

Coco Peila Full Bio

Coco Peila is a Bay Area-based MC, Singer-Songwriter, and RAPgoddess. Her unique brand of Hip Hop, Soul, and Experimental music is a headnodic call-to-action for racial and gender justice. Her first music video, "Any Day Now," was released in 2007, and was commissioned for Youth Noise's "Healthy Body Image" campaign, and featured in the International Museum Of Women. With "Misses Shoot 'em Down" the lead single and accompanying video from her I Still Love H.I.M. EP," she offered women everywhere the rare combination of empowering content and industry-quality, catchy, danceable music. Shortly after releasing Part 2 of I Still Love Him in 2014, she joined The Pharcyde and Slum Village on their national "Welcome to Dillaville" tour. She released Lady Day Said, the finale of the I Still Love Him trilogy, in 2015. In February 2016, she released "Handle My Business" (featuring Naysan), a sophisticated Hip-Hop and R&B club record which navigates romantic relationships and celibacy in the 21st century. Coco has performed internationally at El Rey Theatre (Los Angeles), The New Parish (Oakland), The San Francisco Opera House, The Beehive (Boston), The Experience Music Project (Seattle), Teatro Nacional de Guatemala, and New Zealand's Hope Bros, sharing stages with renowned artists including Dead Prez, Talib Kweli, Zion I, J.Rocc, and many others. In addition to her innate creative sensibility, Coco built a solid foundation in recording arts, and music composition, theory and production while studying at Fullsail University in Florida. As a student, she produced The *RealNeRds Mixtape Series*, which shed the spotlight on up-and-coming indie artists from across the U.S, the Caribbean, and New Zealand, whose music encouraged exploration of intelligence and critical thinking.

Among the most memorable moments in Coco's career was being selected to perform for President Obama during his first visit to Oakland. Her music has been featured widely on major platforms, from KMEL to the Museum of African Diaspora. Coco has been named in the East Bay Express' "Best Local Hip Hop" list and by Hip Hop historian Davey D as a "Hip Hop Artist to Watch." She currently teaches at The Mindful Life Project, a nationally renowned Mindfulness & Hip Hop organization, featured on the Katie Couric show, which serves elementary & middle schools in Richmond and Oakland California. The "RAPgoddess" is back in the studio, co-producing her next project "20Sum & Celibate" (set to drop this Summer) with international producer Mic "Raka" Angelo.