**Al Kapone aka Al Kapeezy bio**

Alphonzo Bailey, professionally known as Al Kapone aka Al Kapeezy is a Memphis rap pioneer, Multi-platinum songwriter, community service advocate, and the Community Outreach/Music Consultant for the Memphis and Shelby County Film & TV Commission.

Born and raised in a city rich with music history, The Memphis native found himself along with other peers following in their soul and blues forefathers footsteps developing a new southern hip hop sound that would later become the Memphis rap standard influencing modern hip hop around the world.

While helping to pioneer the Memphis Rap sound, Kapone would also write and produce songs for the cult classic film Hustle and Flow. The film’s Oscar winning music would earn Al a Critic’s Choice Award and would also write and produce "Whoop That Trick" the Memphis Grizzlies, University of Memphis, and rising WWE NXT star Trick Williams’ fan chant song. This led Kapone to write and produce music for other films such as Cadillac Records feat. multi platinum megastar Beyonce and the recently released animated Paramount film “Rumble” to name a few. Al would also go on to co-write top 10 Billboard hits reaching gold and platinum sales making Kapone a multi-platinum songwriter. Al also became one of the first hip hop artist to become president of the Grammy Chapter in Memphis.

Al never stopped developing his own music career as an artist/performer, still innovating with a new blend of blues, soul and rap releasing an EP on all streaming platforms called “The Blues Rap Mane.” Becoming the first hip hop artist to win awards from the Blues Society, The Memphis Black Arts Alliance and the WC Handy authentic Beale Street Musician Award. Al now provides an education initiative explaining the similarities of blues and rap, as well as the art of songwriting at schools like Berklee College of Music: <https://www.berklee.edu/berklee-now/news/memphis-rapper-al-kapone-brings-blues-education-to-berklee>.

Al also takes great pride mentoring students at inner city schools and colleges and providing time and resources to support great foundations like: St. Jude, Red Cross, United Way, Heal the Hood, Make A Wish, etc. For more info go to Al’s website:

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