



BAHAMADIA Kollage

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Genre

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DESCRIPTION

Bahamadia's 1996 debut album *Kollage* is rightly regarded as one of the greatest rap albums of the 1990s. For the first time ever, Be With presents the definitive double LP version of this eternal hip-hop classic, including the legendary "Path To Rhythm" which never appeared on the original LP or on vinyl, anywhere. An indelible vibe from start-to-finish, *Kollage* presents Bahamadia's swirling rhymes delivered with an irresistibly butter flow and razor-sharp assuredness over a steady slew of smoothed-out, jazzed-up, blunted beats. Achingly cool and effortlessly funky throughout, it's an absolute must for true '90s hip-hop fanatics. The entire *Kollage* project was recorded at D&D Studios and the ties to **Gang Starr** are keenly felt, with **DJ Premier** producing five tracks in addition to the killer songs **Guru** had already produced with her. Working with the cream of the mid-'90s East Coast sound, *Kollage* is, accordingly, a record that demonstrates a varied musical taste with disparate influences. With intelligent, poetic lyricism and a laconic verbal style bursting with both warm texture and deceptive energy, Bahamadia's flow was as inspired by **Aretha** and **Nancy Wilson** as it was **Q-Tip**, **Schoolly D** and **Lady B**. Incredibly, only the European and Japanese CD versions of *Kollage* were released with the brilliantly breezy "Path To Rhythm," featuring **Ursula Rucker**. Whilst ostensibly a "bonus track," it's anything but. Very much in sonic conversation with **KRS-One's** stretched-out sleeper classic "Higher Level," it's absolutely essential. Somewhat predictably, whilst *Kollage* was released to significant critical acclaim, it suffered from disappointing sales. In the intervening years – and for far too long – it was a criminally underrated record, an increasingly hidden gem. This Be With double LP reissue has been mastered for vinyl by **Simon Francis**, cut by **Cicely Balston**, and pressed at Record Industry. It's too bold and beautiful to remain overlooked and underserved.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. Intro (0:50)
- A2. WordPlay (3:17)
- A3. Spontaneity (4:08)
- A4. Rugged Ruff (3:08)
- A5. Interlude (0:29)
- B1. I Confess (4:06)
- B2. UKNOWHOWWEDU (3:35)
- B3. Interlude (1:09)
- B4. Total Wreck (3:26)
- B5. Innovation (3:23)
- C1. Da Jawn (5:19)
- C2. Interlude (1:05)
- C3. True Honey Buns (Dat Freak Sh*t) (3:41)
- D1. 3 Tha Hard Way (4:12)
- D2. Biggest Part Of Me (4:51)
- D3. Path To Rhythm (3:24)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reissue of **Bahamadia's** 1996 debut album *Kollage*, which has been regarded as one of the greatest rap albums of the 1990s.
- Double LP version, which includes the legendary "Path To Rhythm" which never appeared on the original LP or on vinyl.
- RIYL: **Aretha Franklin, Nancy Wilson, Q-Tip, Schoolly D, Lady B.**

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