

# LINER NOTES

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## SHOW OF THE WEEK

THE HIP-HOP SHOP with Riley Koval and Colin Westcott  
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DJ Riles P. (Riley Koval '12) and DJ Ape (Colin Westcott '12) are an energetic DJ duo on WMCN's The Hip-Hop Shop, which airs Wednesday nights from 10pm until midnight. The show has gained quite a following on and off campus, playing a wide array of artists from Doomtree and Atmosphere to Kanye West. Both DJs are fanatics of the local scene and enjoy hosting these artists on their show for interviews and in-studio performances. After their fantastic show on November 17 with St. Paul Slim, one of the Twin Cities up-and-comers, the *Liner Notes* chopped it up Koval and Westcott:



LN: When did you decide you wanted to do a show together?

**DJA:** Riley had the Hip-Hop Shop going on his first semester here, and towards the last few weeks I came on to do a personal segment, "The Triple Play." The Shop naturally evolved into collaboration between the two of us because we both love a wide range of styles and types of hip-hop.

LN: Who are your favorite local artists?

**DJA:** My favorite local artists would be P.O.S., Mike Mictlan, Atmosphere, Brother Ali, and Toki Wright. It's hard to not have all of the local scene be my favorites because I grew up in South Minneapolis and I've been blessed to have one of the best hip-hop scenes in the nation right outside my front door.

**DJRP:** I also love Atmosphere, Brother Ali, and Toki Wright especially from this area. One of the reasons I chose Macalester was because of the amazing hip-hop scene that the Twin Cities has to offer, and it has exceeded my expectations already.

## CHARTS

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1. DAWES North Hills (ATO)
2. BELLE AND SEBASTIAN Write About Love (Matador)
3. DEERHUNTER Halcyon Digest (4AD)
4. MATT AND KIM Sidewalks (Fader)
5. SUFJAN STEVENS The Age of Adz (Asthmatic Kitty)
6. THE SET The Set (EP)
7. ARCADE FIRE The Suburbs (Merge)
8. SHAD TSOL (Black Box)
9. NO AGE Everything in Between (Sub Pop)
10. ZION I Atomic Clock (Gold Dust)

LN: If you could interview any hip hop artist, dead or alive, who would it be?

**DJRP:** I would love to interview Kanye West if I could. He's made a lot of mistakes recently that have killed his image with the public and I would love to have the opportunity to show the positive side of Kanye West and help show the world that he isn't entirely crazy...

**DJA:** If I could interview any hip-hop artist it would be Andre 3000 because I think he's the essence of what a performer should be and because of how he transcends many different genres. If he were still alive (or is he?) I would love to interview Tupac Shakur—his music induces such vivid imagery and messages that I could spend years learning from him.

LN: Who are you looking to have on in the future?

**DJA:** The future looks bright for The Hip Hop Shop. We're hoping to have Toki Wright, Mike Mictlan, and possibly P.O.S. come in for a live performance and interview. We also plan on having St. Paul Slim come in again in the spring when he releases his new solo album. The ultimate goal for us though is to have Brother Ali and Atmosphere grace the studio with their presence.

LN: What has it been like to interview artists that you are such big fans of?

**DJA:** It's been unreal to be up close and personal to interview artists that mean so much to my life. To tell you the truth, I find myself geeking out during every interview wondering how I even got into this situation. Being able to interview artists also makes the music more real because you know them as an artist and a person. 🎵