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A Rap Review: *Ktown -- an unheard truth*

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Our attention is spent a lot on musical artists who give us pure entertainment for a brief moment. In hip-hop/rap, you can spend up to your last dollar on just that, but if you're actually out to listen to something that makes sense, then Asia Continental a.k.a The Golden Child has something to tell you.

His new CD Single *K-Town* is a journal of collective thoughts that speak to you with an underground beat. You can hear his style penetrate each rhyme with sync which could not seem to be better than it already

is. Straying far from the usual formula brought on by today's Southern rappers, his message is reminiscent of that of Tupac Shakur and many old school artists whose first intention was to put down the pen for the microphone. He helps you visualize *K-Town* (Koreatown) without sugarcoating the problems they face from a point of view that makes you wonder about life.

Passion is the second single included on the CD which is just as good if not better than *K-Town*. The song is perfectly named and brings out most of the CD's color. The lyrics are far more intense and they

are followed by a smooth melancholy beat gripping the song at its height until the very end. While *K-Town* shines on a troubled community,

Passion explores his own soul. Asia gives his best in this song. The prime underground sound, with a gritty tone is what gives the CD its passion. It's good to see more artists in touch with their community and using their talent to vocalize what they have witnessed. *Koreatown* is a true testimonial to a present day battle that stretches far beyond our television sets. Hands down, this is one of the very best of Houston's talents. The underground

hip-hop scene has new roots to grow from and Asia is leading the pack in Houston. He brings forth a real message instead of telling us how much ice he has around his neck or about his 20-inch rims. Times, they are a changin'. Some similar artists are: Aesop Rock, Jurassic Five, Tupac Shakur, NWA, Dead Prez

Asia Continental a.k.a The Golden Child - *KoreaTown*, can be found at Soundwaves at 3509 Montrose (in the rap section) and Cactus Music at 2930 S. Shepherd in the local section.