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Piñata - A collab album by rapper Freddie Gibbs and producer Madlib.

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Released March 18, 2014

Background

Freddie Gibbs is an Indiana rapper who has put out a few mixtapes in the past, a more popular one being Cold Day In Hell. His one and only previous album was The Miseducation of Freddie Gibbs back in 2009. Piñata is second album, a collaboration with producer Madlib, AKA Quasimoto, who is well known for working with rapper MF DOOM.

Notable Features

This album has plenty of nice features, like Ab-Soul, Danny Brown, Earl Sweatshirt, Mac Miller, Casey Veggies, Domo Genesis, and plenty of others.

(Full list)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) Meechy Darko (Flatbush Zombies)

BJ the Chicago Kid

Raekwon

Scarface

Ab-Soul

Danny Brown

Earl Sweatshirt

Mac Miller

Casey Veggies

Domo Genesis

Sulaiman

G-Wiz

Big Time Watts

Polyester The Saint

Scarface

Track List

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01. Supplier

02. Scarface

03. Deeper

04. High (feat. Danny Brown)

05. Harold's

06. Bomb (feat. Raekwon)

07. Shitsville

08. Thuggin'
09. Real
10. Uno
11. Robes (feat. Domo Genesis & Earl Sweatshirt)
12. Broken (feat. Scarface)
13. Lakers (feat. Ab-Soul & Polyester The Saint)
14. Knicks
15. Shame (feat. BJ The Chicago Kid)
16. Watts (feat. Big Time Watts)
17. Piñata (feat. Domo Genesis, G-Wiz, Casey Veggies, Sulaiman, Meechy Darko & Mac Miller)

Favorite Tracks

Deeper - Freddie Gibbs is rapping a story about how the girlfriend he loved, gave money to, and did anything for cheated on him with another "square" guy, and finds out years later the baby is his. Catchy, sad sounding beat.

Piñata - Sampled off a 70's old Funk/Soul song, the strings give it an older, unique feel. Great verses spit all the way around. Casey Veggies' verse gets you hyped, Domo Genesis has some clever verses:

"My grind divides fine through my divine eyes
It's prime time, you wish you could buy time, but it's my time
Thoughts against I, blasphemy, it's like a vice crime"

Mac Miller ends the track with a nice metaphor:

"Absorb it through your pores, the Lord with horns, a war
Whores are more hors d'oeuvre when it's a world tour"

I can't really complain about many of the songs, they were pretty good all around.

Least Favorite

Harold's - A song about fried chicken. I really liked the beat though.

High - I enjoyed this song, nice song to mellow out to, until it was brought down with the Danny Brown feature. I like Danny Brown, but he most definitely does not fit on this track. You'll know what I mean if you take a listen.

Final Thoughts

Based on his previous work, Piñata most definitely shows improvement in Freddie's rapping skills. Lyricism is most definitely better, most of the features fit in nicely, I have very few complaints. Madlib definitely has to be accredited to a lot of the enjoyment of the album as well, he and Freddie Gibbs just sit so nicely together for some reason. I liked what I heard, and I want more. If you're into the genre, take a listen.

8/10

This is solely my opinion. If you don't agree, make your own review.

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Interesting, I will look into this a little bit. Thanks for the share.