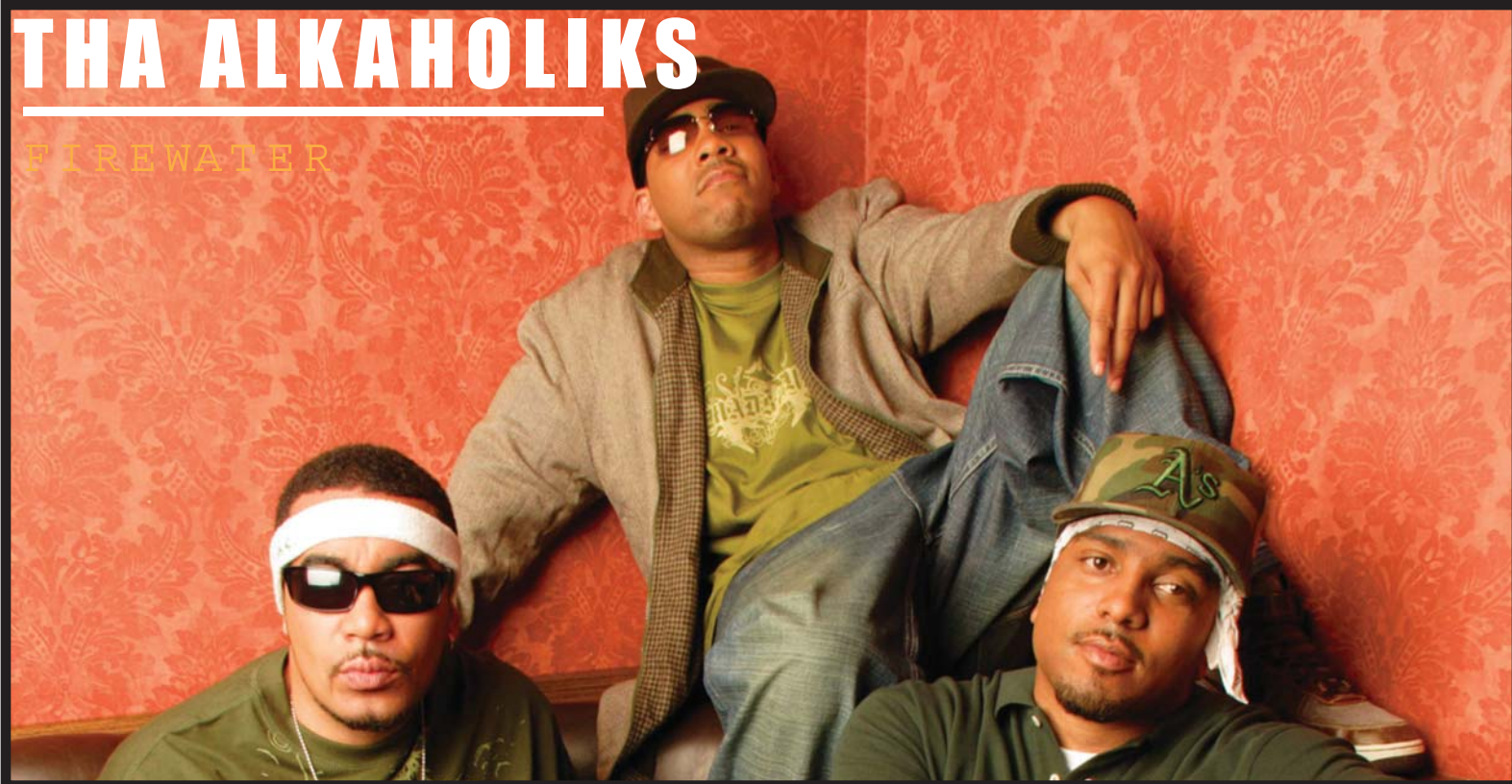


# THA ALKAHOLIKS

## FIREWATER



### Where you been?

J-Ro: We been workin' dawg takin' our time getting' the album together. You know tourin' a lot for the last two years and after loud records folded we had to go through all the red tape on the new label, we went to two new labels after that so its been a long process we been working this whole time recorded so many songs songs in the hiatus. We wanted to make it right man. You know we just took our time doin' non stop for over ten years. Now that we older now we gone back even more to the 90s just because we feel like we got to educate all the new kids coming up about the hip hop music that we grew up listening to the originality and being distinct. Goin' back to our *21 & Over* on this one we been all over the world in front of million of fans, we got a lot of input from the fans which helped us determine which way we go with the music. Lot of people don't want us to change, pretty much we do what we doin'. We just took it back to *21 & Over* real spontaneous not really trying to keep up with what's going on as far as changing our sound. We come from an era where lyrics are everything the beats are always

gonna be there.

### Tash what are you doin' in Europe?

I'm doin' my solo album partying out here.

### Where are you?

I'm in Copenhagen.

### What about mainstream rap?

A lot of fans out here a lot of hip hop.

### Are the white girls freaky out there?

(Laughs) I got one sitting next to me right now. You want to talk to her ask her?

### (More laughs) Naw I'm cool I'll take your word.

### What about mainstream rap?

I don't know why everyone is bitchin about that but that's what mainstream is doing right now we listening to underground hip hop. We group up on it in the game. We liked the Big Daddy Kane we liked X-Clan, whatever it wasn't mainstream then you had to watch that Friday Night. There's a lot of groups like out there you gotta get on that internet you know go to the record store and buy that shit. I blame it on the fans, I don't blame it on the rappers and shit everybody gonna have their different styles anyway. It takes wack ass

people to make other people look good so I'm happy with hip hop right now.

### Is this album party like all the ole shit?

Its pretty much the party model...If you got a copy of *21 & Over* basically its the same album all over again. Party down lyrics that brings happiness and joy to hip hop instead of shoot 'em up bang bang songs, you know criminal sellin' drugs and shit.

### Are you still doing collabs with King Tee?

King Tees on the album you know we still got our Liks crew runnin' strong, we do have a lot of guest appearances on this album. We wanted to kick it like really inhouse again...You know how we like to introduce new cats to the game. It's like us man like Tash says. We do what we do best havin' fun on the mic we doin' what we doin' for the last decade.

### How long you been rapping fifteen years?

Actually its been longer then that been about 23.

### What else you have planned besides *Firewater*? Tash is doing a solo what about you E-Swift?

J-Ro is doing a solo album we finally going to put out a whole new album probably later this year, do whatever. A

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