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Left Eye's Legacy

MUSIC BY DECEASED TLC MEMBER
LISA "LEFT EYE" LOPES

IN APRIL 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes—who rose to stardom in the early nineties after moving to Atlanta and forming TLC with Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins and Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas—died in a car accident in Honduras. Known for her uninhibited attitude and provocative rhymes, Lopes's voyage was short lived; her legacy, however, continues. On January 27, *Eye-Legacy*, a posthumous collection of Lopes's recordings, will be released.

Six of the album's tracks are new offerings; the remaining six are from Lopes's first solo album, *Supernova* (originally released outside the U.S.), and have been reworked with new choruses and features. "Lisa never really got her just due as being a solo female MC," says Lisa's younger sister, Reigndrop. "That's what I really want people to take away—her strengths and talents as a solo artist."

Lisa's younger siblings were a big part of *Eye-Legacy*. Brother Ronald headed the business side of the project, while Reigndrop coproduced the songs "Wild Out" and "Neva Will Eye Eva." Other tracks include "Legendary," featuring Tupac, and "Let's Just Do It," with TLC and Missy Elliott. Artists such as Chamillionaire and Bone Crusher make appearances as well. The album also includes a DVD of never-before-seen footage of Lisa during her last days in Honduras.

"We want fans to see that this incredibly talented artist can come out and be competitive with what's out there now," says Marcus Siskind, CEO of the album's label, Mass Appeal Entertainment. Also, the Lisa Lopes Foundation, which helps youth in low-income and underdeveloped communities in the U.S. and Central America, will benefit from a portion of the proceeds. —CIARA WALKER