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What up doe! The D is finally cooling down, but the streets are still blazing.

When it comes to what's hot, Chris Brown is at the top of the list. His "Breezy Bowl XX" tour will hit light up Ford Field by the time this paper hits stands. Curious minds wanna know if his two girlfriends Jada (25) and Rica (21) will be backstage. These chicks don't seem to mind sharing a man. CBreezy's 11-year-old daughter Royalty has been seen on tour with his two boos. Are they the babysitters? Well, at least CBreezy is open and not cheatin' behind their backs. Or is he? Does he have time for a third sister-girlfriend?

Speakin' of girlfriends, is Sean "Diddy" Combs someone's girlfriend behind bars? Is this one of the reasons his attorney Marc Agnifilio is allegedly reaching out to President Donald Trump for a pardon. Diddy will be sentenced on October 3. He's hoping to get freed from jail before then with Trump's help. Rumor has it that Trump reportedly called Diddy a good friend, even though Diddy was supposedly anti-Trump before he got locked up. "Seeing what's going on, white men like Trump need to be banished. That way of thinking, it's real dangerous. This man literally threatened the lives of us and and our families about going to vote. Stand back and stand by. We're in a war of love versus hate. The number one priority is to get Trump out of office," Diddy said on Revolt TV. It looks like Diddy's views have changed and his number one priority is to get out of jail. President Trump said that someone from Diddy's legal team contacted him about a possible pardon. His attorneys claim they don't know who made the call. Another attorney on Diddy's legal team, Nicole Westmoreland, reportedly said that someone did call.



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Maybe it was her. His attorney said that Diddy plans to perform in Madison Square Gardens, when he gets out of jail. "He wants people to know that he has reflected on the blessings that he's been given," he shared. "On the imperfections that I think he sees in himself. I think he wants to get out of jail, reestablish a loving, present relationship with all of his seven children. He wants to take care of his mother." Diddy was convicted on two charges of transportation to engage in prostitution. He was acquitted of charges of racketeering conspiracy and sex trafficking and is facing a maximum sentence of 20 years. That's a long time.

It might be a long time, before we know if boxing legend Laila Ali, 47, has accepted Claressa Shields' challenge to come out of retirement and step into the ring. Shields, the current reigning champion, responded to Ali's remarks that it would take at least \$15 million for her to step back into the ring. Shields countered saying she has the \$15 million. Ali, the daughter of former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, said in a video "To answer the question that I know many of you are poking around waiting for me to give you an answer. The answer is yes. I am going to answer your question when I'm good and ready to do it. Nobody calls the shots on me. I do things when, how and where I like to do them." Ali's boxing record was 24-0 with 21 knockouts. She last stepped into the ring in 2007 and retired after capturing the world title in both the super middleweight and light heavyweight divisions. Shields' record is 16-0 with 3 knockouts. Comparing their records, it's obvious on who is the real GOAT.

On that note, we're outta here before someone tries to sucker punch me. Peace out!

2025 ASCAP TOP RHYTHM & SOUL MUSIC AWARD WINNERS



PRNewswire/ -- BMI recently announced that GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, producer, songwriter, entrepreneur and global cultural icon T-Pain will receive the BMI President's Award at the 2025 BMI R&B/Hip-Hop Awards in recognition of his tremendous career, marked by a formidable catalog of hit songs that have resonated across generations and connected with audiences around the world. In addition, GRAMMY®-nominated prolific lyricist, songwriter and performer GloRilla will be presented with the BMI Impact Award for her groundbreaking artistry, creative vision, and influence on the future of music.

Hosted by BMI President & CEO Mike O'Neill, Executive Vice President, Chief Creative & Revenue Officer Mike Steinberg and Vice President, Creative, Atlanta, Catherine Brewton, the private event will be held Thursday, August 28th in Los Angeles, CA.

Throughout the evening, BMI will also salute the songwriters, producers and music publishers of the past year's 35 most-performed R&B/Hip-Hop songs from BMI's repertoire of more than 22.4 million musical works. The BMI R&B/Hip-Hop Songwriter, Song, Producer, and Publisher of the Year plus the year's Top Producers will also be named during the ceremony.

"T-Pain's creative vision and unwavering commitment to pushing musical boundaries continue to resonate with multiple generations of fans around the world. We're thrilled to be able to celebrate his contributions to the industry by honoring him with the BMI President's Award," said Brewton. "This year's Impact Award recipient GloRilla's bold voice and fearless creativity is currently shaping and inspiring the future of hip-hop, making her the perfect choice for this honor. It's going to be an incredible night highlighting the exceptional artistry of all BMI's award-winning songwriters, producers, and publishers, who are the creative visionaries of the music industry."

T-Pain has garnered widespread recognition as a groundbreaker in the music industry, celebrated for both his innovation and influence. Throughout his remarkable two-decade career, he's sold over 50 million singles, accumulated billions of streams, achieved 10 #1s on Billboard's Hot 100, and has captivated the world with his charismatic live performances. T-Pain's pioneering use of Auto-Tune helped shape a new era in popular music, and his extensive catalog features chart-topping singles as both a solo artist and collaborator with other industry icons. He continues to shine even beyond music as a Twitch phenomenon and uber-popular streamer, is head of his own Nappy Boy Entertainment, Nappy Boy Automotive, Nappy Boy Gaming and Nappy Boy Dranks, is Chief Strategy Officer for the Global Gaming League, and much more.

T-Pain has won two GRAMMY® Awards and received 13 nominations, earned 28 BMI Awards, received the BMI Songwriter of the Year Award three times, and was named BMI R&B/Hip-Hop Producer of the Year. He has also secured several awards and nominations from the BET Awards, MTV Video Music Awards, The Streamer Awards, and more. In 2023, T-Pain was honored with the Legend Award at the Soul Train Awards to commemorate his nearly two-decade-long career of making hits and setting trends. Later this year, he will kick off his "TP20" US headlining tour to celebrate 20 years of T-Pain which includes sold-out shows at Radio City Music Hall, Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center in his hometown of Tallahassee and more.

In receiving the BMI President's Award, T-Pain joins previous recipients including benny blanco, Luis Fonsi, Noel Gallagher, Ellie Goulding, Imagine Dragons, Jay Kay of Jamiroquai, Ludacris, P!nk, Willie Nelson, Pitbull, Taylor Swift, Brian Wilson, and Dwight Yoakam, to name a few.

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