

## MEDIA UPDATE

# Six of the biggest names in Chinese hip-hop to take centre-stage at MARQUEE Singapore this April



Six A-list Chinese rappers will be performing live at MARQUEE Singapore this April as part of the China Hip-Hop Power Live show

SINGAPORE (3 April 2023) – Chinese hip-hop power will reign supreme at MARQUEE Singapore as the entertainment powerhouse brings together some of the industry's biggest names for one spectacular evening. This event marks MARQUEE's inaugural hip-hop music showcase that will exclusively feature some of the genre's most popular artists from China.

Showcasing the best of China's hip-hop music scene, A-list rappers GAI, KnowKnow, Melo, PSY.P, TizzyT, and Vinida Weng<sup>1</sup> will be making their grand debut on Saturday, 29 April as part of MARQUEE's **China Hip-Hop Power Live** show. The sextet will be fueling the mainstage with their energetic dance-rap tracks for a two-hour live performance.

Hot on the heels of a successful series of sold-out concerts and celebrity showcases at Marina Bay Sands, MARQUEE's *China Hip-Hop Power Live* show will be the next highly anticipated event to be brought to the integrated resort under *Sands Live*, which has already seen performances by Joey Yung and Hacken Lee in the last month.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rappers are listed in alphabetical order.



Set to bring his own unique brand of rap to the stage, Chinese rapper, singer, and songwriter GAI is known for being a trailblazer in the Chinese hip-hop scene. GAI, who started out as an underground rapper in his early days and invented a subgenre of Trap music known as "C-Trap", shot to international fame after his triumphant victory on a Chinese rap competition show. Since then, he has become one of the most successful Chinese hip-hop stars in China today, serving as both mentor and producer in a series of popular competition shows.

Joining him on stage is rap music prodigy KnowKnow, also known as the lead rapper of pioneering Chinese hip-hop group Higher Brothers. In 2017, Higher Brothers had the world in a chokehold after releasing a string of singles that went viral globally. Since his debut, KnowKnow has released a personal mixtape titled "MEDM" and two other solo albums "Mr. Enjoy Da Money" and "Mr. EnjoyDa Money2: Knowbody", proving his mettle with punchy raps and distinct lyrical style. His slew of hit tracks have also garnered over 450 million streams worldwide.

Next in the line-up of rap icons performing at MARQUEE is Chengdu-based rapper and Higher Brothers member Melo. He rose to fame together with the rest of Higher Brothers after they released their hit track "Made in China", propelling them to the world stage with The New York Times labelling them as "the superstar in today's Chinese rap industry". As a solo artist, Melo has released his debut album "Old Master" in 2022, with tracks boasting his trademark old school, boom bap style and unique rapping chops.

The third Higher Brothers member gracing the stage is PSY.P. Together with the other members of Higher Brothers, he has toured Asia and North America, and collaborated with renowned hiphop luminaries such as Denzel Curry and Soulja Boy. Like his group members, PSY.P has also embarked on his own successful solo venture. He dropped his latest single "I Know I will Lose" in 2022, surprising fans with an entirely different sound as he opted for a softer, sentimental approach which showcased his vocal dexterity.

TizzyT, one of the most influential rap stars in China, will also be staging a spectacular performance for the showcase. Apart from his illustrious music career, he is also an actor and a producer. The multi-talented star has independently produced a tirade of hip-hop hit singles, such as "Downtown" (市中心) and "Nightmare" (噩梦). He has also participated in and won a series of beat-boxing and hip-hop competitions, and has since been making waves in a number of hip-hop-themed variety shows and music festivals across China.

Closing the show is queen of Chinese rap, Vinida Weng – a singer-songwriter recognised for her distinctive vocals and rap style. She gained immense fame from participating in a popular rap competition show, and promptly became a notable name in the hip-hop industry. The rapper is known for pioneering a new sound in hip-hop with her fusion of R&B, US hip-hop, and trap with her poetic lyrical flair. Her undisputed talent and high-energy performances have led her to amass a vast fanbase since her debut.

In celebration of MARQUEE's anniversary month, the venue is presenting an all-star line-up of renowned DJ acts in April. The highly sought-after power players coming to perform at MARQUEE include Sebastian Ingrosso, Meduza, James Hype, and Da Tweekaz. On 15 April, one of EDM genre's most celebrated artists, Sebastian Ingrosso from the Swedish House Mafia, will be helming the decks to deliver a tirade of his greatest smash-hits. Come 22 April, party-goers can look forward to a show that will rumble the dance floor as the Italian trio Meduza will be bringing their electrifying beats to the venue. Next in the series of EDM giants is James Hype – one



of UK's hottest DJs and producers – who will be bringing his hit-packed mashups to set the dancefloor alight on 28 April. Ending the anniversary month on a high note, Norwegian hardstyle music duo Da Tweekaz will take the stage on 30 April to deliver an energetic and upbeat performance.

For more ticketing details, please refer to the table below.

### Ticketing details:

China Hip-Hop	General Admission:
Power Live	General admission tickets have sold out.
Doors open at 9pm	
with the first act	Table reservations:
commencing at	Tables are available for reservation.
11pm.	• For table reservations and enquiries, e-mail
	marquee.reservations@marinabaysands.com or call +65 6688 8660.
MARQUEE	General Admission:
Singapore's April	• Tickets to MARQUEE's shows in April are available on MARQUEE
line-up of guest	Singapore's <u>website</u> .
DJs	• Limited tickets will be made available at the door on the event day.
	Table reservations:
	• For table reservations and enquiries, e-mail
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