

JADE'S MIND, BODY & SONG

A record shattering debut album can happen harmonies are tight, the production top notch, the look right...and fate smiles. Jade's first album was a masterpiece of timing as the public embraced the trio's

matchless harmonies, stylish look and powerful delivery.

It can be tougher the second time around - expectations are greater, comparisons inevitable. Jade's Mind, Body & Song quickly dismissed any doubts

and easily withstands time's acid test by delivering dazzling new music that captures all the talent glimpsed in their debut and delivers even more.

This new collection of songs is proof positive these three young women have grown in depth, dimension and dedication in the year-and-a-half since their knockout gold debut album, JADE to the Max.

Success came so quickly; they crisscrossed the world, touring and doing TV spots (everything from The Tonight Show and Soul Train to multiple Arsenio appearances and six shots on England's wildly popular Top of the Pops).

As their hit singles, "I Wanna Love You," "Don't Walk Away" and "One Woman," aced up the charts and made them a familiar name at radio, they grew closer. New friends when this whirlwind began, Tonya, Joi and Di began to discover more about each other. They often stayed up all night, sharing everything from their favorite gospel, jazz and R&B songs; who likes spicy food; who can't resist a new puppy; who calls home the most; who can catch a cab quickest in the rain; who stays up all night to write; to what satisfies the heart's desire in each one of these

sisters linked by fate and by music.

What emerged in those late night conversations is deftly displayed in this album. This time out, they are singing love, relationships, awareness and "you'd-better-understand-it sex." The message is delivered in funky grooves and soaring harmonies that ride joyous melodies. "The world is receptive to women saying what they want, an that's what Jade's songs do," Tonya offers. "We have songs like 'If The Mood Is Right,' 'I Like The Way' and 'Everything'."

The first single, "5-4-3-2-(Yo! Time Is Up)," sends a message about timing. "We think you should take control and make time count for life and love can count you out," says Joi. "Letting time slip through your fingers...not being counted out covers everything from romance to the counted-out boxer to they guy whose time ran out on the parking meter."

One of the songs came out of those late night heart-to-hearts notes Joi is "a strong song about female sexuality, 'Bedroom'." She continues with a laugh, "The fantasy of the album is much more exciting than our actual lives, but it's something we can hope for."



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The sultry trio moved away from personal relationships to focus on the larger issue of inner city living and it's frustrations in a new song which shares the title of Marvin Gaye's timeless "What's Going On." "We all need to be reminded of these problems until something gets done about them," says Di.

Di noted their progress behind the microphones had

extended to co-writing five of the album's songs and producing it's intro and closing a capella pieces. As Jade spreads it's creative wings, they are in some super company. The producers on this project are Mark C. Rooney and Mark Morales who produced the debut single under their "Soul Convention" banner and whose credits include Mary (See JADE, Page 25)

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