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TALKING LOUD: COME A LITTLE BIT CLOSER

Genre: **Funk/Soul**

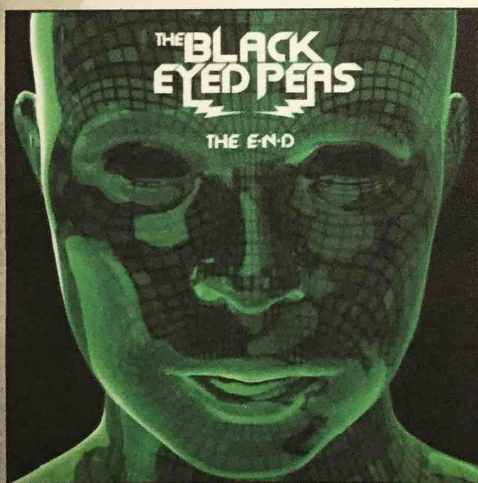
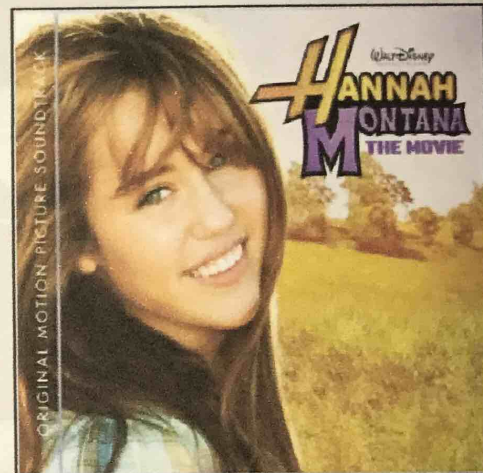
In 2002 lead singer Musiex meets guitarist/producer Remi and formed Talking Loud. They're a really unique band from the Netherlands that truly know how to make music. Their look reminds me of the 70's, but in the best way possible with beats that are old school, but mixed with a chill vibe that makes you want to put their music on after a hard day at work; relaxing. Foreign or not, there is no denying the talent this duo, plus their band, is bringing to the table all around the world. Come a Little Bit Closer is an album that sounds like a mix between Angie Stone and Jill Scott, and I'm sure they don't have a problem with that! Their EP is available now on iTunes and you can hear a lot of their music on their MySpace page as well. MySpace.com/talkingloud
 Personal Fav: **Very Necessary**

MILEY CYRUS: HANNA MONTANA: THE MOVIE SOUNDTRACK

Genre: **Country**

I have always liked Miley Cyrus and her alter ego Hannah Montana, and yes, I did go see the Hannah Montana movie as well. But that doesn't take away the fact that this young girl can really sing, and when I say really sing, I don't mean lip syncing either. She has been singing all her life, and it was inevitable that she would be successful with the genes passed onto her by her father Billy Ray Cyrus. Usually most of her songs are steered toward her younger crowd who watch the Disney channel, but with the Hannah Montana: The Movie Soundtrack it's like everyone can really relate to her lyrics. As she gets older, her talent grows as well, and that's probably why she is so successful today. Country is not my favorite genre to listen to, but when I find an artist that can take me out of my elements of R&B and Hip-Hop, they're definitely a keeper.

Personal Fav: **These Four walls**



BLACK EYED PEAS: THE E.N.D (ENERGY NEVER DIES)

Genre: **Pop/Hip-Hop**

Black Eyed Peas are veterans in this music game, so there is no doubt that their new album The E.N.D is hot. The members of BEP are hella successful on their own, and together they are just too hot to handle. Their music attracts virtually everyone, and they easily get plays on every genre radio station as well. There's no stopping Black Eyed Peas anytime soon, and I know they are not thinking of taking a break either. Hip-Hop, Techno, and Pop beats make them such a versatile group and basically a trio of genius musicians. "Boom Boom Pow" was a hit in about 3.5 seconds, and became my own ring tone after about 4 seconds. It's time to upgrade your life and cop this album like, right now.

Personal Fav: **Alive**