

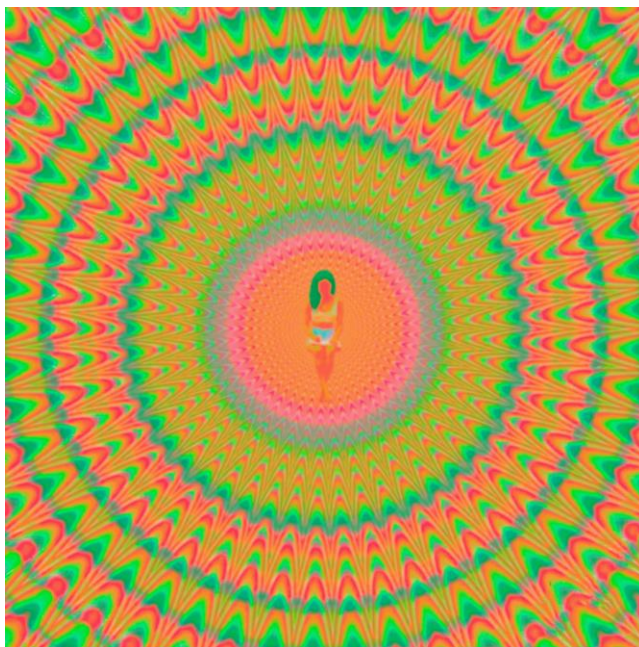


**JHENÉ AIKO TAKES FANS ON A MYSTICAL JOURNEY WITH
RELEASE OF NEW ALBUM 'TRIP' - A 22-SONG MASTERWORK OF
LOVE, LOSS & DISCOVERY - ARRIVING TODAY VIA DEF JAM
RECORDINGS**

**OVER A DECADE IN THE MAKING, JHENE'S PSYCHEDELIC SOUL
OPUS EXPLORES A DEEPLY PERSONAL VOYAGE**

**GUEST APPEARANCES INCLUDE BIG SEAN, JOHN MAYER, SWAE
LEE, KURUPT, CHRIS BROWN & BRANDY**

**TRIP IS ACCOMPANIED BY AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SHORT
FILM WRITTEN, CO-DIRECTED AND STARRING JHENÉ, AS WELL AS
A FORTHCOMING POETRY BOOK WRITTEN BY JHENÉ**



LISTEN TO 'TRIP' HERE: <https://JheneAiko.lnk.to/Trip>

(Sept. 22, 2017 – New York, NY) Grammy®-nominated multi-platinum singer/songwriter **Jhené Aiko** wowed her legion of fans today with the surprise release of **TRIP**, her life-affirming new album arriving today via **Def Jam Recordings**. A masterwork more than a decade in the making – when Jhene first began writing the poetry that would evolve into the lyrics for this album - **TRIP** is accompanied by a short film of the same name, which Jhene wrote and directed, with help from her friend, screenwriter Tracy Oliver (Girls Trip). View the film **HERE**. Jhene has also released a touching **“mission statement,”** that details the inspiration for, and intent of, this massive project.

“In sharing this...I hope to inspire others to share their own mistakes, imperfections and fears,” Jhene writes. “I believe in doing so we can understand each other better and realize we are more alike than different..I hope to inspire others to share their grief and pain because I believe suffering can be alleviated when we understand we are not going through any of it alone.”

TRIP will take listeners through the unique odyssey of love and loss, heartbreak and discovery that **Jhené** has endured over the past decade, witnessed closely by her loyal fans. Recorded in her native Los Angeles over the course of four years, the album comprises 22 astonishing songs and clocks in at 90 minutes, with guest appearances by **Big Sean, John Mayer, Swae Lee, Kurupt, Chris Brown** and **Brandy**, among others.

TRIP has already been characterized as nothing less than the artist’s magnum opus, a fascinating once-in-a-career project. Her fans have stood beside **Jhené** through the changes that have rocked her life and career these past years – the tragic loss of her brother to cancer in 2012 and her journey to try to manage her grief through relationships, substances and art. **TRIP** evolves into a psychedelic soul opus, a tone poem on love, loss and self-discovery.

TRIP TRACKLIST:

LSD
Jukai
While We’re Young
Moments *feat. Big Sean*
OLLA (Only Lovers Left Alive) *feat. Twenty88*
When We Love
Sativa *feat. Swae Lee*
New Balance
Newer Balance (freestyle)
You Are Here
Never Call Me *feat. Kurupt*
Nobody
Overstimulated
Bad Trip (Interlude)
Oblivion (Creation) *feat. Dr. Chill*
Psilocybin (Love In Full Effect) *feat. Dr. Chill*
Mystic Journey (freestyle)
Picture Perfect (freestyle)
Sing To Me *feat. Namiko Love*
Frequency
Ascension *feat. Brandy*
Trip *feat. Mali Music*

TRIP is the long-awaited follow-up to **Jhené Aiko**'s critically hailed debut album **Souled Out**, which entered the R&B Albums chart at #1 upon its release in 2014, on Artclub/ARTium/Def Jam Recordings. "Jhené Aiko transforms heartbreak, tragedy and existential crises into a dreamy escape," raved *TIME* magazine, with *Pitchfork* declaring, "[the album] surges with a lush, aquatic gravitas, distinctly R&B but never confined to genre conventions." The LP's first single and video, **"The Pressure"** has over **11.1 million** YouTube views to date.

Souled Out took flight on the strength of **Jhené**'s phenomenal #1 debut EP, **Sail Out** (2013), the biggest-selling EP in Def Jam history. **Sail Out** contained Jhené's sizzling #1 crossover hit **"The Worst"** (over **108 million** combined YouTube views to date); **"Bed Peace"** featuring **Childish Gambino** (over **35 million** combined YouTube views); **"3:16am"** (over **13.5 million** combined YouTube views); and collaborations with **Kendrick Lamar** and **Vince Staples**.

In the interim, **Jhené** collaborated with fellow multi-platinum Def Jam superstar **Big Sean** last year on their debut project together, **TWENTY88**. The '70s-centric concept album delved into the highs and lows of the relationship between a famous fictional couple, with insights into conflict, memories, love, sex, and more. Production was featured from Key Wane, Detail and Tommy Brown. The **TWENTY88** duo made their tv debut on ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*

About Jhené Aiko:

Grammy®-nominated singer/songwriter **Jhené Aiko** was already more than a decade deep in the music game when she arrived at Def Jam in 2011; having been featured on singles, albums and mix tapes by A-listers **Kendrick Lamar**, **Wale**, **Big Sean**, **Logic**, **J. Cole**, **Drake**, and many more. Jhené made history when **Sail Out**, her phenomenal #1 debut EP of 2013, became the biggest-selling EP in Def Jam history. The EP's success was propelled by her sizzling BET Award-winning and Grammy®-nominated #1 platinum crossover hit **"The Worst"** (over **108 million** combined YouTube views to date). The momentum kept up when she joined **Drake** on his 39-city North American **Would You Like A Tour?** She appeared with him on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*, which led to her own solo dates on TBS's *Conan*, CBS's *The Late Show* with David Letterman, and NBC Universal's *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. **Jhené**'s brilliant solo album of 2014, **Souled Out** entered the Soundscan R&B chart at #1, containing **"The Pressure,"** described by *Billboard* as "an otherworldly neck-snapper" (over **11 million** combined YouTube views to date). The release of **Souled Out** was celebrated on NBC's *The Today Show*. In 2016, **Jhené** collaborated with fellow multi-platinum Def Jam superstar **Big Sean** on their debut duo project, **TWENTY88**.