

05-06 Music



▲ With *Late Registration*, Kanye West maintains his status as hip-hop's top dog, landing on top of *Rolling Stone's* Top 50 Albums of 2005.



▲ Reggaeton, which blends influences of hip-hop, Jamaican reggae and dancehall with Latin American bomba and plena, reaches its height in popularity in 2005.

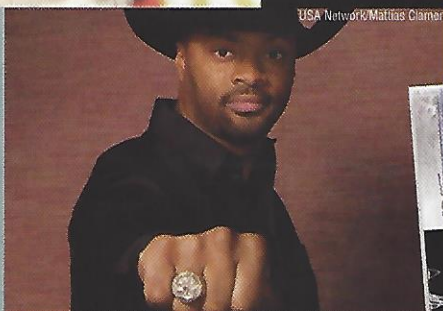


▲ Seattle indie favorites Death Cab for Cutie break into the mainstream with the album *Plans* and "Directions," a series of 12 short films.



▲ Eight years after the death of former lead singer Michael Hutchence, Australian rock band INXS selects new frontman J.D. Fortune on the CBS show "Rock Star: INXS."

▶ University of Texas grad Cowboy Troy bursts onto the country scene with a new music genre, "hick-hop," which he proudly displays on his class ring.



▶ Strong releases by Kelly Clarkson, Shakira, Mariah Carey and Gwen Stefani rule the music scene. Carey's *The Emancipation of Mimi* earns eight Grammy nominations and is the top-selling album of 2005.



2006 Best New Artist Grammy Nominations

- Ciara
- Fall Out Boy
- Keane
- John Legend
- Sugarland