

# **WATTSY MUSIC PRESS RELEASE**

## **JAMES 'SLICK' WATTS NOMINATED FOR THE 2008 UNDERGROUND MUSIC AWARDS**

*Watts is nominated as Best Midwest Artist for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual UMA Awards in NYC.  
Voting now taking place online now at [www.HipHopPalace.com](http://www.HipHopPalace.com)*

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New York, New York – Ohio native, James 'Slick' Watts has been nominated as "Best Midwest Artist" and will be a presenter at the Underground Music Awards. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual event will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the B.B. King Theater in Time Square, New York City with special guest hip hop legend KRS-1. This national award show in 2007 received extensive media coverage from MTV, Clear Channel's Power 105.1FM, the Source Magazine and AllHipHop.com. Previous winners include Lupe Fiasco, MIMS, Styles P, Kid Capri, Lil Mamma and many more. "Coming from a small town in Ohio to be recognized by the UMA's in New York City, the birthplace of hip hop on a national stage is an unexpected honor" Slick said. "It just let's you know that dreams can become reality because this is now a reality to me."

In 2007, Slick Watts released his first major project his mixtape 25 to LIFE hosted by one of the nation's top DJ's, Mick Boogie. After releasing this project Slick was nominated for four Ohio Hip Hop Awards including: Best New Artist, Best Mixtape Artist, Single of the Year and Best Live Performance. Slick was featured in True Magazine as the "I Got Next" artist in the April issue and on the cover featuring BunB, YoRaps.com has interviewed him in their "Next 2 Blow" section as well as Urbansteez.com's "Unsigned Hype" section. Slick Watts has also been featured on hip hop websites nationwide on AllHipHop.com, RapMullet.com and WWSMag.com. He has appeared on other mixtapes or radio shows for DJ's from around the globe such as: DJ Ophax (Team AFFicial – France), DJ Blazita (Justo Winner – Best Female DJ- Noize Mob), DJ Mick Boogie (League Crew – AllHipHop.com) DJ Smooth Denali (Sirius Satellite Radio), DJ Pimp (Team AFFicial – France), DJ DAA ONE (Slip-n-Slide Records) and DJ Nice (Crack City Productions).

Also in November of 2007 Slick Watts announced a partnership with Kashi Kicks as his Official Shoe. Most recently Slick hosted the international mixtape "Ya in the League Now" by DJ Pimp from France. The title of the mixtape was named after Slick's latest single. This is the first in a series of mixtapes by the duo. Also, be on the look out for the 2008 Ohio Hip Hop Awards Ballot to be announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. After performing at the awards last year Slick is looking forward to being involved in the Ohio Hip Hop Awards again this year.

Underground Music Award voting will close on July 31, 2008. To vote for SLICK WATTS and find out more on how to attend the awards log on to [www.HipHopPalace.com](http://www.HipHopPalace.com). Tickets are now available at [www.TicketMaster.com](http://www.TicketMaster.com) and prices vary from \$50 - \$100.

### **2008 Underground Music Awards:**

**Where:** B.B. King Theater, Time Square, New York, New York

**When:** Sunday, August 10, 2008

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