

HOTTEST MUSIC FOR SPRING

On *The Early Show* on Friday, April 17, 2009, Joe Levy, editor in chief of Maxim magazine (www.maxim.com), had great news for hip-hop and country music lovers: Their favorite artists are going to **RULE** the spring and summer airwaves. Then he gave the best bet for classic rock, and a countdown of the five most popular MP3 downloads, if you can't wait to update to music library!:

Hip Hop will Rule the Spring!

Rick Ross -- "Deeper Than Rap" (release date March 24)
Eminem -- "Relapse" (release date May 19)
50 Cent -- "Before I Self Destruct" (release date pending - see below)

"Classic" Rock Favorites

Dylan -- "Together Through Life" (release date April 28)
Neil Young -- "Fork in the Road" (release date April 7)
Dave Matthews Band -- "Big Whiskey and the Groogrux King" (release date June 2)

Country Favorites

Martina McBride - "Shine" (release date March 24)
- Her last album, "Waking Up Laughing" (release date 2007)
Rascal Flatts - "Unstoppable" (release date April 7)
- Single out now, shooting to top of charts

Must-have downloads right now include:

1. Yeah Yeah Yeahs - single "Zero" from new album "It's Blitz" is due out March 31
2. Flo Rida, "Right Round" - number one on iTunes now
3. Lady Gaga "Poker Face" - two big singles from her first album,
4. Kelly Clarkson "I Do Not Hook Up" - Blender cover girl; third studio album; performed song on SNL
5. Feist and Ben Gibbard - "Train Song" -- Feist is best known for the popular 2007 hit, "1234" used in the commercial for iPod Nano