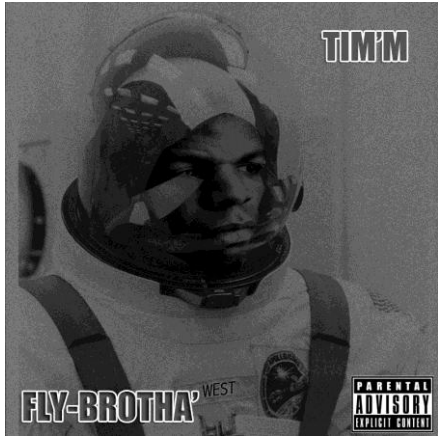


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Tim'm West releases highly-anticipated 4th Solo Project *Fly Brotha*
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On July 4th 2011, the iconic, critically acclaimed, Hip-Hop artist **Tim'm West** released his groundbreaking, fourth solo project, *Fly Brotha*.

Provocative, moving, vulnerable, witty, and fun *Fly Brotha* is a celebration of courage needed to confront institutional barriers to personal freedom; an insistence on justice and peace in our community and world. With songs like "Good Day" that imagines a media that celebrated "good news", or "Bully" which examines the travesty of child neglect of both bullies and the bullied, Tim'm continues his legacy of telling brave truths in a Hip-Hop context which is often lacking

Social Justice messaging. There is also Tim'm's intentional ownership as the nurturing, paternal "papa bear" of a host of emcees, straight and gay, who are collectively looking to challenge heteronormativity in Hip Hop culture, as evidenced in the Dirtybird produced intro track "The Lesson". Tim'm bravely challenges notions of *street cred* with tracks like *Brohemian rapCD* and *Bro-Homo* as well as with soulful Hip Hop love-ballads like *Again* and *Carried Away*.

The 14 track LP is accented by music videos 3 music videos including "Acrobatics" feat. *DDm* (directed by Truitt O'Neal), "Fly Brotha" (directed by David E.F.P of 2osos Productions), and "A Real Man" feat. *Quentin Adams* (who also directed the video). Catering to our visual culture, these music videos are elevating Tim'm's popularity across the sexuality divide—a presence well-prepared for by Tim'm's respective features in Hip Hop and Spoken Word documentaries: *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* by Byron Hurt, *Pick Up the Mic: the rEvolution of Homo-Hop* by Alex Hinton, *Graffiti Verite' 7* by Bob Bryan, and the more recent Mario Van Peebles' directed *Bring Your 'A' Game* which featured other Hip Hop artists such as Ice Cube, Diddy, and Lupe Fiasco.

Fly Brotha is the follow up to three previously released solo projects that include *Songs from Red Dirt* (2004, Cellular Records), *Blakkboy Blue(s)*, and the 2009 release *In Security: The Golden Error*. Since its' release, fans excited about the project have described *Fly Brotha* as Tim'm West's best work yet.

As a seasoned lyricist, emcee, and founding member of the now defunct queer Hip-Hop group Deep Dickollective, Tim'm West hopes that *Fly Brotha* will help break down Hip-Hop's closet door at a time when LGBTQ issues are at the forefront of defining what it means to be "free" and "equal" in America.

Fly Brotha is available at Tim'm's website www.reddirt.biz, as well as CDbaby, iTunes, Amazon.com, bandcamp.com, and various other internet music outlets.