

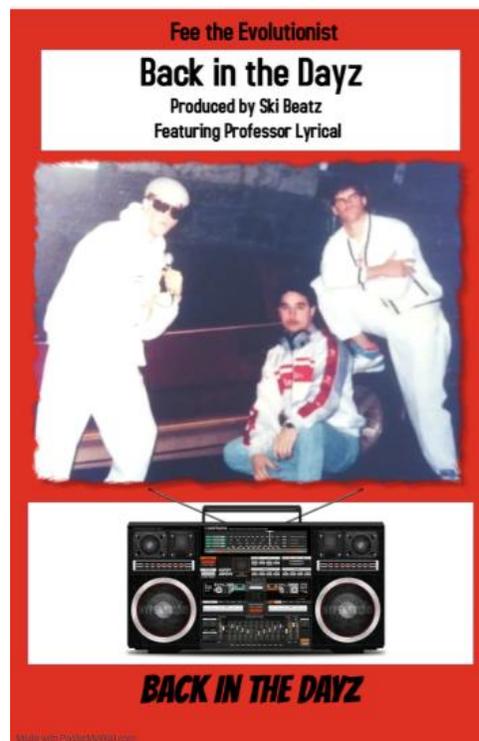
Dec 25th, **X-Cal** drops, **Ski Beatz** produced, **Rok-A-Bloc/Reasonable Doubt** 25th anniversary tribute record - "**Back in the Dayz**"



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Nashua, NH; NYC; Lowell, MA; Washington, DC: Christmas Day (2021), **Fee the Evolutionist** will indeed be blessing us with yet another musical gift. Fresh off the heels of releasing the critically acclaimed “Beast over Beats,” a down-the-line single featuring a ton of New England-based talent—including Pro Lyrical—Fee brings us the release “Back in the Dayz,” again featuring **Professor Lyrical** (Lord Plourde of X-Caliber/Lyrical of Invasion/Pro of ProQuo) as well as soul songstress **Ruby Shabazz** (Ruby & The Rhythm/One Love/Fee and the Evolutionists). Lyrical and Ruby are both members of Fee’s own legendary Lowell-based rap group X-Cal, which released several underground classic records in the late 1990s (“Butta Messenga,” “Brand Name Women,” “Don’t Make it Hard,” etc.) produced by **Syntax** and released on its own imprint, Fat Sam Records.

“Back in the Dayz” is produced by platinum producer **Ski Beatz** and serves as a tribute on multiple levels. Perhaps most notably, the track commemorates a celebration of the 25th anniversary of arguably the greatest album in hip hop history—*Reasonable Doubt* by **Jay-Z**. *Reasonable Doubt* contains four songs produced by Ski, whom at the time was also producing Fee and Lord Plourde of X-Caliber just before and after sessions with Jay-Z (as well as **Camp Lo** and many others affiliated with Ski’s Roc-A-Blok brand) at both his Uptown home studio and at legendary D&D Studios. Under Ski’s tutelage and mentorship, X-Cal (Fee, Lord Plourde, Ruby Shabazz, and Syntax) would develop its own Ski-inspired sound that also permeated across Roc-A-Blok affiliated artists and would land the X-Cal crew multiple songs on playlists and charts across the country and cementing them as a fixture of Massachusetts Hip Hop history and folklore. Though Fee, Lyrical, and Ruby have collaborated since X-Caliber, this record marks the first time in over twenty years that the three principal members of X-Cal have united to record and publish their own major single release. Enjoy and spread the gift of “Back in the Dayz” now!



Pictured L to R: Cruz Master Fee, DJ Luis “Col Medina (Producer of X-Caliber’s first 12-inch single), & “Lyrical” Lord Plourde
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