

metromix  
cincinnati

SEARCH

(e.g., "hip hop" or "karaoke")



LOG IN

FOLLOW US



Other Cities

Mobile Site

restaurants

bars &amp; clubs

events

music

movies &amp; tv

deals

**Music Business**  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
Learn > Marketing, Distribution, Management

**FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY.** INFO

[Home](#) > [Cincinnati Music](#) > [Story](#) > Our 'talk' with Jay-Z

## Our 'talk' with Jay-Z

OK, he's too busy to talk to us. So we just went ahead and made something up.

By **Lori Kurtzman**  
Metromix  
October 7, 2009

Share

3 comments



Jay-Z will perform at the Bank of Kentucky Center on Saturday. (Credit: Provided)

So we wanted to talk to Jay-Z. We have many questions for the self-proclaimed greatest rapper alive. But our interview request was met with deafening silence.

Shawn Corey Carter is kind of a big deal - we, alas, are not. Still, with his concert Saturday at the Bank of Kentucky Center, we thought it only right to find a way to pick Jay-Z's brain.

Our solution? Consult his expansive library of music to find appropriate answers to our burning queries.

(In other words, this interview is totally made up. Check below to see where we got Jay-Z's responses.)

**Hey, Mr. Z. How's it going?**

I'm tryin' to murder everything movin', feel me?!

**Um, not exactly. So, I must say, your rise to fame from a life of poverty and crime is pretty inspiring.**

I was raised in the projects - roaches and rats, smokers out back, sellin' they mama's sofa. Lookouts on the corner, focused on the ave; ladies in the window, focused on the kinfolk. Me under a lamp post, why I got my hand closed? Crack's in my palm, watchin' the long arm of the law. So you know I see it all

before.

**Ah, yes. Crack. But now you're huge. You're co-owner of the New Jersey Nets!**

I went from lukewarm to hot - sleepin' on futons and cots to king-size dream machines.

**No joke! Meanwhile, I'm shopping the cheap aisle at the Original Mattress Factory! Haha!**

I want money like Cosby - who wouldn't? It's this kind of talk that make me think you probably ain't got no puddin'.

**Wait, what about pudding?**

My plot: Let's stick up the world and split it 50-50, uh-huh.

**OK, ... how?**

I'm a hustler, homey, you a customer crony. Got some dirt on my shoulder, could you brush it off for me?

**Oh, sure. Let me just get a ...**

Like an evangelist, I can introduce you to your maker. Bring you closer to nature.

**Whoa! I was just trying to help.**

Man, I gotta get my soul right. I gotta get these devils out my life.

**The press isn't that evil ... are we?**

You know the type - loud as a motor bike, but wouldn't bust a grape in a fruit fight.

**I'm, um, sorry.**

Bout to start (bad word), ain't you? Ready to start snitchin', ain't you? I forgive your weak (bad word). Hustlin' just ain't you.

**Haha! True dat, Hov! So let's talk about love. You seem to have romance figured out.**

The problem is, you dudes treat the one that you lovin' with the same respect that you treat the one that you

**AT&T U-verse® TV & Internet**  
start saving now

only  
**\$49/mo**  
for 6 months

**FREE HBO® and Cinemax® for 3 months**

SHOP NOW

Geographic and service restrictions apply. After 6 months, standard rates apply to U-verse service(s). HBO®, Cinemax® and related channels and service marks are the property of Home Box Office Inc.

### related links



#### Jay-Z, 'The Blueprint 3'

Rap godfather constructs his third installment as planned

CD REVIEW

Learn >  
Marketing  
Distribution  
Management

**Music Business**  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

**FULL SAIL UNIVERSITY.** INFO

(bad word).

**I'm a woman.**

Ladies is pimps too, go and brush your shoulders off.

**I guess I'm not sure what you're getting at ...**

Yo, put your number on this paper, cause I would love to date ya - holla at ya when I come off tour.

**Believe me, I wouldn't object. But aren't you married to Beyonce? I read that you two tied the knot in 2008.**

Me give my heart to a woman? Not for nothin', never happen. I'll be forever mackin'.

