

# The Motherlode: 100 Women Who Made Hip Hop

Hip hop is a genre of music that originated in the Bronx in the 1970s. It is characterized by its strong beat, rapping, and sampling. Hip hop has since become one of the most popular genres of music in the world, and it has been influential in many other genres, such as pop, rock, and R&B.



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Women have played a significant role in the development of hip hop, from its earliest days to the present day. They have been rappers, DJs, producers, and label owners. They have helped to shape the sound, style, and culture of hip hop.

In 2017, The Root published a list of the 100 most influential women in hip hop. The list included a wide range of women, from pioneers like DJ Kool Herc and Afrika Bambaataa to contemporary stars like Nicki Minaj and

Cardi B. These women have all made significant contributions to the genre, and they continue to inspire and empower women around the world.

Here are a few of the women who were included on The Root's list:

- **DJ Kool Herc:** Known as the "Father of Hip Hop," Kool Herc is credited with inventing the breakbeat, which is one of the most important elements of hip hop music.
- **Afrika Bambaataa:** A DJ and producer, Afrika Bambaataa is one of the founders of the Zulu Nation, a hip hop collective that has been influential in the development of the genre.
- **Roxanne Shanté:** One of the first female rappers, Roxanne Shanté is known for her aggressive style and her diss tracks against other rappers.
- **Salt-N-Pepa:** A female rap trio, Salt-N-Pepa is one of the most successful hip hop groups of all time. They are known for their hits "Push It" and "Whatta Man."
- **Lauryn Hill:** A singer, rapper, and songwriter, Lauryn Hill is one of the most critically acclaimed hip hop artists of all time. Her album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" is considered one of the greatest albums of all time.
- **Missy Elliott:** A rapper, singer, songwriter, and producer, Missy Elliott is one of the most innovative and influential hip hop artists of all time. She is known for her unique style and her hits "Get Ur Freak On" and "Work It."
- **Nicki Minaj:** A rapper, singer, songwriter, and actress, Nicki Minaj is one of the most successful female rappers of all time. She is known for

her alter egos, her aggressive style, and her hits "Anaconda" and "Starships."

- **Cardi B:** A rapper, singer, songwriter, and actress, Cardi B is one of the most popular female rappers of all time. She is known for her raunchy lyrics, her aggressive style, and her hits "Bodak Yellow" and "I Like It."

These are just a few of the many women who have made significant contributions to hip hop. These women have helped to shape the sound, style, and culture of the genre, and they continue to inspire and empower women around the world.



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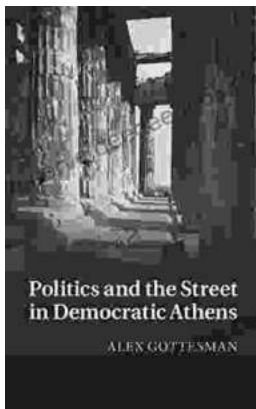
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