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MIKI VALE (Sleeping Giant Music)

BIOGRAPHY

Oxnard, CA native, Miki Vale, became adept with a pen and pad at an early age. In elementary school she started writing poetry, an interest that would later serve her well as a songwriter. In the late 80's, her older brother Zoltan was a DJ who made Hip Hop mix tapes. Zoltan's vast record collection and mix tapes introduced Miki to such "golden era" Hip Hop artists as MC Lyte, Special Ed, Gangstarr, Nice & Smooth, and Public Enemy. She was immediately drawn to the music, and decided to then try fusing her poetry to her favorite instrumentals. In 1996, Miki was introduced to fellow Ox representative OHNO, who in turn produced and collaborated with her on the "Beyond the Limits" EP, her first official collection of recorded solo material.

After a short stint at UC Santa Barbara, Miki migrated to San Diego. Once she settled in, it wasn't long before she was immersed in the city's Hip Hop scene and community. She began writing for several music magazines; one such magazine entitled "Surface Dwellas", she co-created with Tre Juiz. This publication served to shed light on underground Hip Hop in San Diego and beyond. Miki then began promoting underground concerts as well. In 2000, Miki collaborated with her brother Declaime, providing a cameo appearance on the track "Uplift the Opposite" (under the pseudonym "Taboo da Sweetest"), on his acclaimed release "ansoitaisaid". In 2002 Miki met fellow artist Blest, a founder of Sleeping Giant Music (SGM). This alliance led Miki to join the SGM family. In 2004, SGM released a compilation album featuring a roster of underground Hip Hop talent. The album, entitled "The Awakening", features Miki Vale's smooth, buttery vocal stylings on several stand-out tracks. 2006 saw the release of Miki's collaboration with Oxnard's most elusive crate-digger, Kankick, entitled "Yes Yes (Suite 3)", a 7" single on Ramp Recordings.

Miki Vale has earned her stripes and due praises by opening for such notable artists as Slick Rick, Mos Def, Bahamadia, Loot Pack, Declaime, Too \$hort, Living Legends, Souls of Mischief, The Roots, DJ Quik, Young MC, and more. Now, Miki is back in the lab, working hard on her solo debut album, set to be "UnValed" soon.

THE UPLIFTMENT PROJECT

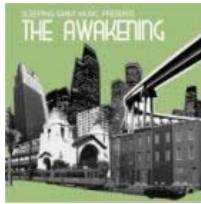
Be sure to check out the Upliftment Project, a series of events to raise awareness and funds for people in desperate and war-torn regions of the world... there's a war going on outside, no man is safe from. Those of you who went to the first Upliftment Project, Sisters Of Soul (S.O.S), back in November 2006 got to see the ladies rock the mic right. There was nothing but good vibes @ the Honey Bee Hive that night and a lot of money was raised, all donated to the International Rescue Committee in an effort to help the people of Darfur. The next installment of the Upliftment Project is Saturday, February 17th, 2007 @ the Honey Bee Hive. For further details, go to: www.myspace.com/upliftmentproject

DISCOGRAPHY


The New Dope (CD Single)
 Released: Winter 2006



Yes, Yes Suite 3 (7" Single)
Released: July 2006



The Awakening (CD Compilation)
Released: October 23, 2004



Beyond the Limits EP (Limited Edition)
Released: 1996 *out of print*

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