

# Kid Cudi

THE LONELY STONER MC AIMS TO MAKE G.O.O.D. ON HIS PROMISE WITH AN LP THIS YEAR.  
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**XWHO:** Scott Mescudi, 25-year-old Cleveland native who gained cult status and a Kanye co-sign last year with his astronaut anthem "Day N Night"; plans to release debut LP on "Ye's G.O.O.D. Music" this year.

**XHOW:** Relocated to New York at the age of 20 carrying a five-song demo. He eventually pushed "Day N Night" as a single via DJ A-Trak's Fool's Gold label, following with the celebrated mixtape *A Kid Named Cudi*.

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**XOHIO LOVE:** "You know what the East Coast sounds like. Ohio doesn't really have an identity. That's one of my goals: to establish that Midwest shit. The melodies play a powerful part because they really hit people and give you that catchy feel, like Bone Thugs and Nelly."

**XPRO-TE-'YE:** "Protégés are people that are molded by somebody. I was molded by God. Yeah, everybody likes the title: 'Kanye's protégé Kid Cudi.' But what's cool about working with Kanye is that he understood my shit. He's not trying to change anything that I have going on."

**XFEAR OF A KID PLANET:** "A lot of people are going to be thrown off by my album. You're going to think I'm a lunatic or a genius; it's not going to be any in between."

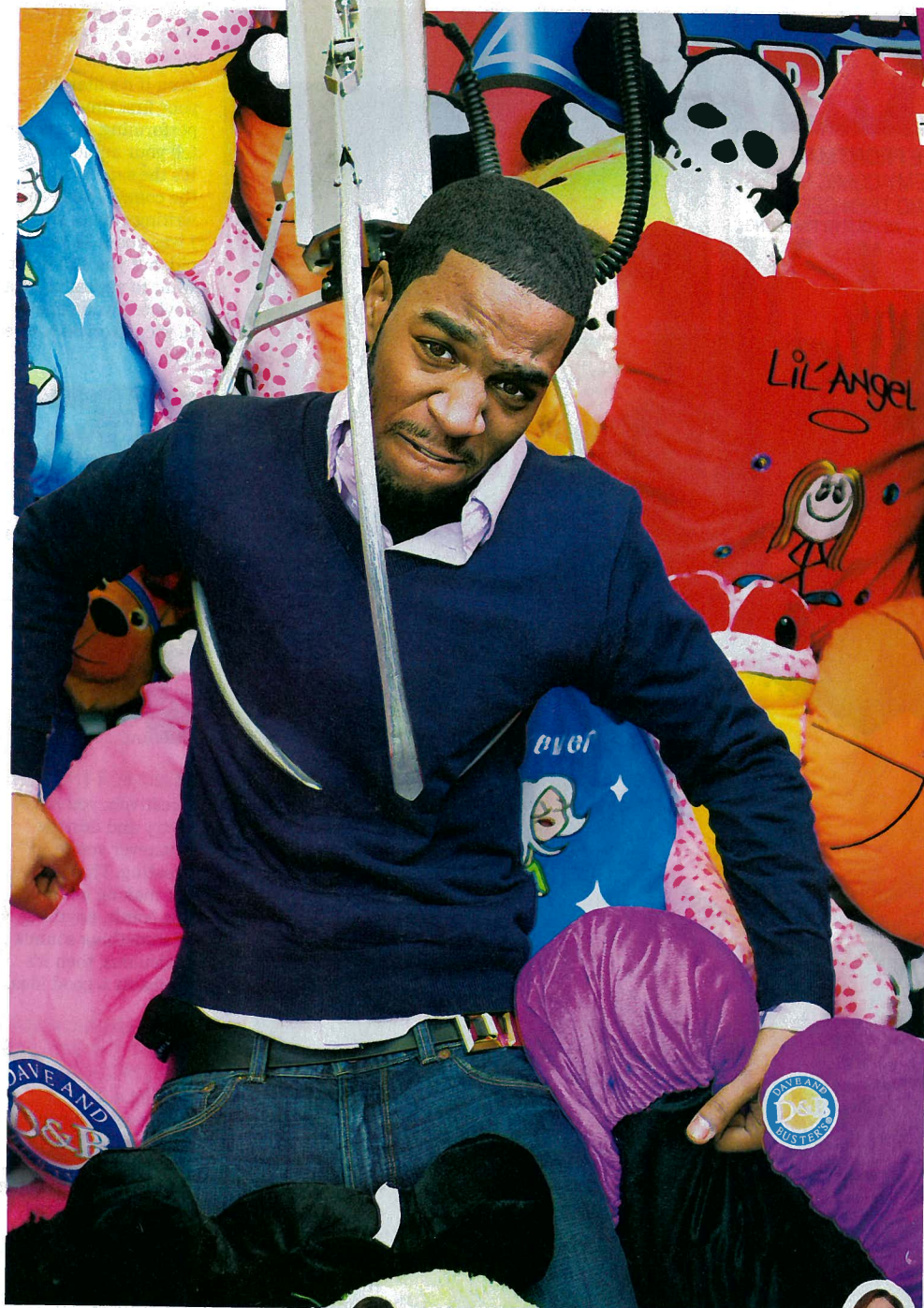


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## ERIE RESEMBLANCE

Cudi's not the first far-out artist to emerge from Cleveland. We connect with four more natives of the Moonraker by the Lake.



### Halle Berry

Named after a Cleveland department store, Halle went on to be crowned Miss World USA. Then she showed off her Cuyahogans in *Swordfish* (a.k.a. "The Movie Where Halle Berry Appears Topless").



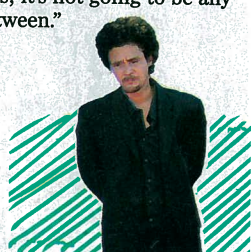
### Carl Walz

A veteran of four space flights, C-Ray Walz' distant cousin C-Dub (as his NASA pals call him) logged 231 days in space and served as lead singer for Max Q, a rock band composed of fellow 'nauts.



### Molly Shannon

This Hawken School grad was inspired to develop the trademark move of her SNL character Mary Katherine Gallagher when she realized her armpits smelled just like the Browns' locker room.



### Bizzy Bone

After speaking in tongues a few years ago, the former Bone Thug claimed to have found the Lord (apparently He was hanging out at the hair-supply spot where Bizzy buys his activator...by the case).

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