

# ROXANNE SHANTÉ



**The year: 1983**

**The Event: Fever Records 'Freestyle Championships'**

The contest was an annual event held at The Fever Night Club. Winners of this prestigious contest have included some of the greatest names in Hip Hop; LL COOL J, FAT BOYS, RUN DMC. The main event was the annual Rap Battle. **ROXANNE SHANTÉ** was the first female to ever enter and win the 'Freestyle Champion/Battle Rapper' competition.

**ROXANNE SHANTÉ** was raised in the Queensbridge Public Housing Projects, in Queens, New York. At the age of 14, Roxanne released her first single "Roxanne's Revenge". It was the first response record for the UTFO track "Roxanne Roxanne". Roxanne prompted 'The Roxanne Wars'. These wars included over 86 response records, all aimed directly at Roxanne Shanté. She was the first female Rapper to have Platinum Singles and Gold Albums. Subsequently, Roxanne became the first internationally known female Rapper. Roxanne also helped launch the careers of the following Hip Hop icons; BIG DADDY KANE, BIZ MARKIE, MC SHAN and NAS. Roxanne Shanté has been an integral influence and role model for many artists in the music industry and empowered female artists in all genres. She is one of the most sampled cross-genre voices; artists such as JANET JACKSON, BLACK EYED PEAS, NAS, JAY Z, J-COLE, BASEMANT JAXX have sampled her.

**ROXANNE SHANTÉ** continues to be one of the most in demand 'Classic' Hip Hop acts. Roxanne has been immortalized in the biographical motion picture "**ROXANNE ROXANNE**", which is Produced by PHARRELL WILLIAMS & FOREST WHITAKER and Executively Produced by Roxanne Shanté. "**ROXANNE ROXANNE**" is released on **NETFLIX** on the 23rd March 2018.

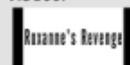
The '**ROXANNE ROXANNE**' World Tour marks the 35th Anniversary of the event that launched the career of the Hip Hop legend, **ROXANNE SHANTÉ** and coincides with the Netflix premier of "Roxanne Roxanne".

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