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MIKI VALE

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She said she's been doing this since she came out her momma's uterus.

Miki Vale is a woman making her way up and out in today's hip-hop culture.

She is an artist who writes from her soul and rocks beats from her heart. Vale brings balance to hip-hop.

For those who may feel that rap, hip-hop and R&B can begin to sound monotonous, Vale gives you that soul that is sometimes lost in today's music. Vale has been compared with hip-hop groups from the start of the culture such as Salt-N-Peppa, Queen Latifah and Yo-Yo. Prior to her achievements in the music industry, she claims to have been making music since she was 19 years old.

When I asked Vale if she feels like the challenges are any tougher on her as a woman in a male-dominant culture, she simply said, "No." She even went as far as saying that she actually feels love from all her fans.

Vale is a spirited female vocalist whose intensions are to spread the positive energy through her music. She mentioned while most mainstream music talks about drugs and alcohol, she intends to talk about spreading a passion to get along and respect one another.

Vale is not only a young female vocalist, but is also the co-founder of the San Diego UPliftment Project. This organization brings vocalists together to promote positive lyrics in the music industry with the goal of influencing people to do good things in this world.

Last year, Vale was nominated for San Diego Music Award's "Best Hip-Hop Artist" and "Best Hip-Hop Album." She is recognized around the world for her ability to be an influential women activist who spreads love through lyrics.

Vale's influences come from most of the women who have made it big in the industry, but she mentioned that J.O.H.A.Z. from Deep Rooted was one of the greatest emcees. She said his performances are "so soulful." She said that she and Deep Rooted are friends and although the industry is competitive, they have support and encouragement for one another.

Hip-hop is a culture, a form of family with a mutual passion for beats, soul and energy through rhymes and vibrations that bring sensation to the soul.

Her advice to hip-hop groups trying to make it big: Listen to more than the radio and be open-minded to different sounds.

To catch Miki Vale's performance schedule, check out www.myspace.com/mikivale.



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