



## JEAN GRAE

(A.K.A.  
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Skills; that's what she is. Please don't call her a rapper, it's MC. Bet you didn't know she was an engineer, too, plus she produce. The South African born, NYC bred been out here for more than 5 years doing her thing and she still ain't blown. She's not alone, though. There's too many playas around the way (Apani B. Fly, Breeze Evaflowin', 5<sup>th</sup> Platoon, Juggaknots, Survival Sounds, Lyric) that's been radio ready but never seem to get put on. Instead, they get passed over for toys with not even half the talent or potential. I axed her about this phenomenon and she skooled me to the anomalies of the industry. It seems record labels aren't exactly looking for someone with artistic creativity. A + R's may say they want someone whose developed, but when you step to them with your finished project, there's no room to mold or shape you. Because of the way the game is played today where everything is easily categorized and labeled, it's essential for the record company to be able to make you into whatever they want you to be in order for them to get that money. If you're not down to morph, ain't nothing happening.

*"In essence, you're working for them. They're pimping you. They want some hungry hoes and if you're not necessarily that, they don't know what to do with you."*

It doesn't matter. She gonna get over still. Right now, the concentration is more on putting out her own stuff as opposed to getting signed. No stranger to the game, she's even had her own label (Makin' Records). Get ready for the raw kiss.

Here's a brief discography of discos she's done lyrical electric boogaloo to. Blessings:

Natural Resource (as Negro League)- "baseball" "they lied" "bum deal"  
Makin' Records 1996

Herbaliser- Blow Your Headphones lp - "the blend" "New and improved" "Bring it"  
Ninjatune 1997

Natural Resource - "they lied remix" "i love this world"  
Makin' records 1997

Natural Resource - "can it" (Japanese import)  
Flying Pupa Records 1998

Pumpkinhead - "Dynamic Remix"  
Makin' records 1998

The Bad Seed - "shit is hot"  
Makin records 1998

Apani B Fly - 12" "estrageen"  
QBORO 1998

The High And Mighty- Home Field Advantage lp - "hands on experience pt. II"  
Rawkus 1999

Mumia 911 (benifit LP) - "mumia 911"  
1999

Hip Hop 4 respect  
Rawkus 1999

Don Scavone - 12" - "three and out"  
Landspeed 1999

O.B.S EP-double 12" - "Pure Hell" "swimming with sharks"  
Makin'/Landspeed 2000

Herbaliser- very mercenary lp - "mission improbable" "let it go"  
Ninjatune 2000 import

Tec 9 - simply Tec 9 lp - "make it hot" "brooklon"  
import. 2000

Skeme team - Plan B limited release lp - "keep livin"  
2000

Lyricist Lounge Tour lp - "keep livin"  
Open Mic 2000

production:  
Nat Re.- "baseball"  
Pumpkinhead - "dynamic" "dynamic remix"  
The Bad Seed- "dem Grits", "shit is hot"  
OBS - "pure hell" (co production)

Upcoming releases:

Jean Grae 12" release "get it" "lokdown"  
2001 independent  
Beatminerz LP "shut the f\*ck up" Rawkus 2001  
Mr. Len LP "Pity the fool"