
Life

Changing Music...

letter from the editor.

throughout my life, the one thing that has consistently made me feel fully electric is music. I come from a family where everyone is in some way musically talented, whether they want to admit it or not. a holiday gathering wasn't complete without a jam session turned dance-off and a sing-along around the piano. i am writing this zine so that people can reminisce on the music that had a truly lasting impact on their life. what song takes you back to a moment so clear that you can recount every detail of the day when you first heard it?

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The Power of Life Changing Music

to pinpoint an album that has changed my life completely is a difficult task, but the one that comes to mind is Stevie Wonder's Songs in the Key of Life. This album ignited a love for music in me that I had never experienced before. I remember listening to it for the first time with my mom and seeing her whole spirit light up as she sang along and danced. i had never expereinced such joyful and powerful music. my hope is that this zine will bring you joy as you reminisce on the music that changed your life.

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INT'L PLAYERS ANTHEM

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WHAT'S YOUR MEMORY OF THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT YOU HEARD THIS SONG?

The first time I heard it was when I was younger, sitting in the den with my brother and his friends, Brian and Justin, and they turned on MTV jams. I wasn't allowed to watch that by myself so with my brother in there I had an excuse and they're sitting around talking about girls, school and social events and this song comes on and everyone pauses. My brother turns to me and he says you need to pay attention this is the rule, this is the book. I was entranced by the music video, the mix of samples and the iconic outfits in the music video; it was the perfect blend of southern elitism with dirty lyrics. I've always hung around older people, my brother and sister are 7-10 years older than me and they we're FLASHY! They were the popular ones in high school, truly living life so everything they said went for me when I was younger.

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WHAT IS THE SONG ABOUT?

Players anthem is about a player giving up his past life to settle down with a truly worthy girl, André 3000 is getting married and is relinquishing his thug lifestyle to be with the girl he loves and it's beautiful.

WHY DOES THIS SONG HOLD IMPORTANCE TO YOU?

It's important to me because certain people know all these Lyrics and it's a bond that can't be broken, hard to explain but this song is a true bop

WHAT DANCE MOVE ARE YOU HITTING WHEN THE SONG COMES ON?

When this song comes on, you dip on the beat and shout the lyrics at each other, a true wholesome bop that showcases the GEMS of the south.

SOLANGE

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A SEAT AT THE TABLE DON'T TOUCH MY HAIR

WHAT'S YOUR MEMORY OF THE VERY FIRST TIME THAT YOU HEARD THIS SONG/ ALBUM?

When the album released I remember instantly checking in with my best friend Tomi who goes to Brown University. She's not the greatest at keeping up with new music but this album was a must. I remember listening to it and tearing up and feeling so much love for Solange and black women in general. So to be able to share the music with my best friend was really special.

WHAT IS THE SONG ABOUT?

The song is pretty explicit in its meaning from the lyrics but it's a black anthem. It expresses the need to just exist in a world and not be fetishized by your features.

**WHY IS THIS SONG/ALBUM SO IMPORTANT
TO YOU?**

The album is important to me because the lyrics serve as a healing mechanism. When ever I need to be reminded of how amazing I am I always put the album on shuffle. The songs serve as a constant reminder to stay true to myself and embrace my blackness and not take shit from other people.

**WHAT DANCE MOVE ARE YOU HITTING
WHEN THE SONG COMES ON?**

When “don’t touch my hair” plays I let my hair down if it’s not already and instantly get groovy. Seeing the song performed live at Afropunk this summer deepened my love for Solange as an artist but also as such a talented performer. The black magic that exuded throughout the venue when she performed is indescribable.

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FIRST TIME THAT YOU HEARD THIS AL-
BUM?**

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**DO YOU REMEMBER THE VERY FIRST TIME
THAT YOU HEARD IT? WHAT IS THAT MEM-
ORY?**

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WHAT IS THE SONG ABOUT?

The record, to me captures the essence of New York in a time that I would never be able to experience. It's timeless.

WHY IS THIS ALBUM SO IMPORTANT TO YOU?

This record can always get me through my day. Especially now living in New York, it's almost feels like a soundtrack to my everyday life now.

WHAT DANCE MOVE ARE YOU HITTING WHEN THE SONG COMES ON?

Just mostly a strong head bobbing lol