**But ...**

I got this (bad word) that after 12 million sold - Mami's a narcoleptic, always sleepin' on Hov. Gotta tie the back of her head like Deuce Bigalow! I got so many girls across the globe ...

**Huh. Well, I take it things aren't great with Beyonce?**

Only time we don't speak is during "Sex and the City!" She gets Carrie fever, but soon as the show is over, she's right back to being my soldier.

**Are you messing with me?**

Best rapper alive, best rapper alive.

**OK, let's talk about your latest album, "The Blueprint 3," which came out last month. How is it being received by the public?**

I'm like, '(bad word) critics, you can kiss my whole (bad word).' If you don't like my lyrics, you can press fast forward.

**That seems like a healthy attitude.**

He who does not feel me is not real to me, therefore he doesn't exist. So poof, vamoose, son of a (bad word)!

**Hey, I'm not saying anything bad. In fact, I was thrilled when your "retirement" in 2003 didn't stick.**

I need you to remember one thing. I came, I saw, I conquered -- from record sales to sold-out concerts. So (bad word), if you want this encore, I need you to scream 'til your lungs get sore.

**I feel as though screaming is poor form in an interview.**

Do you want more?

**I think I have to go.**

This ain't for iTunes. This ain't for sing-a-longs. This is Sinatra at the opera - bring a blond. Preferably with a fat (bad word) who can sing a song.

**Mr. Z, you are confusing me.**

Best rapper alive, best rapper alive.

*From the songs "Hard Knock Life," "Izzo (H.O.V.A.)," "Dead Presidents," "Dirt off Your Shoulder," "Lucifer," "99 Problems," "03 Bonnie & Clyde," "Girls, Girls, Girls," "Big Pimpin'" "Encore," and "DOA (Death of Autotune)."*

**Big names opening for Jay-Z**

Want to know a little more about who's opening for Jay-Z? Here's a quick primer.

**N.E.R.D.**: Band includes widely acclaimed producers/songwriters Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo (you may know them as the Neptunes) and their longtime friend Shae. Their name stands for No One Ever Really Dies. "N.E.R.D. is just a basic belief, man," Williams says. N.E.R.D. released their third album, "Seeing Sounds," last year.

**J. Cole**: Grew up in Fayetteville, N.C., and started rapping at age 12. Attended St. John's University in New York on an academic scholarship and debuted a mixtape after graduation called "The Come Up." Working on his debut studio album and hoping to "change the tide of current rap music, swaying it in a more insightful, meaningful and passionate direction."

**Wale**: Arapper from Washington D.C., known for his mixtapes, including one, "The Mixtape About Nothing," inspired by the TV show "Seinfeld." You should pronounce his name Wah-lay.

Sources: [www-n-e-r-d.com](http://www-n-e-r-d.com), [www.jcolemusic.com](http://www.jcolemusic.com), [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)



Share



Add to favorites



Add to playlist

What other people are saying...

3 comments | [Add Your Own](#)



**BeeRoca** - October 09, 2009 at 11:39 AM

This is HILARIOUS!!! I'm crying :)

[Report This Comment](#)



cincioh - October 07, 2009 at 1:51 PM

"This may be the funniest thing I've read in 2009. Pure genius..." I guess I'm not sure what you're getting at..." Hilarious..."

Report This Comment

More...



johnnyx - October 07, 2009 at 11:58 AM

This may be the funniest thing I've read in 2009. Pure genius..." I guess I'm not sure what you're getting at..." Hilarious..."

Report This Comment

[View All Comments »](#)

[+ Add a comment](#)

Please [log in](#) to comment  
[View All Comments »](#)

[Rappin' About Real Estate](#) [www.kennyrushingtop10secrets.com](http://www.kennyrushingtop10secrets.com)  
Learn How to Make Bird-Man Money Investing in Real Estate!

[Study Photography](#) [www.artschoolindc.com](http://www.artschoolindc.com)  
Let your creativity soar at a top Photography Institute.

