sure to be a crowd pleaser for all my lovers of House and Pop, and trust me, with a single this hot, Kelly's phone should be ringing off the hook with request for Hip Hop remixes. While there's no word on the album's release date, I rest in knowing that if Commander is any indication of what's to come, I'm sure we'll be singing her praises all year long.



Macy Gray

For most of us, hearing a song can cause an immediate smile to form, rather that's due to the significance of meaning, remembrance of when you first heard it, or just that 'feel good feeling' that comes over you and for many, that's the exact reaction you'll have to Beauty in The World by **Macy Gray**.

The singer says that while experiencing a very long and rough year, hearing the simple laughter of her daughter is what inspired this upbeat and light-spirited song from her recent album that dropped on June 22nd. The raspy, yet sultry sounds of Ms. Gray have been greatly missed and since we all know what it's like to have a 'rough year' (for some, it's felt more like a 'rough decade'..lol..), Macy, two thumbs up for coming out and coming back. Check out your local music vendors to scoop up the new CD, THE SELLOUT.



Drake

The Canadian actor-turned-rapper heartthrob, **Drake** and winner of this year's Best Male Hip Hop Artist presented at the BET Awards, has released his debut album Thank Me Later which hit the streets on June 9th and quickly stirred up talk and hype about the album that was said to serve as a doubled-purposed appeal to both R & B lovers with songs featuring decent vocals from the artist in the likes of 'Find Your Love' to hard hitting hip hop heads with 'Over', the album's first released single.

Though the 780,000+ twitter fans would probably disagree with me, I'm going to really thank him later as I wait for him to give me something that will put me on the Drake-Express Bandwagon. After all, in 'Over' he says. *'But point the biggest skeptic out, I'll make him a believer'*. So here I am Drake and anxiously awaiting for a change of heart.