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## R&B ALTERNATIVES

### PARTYNEXTDOOR

**PARTYNEXTDOOR 2**

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PRODUCTION: PARTYNEXTDOOR, RY, NEENYO



**"T**he summer's over," word to Jahron Anthony Brathwaite, better known as PARTYNEXTDOOR. His second album, *PARTYNEXTDOOR 2* has everyone ready to wind down into the Autumn months, preferably with a boo or three.

Drake's protégé has garnered hundreds of thousands of fans since his infectious self-titled debut released last summer, and with his second musical installment, his fan base has continued to grow worldwide with no signs of slowing down.

PARTY provides a great follow-up to his first album, as he croons about more of his past and present lovers on *PND 2*, providing us with a surplus of over-sexualized lyrics laid intricately on top of heavy bass-induced beats. From the echoing effect heard on the album's opener, "East Liberty," to the slowed and throwed ending on "Bout It" and "Muse," PARTY proves that he knows what a hit should sound like.

His style is very reminiscent of 90's R&B, so it isn't surprising that he used songs from "back in the day" as samples. On "Thirsty," Missy Elliot's "Ching-A-Ling" is slowed down as PARTY fawns over his love interest, not too proud to let her know what he'll do for her if she "brings it over." Even Ginuwine and Dru Hill hits can be heard on "Muse" and "SLS," respectively. The most surprising sample, however, may be on the catchy track "Sex On The Beach," which infuses elements of Disclosure and Sam Smith's 2012 smash, "Latch."

The R&B upstart has definitely made a name for himself with *PARTYNEXTDOOR 2*, not only giving us lusty feels, but an album to chill to as the colder days begin to roll in. The album's second single, "Recognize," with Drake is steadily making its way up the charts, and *PND 2*'s first official release, "Her Way," is already popular with the ladies. Though his escapades may have you thinking he's a man with years of experience, PARTYNEXTDOOR does not hide the fact that he's only 21 with plans to shut the R&B game down with the rest of his labelmates. So cozy up with your lover and enjoy *PND 2* and prepare yourself to experience a feeling only Mr. Brathwaite can bring you. —KAIRI COE

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