[Jay Z](#) [JayZ.TicketLiquidator.com](http://JayZ.TicketLiquidator.com)  
Jay-Z Concert Tickets - Cheap. Check Our Prices. Save 15% or More.



Feedback

## more on metromix.com



[restaurants »](#)  
Dining Guide 2011: Readers' Choice



[bars & clubs »](#)  
80s Pink Prom



[events »](#)  
Weekend party pics



[music »](#)  
BRINK Showcase 2011



[movies & tv »](#)  
"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1" premiere photos



[deals »](#)  
Today's Top

SEARCH:

(e.g., "hip hop" or "karaoke")



### Metromix.com

[About metromix.com](#)  
[Blog](#)  
[Jobs](#)  
[Copyright & Terms of Service](#)  
[Privacy policy](#)  
[Contact us](#)  
[Advertise with us](#)  
[Get listed](#)  
[Deals FAQ](#)  
[Site map](#)



### Our Partners

[Cincinnati.Com](#)  
[CincinnatiUSA visitor's guide](#)  
[NKY.com](#)  
[Topix.com](#)  
[Homefinder.com](#)  
[apartments.com](#)  
[careerbuilder.com](#)  
[cars.com](#)

### More Metromix Locations:

Albuquerque  
Atlanta  
Austin  
Baltimore  
Birmingham  
Boston  
Brevard, FL  
Charlotte  
Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Columbus  
Connecticut  
Dallas  
Delaware  
Denver  
Des Moines

Detroit  
Grand Rapids  
Greensboro  
Greenville  
Gulf Coast  
Hampton Roads, VA  
Harrisburg  
Honolulu  
Houston  
Hudson Valley, NY  
Indianapolis  
Jackson, MS  
Jacksonville  
Jersey Shore  
Kansas City  
Las Vegas

Lehigh Valley, PA  
Los Angeles  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Miami  
Milwaukee  
Nashville  
New Orleans  
New York  
Oklahoma City  
Orlando  
Ozarks, MO  
Palm Springs  
Philadelphia  
Phoenix  
Pittsburgh

Portland  
Raleigh  
Reno  
Rochester  
Sacramento  
Salt Lake City  
San Antonio  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Seattle  
South Florida  
St. Louis  
Tampa Bay  
Tucson  
Twin Cities  
Washington D.C.

Popular Searches: Restaurants

Web2PDF

converted by [Web2PDFConvert.com](http://Web2PDFConvert.com)

[Atlanta](#) | [Boston](#) | [Chicago](#) | [Dallas](#) | [Detroit](#) | [Houston](#) | [Las Vegas](#) | [New York](#) | [Philadelphia](#) | [Phoenix](#) | [San Francisco](#) | [Seattle](#) | [Tampa Bay](#) | [Washington D.C.](#) | [More Cities...](#)

**Popular Searches: Bars & Clubs**

[Atlanta](#) | [Boston](#) | [Chicago](#) | [Dallas](#) | [Detroit](#) | [Houston](#) | [Las Vegas](#) | [New York](#) | [Philadelphia](#) | [Phoenix](#) | [San Francisco](#) | [Seattle](#) | [Tampa Bay](#) | [Washington D.C.](#) | [More Cities...](#)

**Popular places to go in:**

[Atlanta](#) | [Boston](#) | [Chicago](#) | [Dallas](#) | [Detroit](#) | [Houston](#) | [Las Vegas](#) | [New York](#) | [Philadelphia](#) | [Phoenix](#) | [San Francisco](#) | [Seattle](#) | [Tampa Bay](#) | [Washington D.C.](#) | [More Cities...](#)

**Popular Deals in:**

[Atlanta](#) | [Boston](#) | [Chicago](#) | [Dallas](#) | [Detroit](#) | [Houston](#) | [Las Vegas](#) | [New York](#) | [Philadelphia](#) | [Phoenix](#) | [San Francisco](#) | [Seattle](#) | [Tampa Bay](#) | [Washington D.C.](#) | [More Cities...](#)