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NIMBioS Songwriter Spins Science Tunes on New EP

KNOXVILLE – A new branch of the hip-hop family tree has emerged with the release of Baba Brinkman's new Infomatic EP, which takes its inspiration from Brinkman's 2012 songwriting residency at the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS).

The Canadian rap artist, who spent April and May as Songwriter-in-Residence at NIMBioS, describes the new EP as "a scientifically literate collection of upbeat hip-hop tracks that explore the shifting role of scientific knowledge in modern society and human relationships."

Tracks on the EP include Mr. Infomatic, Mad Scientist (Talkin' Nerdy), Get It From Reading, Climate Skeptic, and Naturalizm (Featuring Syqnys). The EP is available for downloading on iTunes and at <http://bababrinkman.bandcamp.com/album/the-infomatic-ep>

The tracks were produced by British DJ Jamie Simmons, who performed with Brinkman at the University of Tennessee during Brinkman's residency.

Brinkman is best known for his award-winning shows The Rap Canterbury Tales and The Rap Guide to Evolution, which interpret the works of Chaucer and Darwin for a modern audience. In May, Brinkman was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Solo Performer for The Rap Guide to Evolution.

More information about the NIMBioS Songwriter-in-Residence Program can be found at <http://www.nimbios.org/songwriter>

More information about Brinkman can be found at <http://www.bababrinkman.com/>

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