



Talib Kweli

For over 15 years, Talib Kweli has been a king of New York hip-hop who has an expansive international audience. Kweli's work with Mos Def on "Black Star" (1998) still stands as one of hip-hop's premier expressions of truth. On "Train of Thought," Kweli teamed up with Hi Tek to form Reflection Eternal, a virtuoso hip-hop duo that continues to wow audiences and critics alike. In 2007, Kweli and DJ/Producer/MC Madlib gave their fans "Liberation"—originally released free on the internet—an album that was filled with their joint love of the music they make and the respect their fans give them. Performing all over the world with unique style and an unequalled dedication to his music, Kweli has worked with artists as diverse as Kanye West, Justin Timberlake, MF Doom, Mary J. Blige, Fabolous, Common, Nelly, The Roots, Gucci Mane, Norah Jones, KRS-One and many more. With a career filled with success and innovation, it comes as no surprise that both Jay-Z and 50 Cent, at the height of their stardom, both counted Kweli among their favorite rappers. On his "solo" albums, there is no question that his lyrical talent and unique musical drive rank up there with the best in the business. Recording with other world famous musicians or alone on the mic, Kweli gives both the long-time fan and the uninitiated an unforgettable experience.

Now, Kweli is embarking on a new journey - bringing his endless knowledge of music from all genres, DJ Talib Kweli takes his audience on a journey, similar to how he does with his lyrical expertise. From classic hip-hop to James Brown funk, from downtown electro to uptown pop, Kweli is no stranger to his musical selection. As good as he is on the mic, mixing those turntables is his second calling.

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