



Yung Joc **Meet the Mayor of New Joc City**

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By now you've heard the rim-bending rhythms of Atlanta-based hip-hopper Yung Joc, like "It's Goin' Down" and "I Know You See It" off his hit album *New Joc City*. You also may have caught him at the *MTV Video Music Awards* where he was nominated for Best Rap Artist.

Yung Joc took time out of his crazy schedule to chat with SOAK in between doing interviews...and making a few stops along the way.

SOAK: What was today like, in the life of Yung Joc?

Yung Joc: Today, it went like this: Got off a plane, went to a high school, got on radio shows, got on more radio shows, did video shows, did live interviews, and more shows after that. And then I got to go to the mall. And on my way, we stopped to get some condoms.

SOAK: You're a young guy. What's it like fly-ing around from city to city doing interviews while having a hit album on the shelves?

Yung Joc: It's like I know what I'm doing and that I'm doing something with myself, you know, making money and doing something I love to do.

SOAK: Do you get any special perks now that you have tasted fame?

Yung Joc: Sure. Lots of free stuff. All types of parties. Can't beat free shoes and clothes. Waiting for some cars next. [laughs]

SOAK: And I'm sure you get to meet a lot of famous people along the way.

Yung Joc: I've had the chance to hang out with everybody from Slick Rick, Busta Rhymes, Jay-Z, Beyonce, and on and on.

SOAK: What first got you into wanting to jump into the rap and hip-hop community?

Yung Joc: I just wanted to emulate the people I grew up looking up to.

SOAK: Growing up, what kind of hip-hop idols did you adore?

Yung Joc: Slick Rick and other legends.

SOAK: At such a young age, you're starting to set the bar high for your career.

Yung Joc: I don't take it for granted. The Lord has been good to me. I mean, I try to take advantage of every opportunity I get. I have a possibility to be one of those moguls and I want to make it happen.

SOAK: Any plans for a future tour?

Yung Joc: Sure. I'm just ready to have a good time, man, and give the world the chance to see what I do. We want to have a big production. Everything I do is going to be really off-the-chain; it's not going to be half-assed.

Check out more of Yung Joc at yungjoc.com

