



## July 2022 - 3S Art Newsletter



*Custom painting on musical instruments or Antiques*

Although my creative medium of choice resides on the canvas and paper (and the occasional guitar or an antique), when I look around, I see creativity everywhere.

And, I don't have to look very far to find incredible creativity. My son, Paul, a civil engineer by day, is also a rap lyricist, musician and singer. (More about Paul and his creative crew later.)

**So, is Rap Music a legit creative art form?** Like many of my generation, I was not a fan of rap music and for the most part I ignored it. However, with more exposure, I've discovered the intense creativity found in rap lyrics and music.

The lyrics and wordplay in a rap song can be extremely engaging and beautiful at the same time. A rap singer can deliver a message, motivate and inspire and address social issues through lyrics. If that's not an art form, what is?

The wordplay of some rap artists is amazing. One of the most obvious example of an accessible, creative, artistic, genius is Lin-Manuel Miranda and what he created in his Broadway shows, "In the Heights" and "Hamilton"

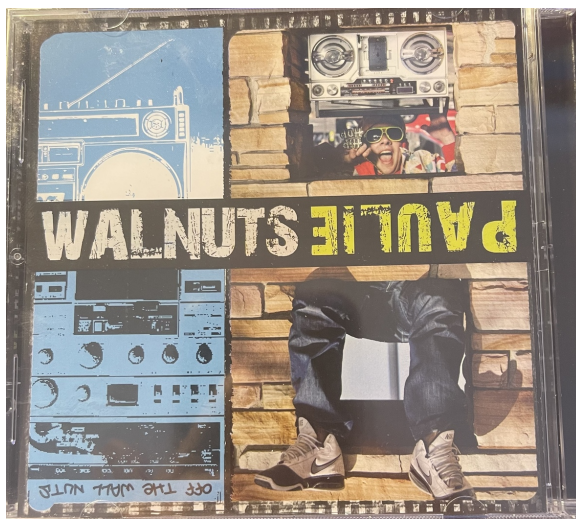
what he created in his Broadway shows, *In the Heights* and *Hamilton*.

**So, yes! Clearly rap music is a creative art form.**

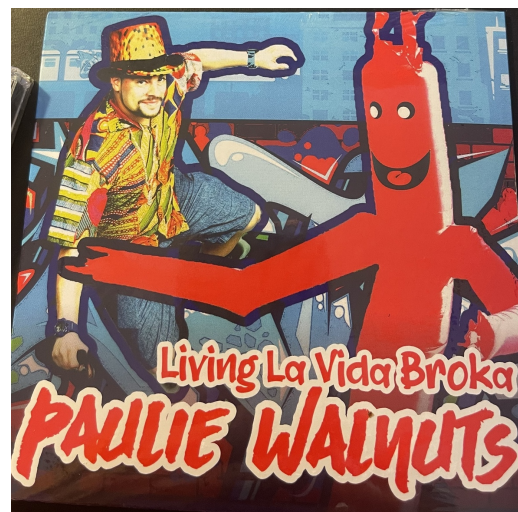
Now, more about my son Paul, aka, Paulie Walnuts.

Paul has always been the “entertainer” in our family so it was not surprising that he wrote and produced his first rap album in 2011. Since then, he’s written more songs and recently released his new album “Living La Vida Broka” and there’s no sign of his stopping. Here are his latest CDs.

I know you’ll enjoy. A couple of my favorites are...1. M Town Finest, 2. Put it Down, 3. Day Dreaming and 4 . Tube Man Dance



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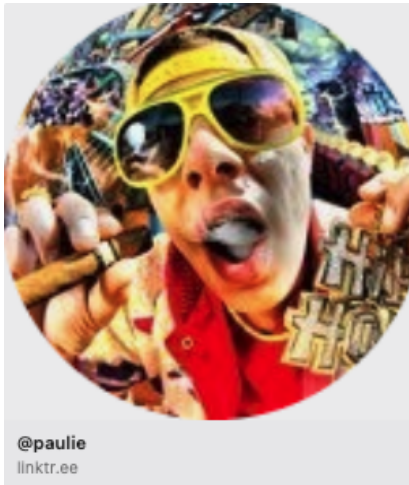
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PAULIE WALNUTS  
feat. Erika Alexa  
Song: "PUT IT DOWN"  
Album: "OFF THE WALL NUTS"  
Music Beat by Jay Cummings  
Dir. Ronald J. Tomaino, Jr.

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Paulie Walnuts - Off the Wall Nuts - Put it Down (feat. Erika Alexa)

*Watch the music video*



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**Samples of songs** from the second Album.

Click on the photo on the left. Make sure you listen to the new dance song rap (Song #4 on the album) called "The Tube Man Dance" which is taking Jersey City by storm.

## **Collaboration is key**

I believe one of the draws for Paul to this art form is his love of collaboration with all the other artists necessary to create his artistic vision. (At times, he's even drafted my wife and I and other family and friends to get in on the action.) Other important artistic collaborators are the sound and audio engineers.

### **What roles do the sound and audio engineers play in the artistic process?**

Firstly, audio engineers and sound engineers are terms that are often used interchangeably. However, most use 'audio engineer' to refer to recording or studio work, and 'sound engineer' to refer to live concerts and events.

Sound engineers use their trained musical ears and knowledge of acoustics to generate the best sound quality for various venues. Sound engineers don't necessarily just work in music but they mix, reproduce, and manipulate the equalization and electronic effects of sound.

An audio engineer can also be known as a recording engineer. They help with recording, balancing and adjusting sound sources through the use of equalisation, audio effects, mixing, reproduction as well as reinforcement of sound.

Instruments along with technology are used to produce sound for film, radio, television, music and video games. The audio engineer ultimately works on all the technical aspects of a recording, which can include placement of

microphones, pre-amp, knobs and setting of levels.

It can take a village for Paul to realize his artistic vision. For me, it's more of a solitary pursuit, unless of course, I need help sharpening my pencils.

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