



CHIKA SIGNS TO WARNER RECORDS!

WATCH THE OFFICIAL VIDEO FOR NEW TRACK ["HIGH RISES"](#)

**DEBUT EP COMING THIS SUMMER;
UPCOMING LIVE APPEARANCES INCLUDE ESSENCE FESTIVAL,
MoMA PS1, AND AFROPUNK BROOKLYN**



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"Chika's ready to take center stage." - **TIME MAGAZINE**

"Smooth but potent musical style and filter-free lyrics." - **ESSENCE**

"A very skilled lyricist with a wide musical scope." - **HOT NEW HIP HOP**

"Chika has a way of harnessing the soft, poetic vibes of 90s rappers like Q-Tip and Ice Cube to address the persistent problems afflicting contemporary hip-hop." - **iD**

"With her unapologetically feminist lyrics and great stage presence, Chika is making waves in the music industry." - **BUST**

June 28, 2019 (Los Angeles, CA) - Hailing from Montgomery, Alabama, 22-year-old rapper/singer/poet/activist **Chika** is truly one of one. Emerging today as the reincarnation of so many powerful hip-hop voices before her combined with an ear for sounds beyond genre classification and an integrity-driven voice speaking to youth culture and world issues, **Chika** has become one of the music industry's most powerful young voices in just less than a year. Today, she shares the exciting news of signing to **Warner Records**, one of the most iconic record labels in music.

Alongside that exciting partnership, **Chika** shares the new track and official video for "**High Rises**," from her anticipated debut EP coming this summer via Warner Records. Both the song, produced by **mxxwll**, and the video showcase **Chika**'s powerful and personal story of overcoming life's obstacles and exceeding expectations into manifested greatness - a message that resonates strongly with anyone who listens or watches. The official video was directed by Cierra "Sh00ter" Glaude of **AT&T's Filmmaker Mentorship Program**, and lead mentor **Lena Waithe**, who executive produced via her company, **Hillman Grad**. "High rises" was shot in a community center in Alabama, where both **Chika** and Cierra are from. Cierra is part of a growing list of young talent currently participating in **AT&T's Mentorship Program**. Stream "High Rises" [here](#).

Chika on the song and video shares, *"I think it's cosmic that this song is released a day after signing with Warner Records. It's my origin story, in which I didn't even know if I'd ever get this opportunity. I'm blessed and grateful to see it come full circle. I know my fans are, too."*



Cover Art for "High Rises"

Chika's rise has been quick and steady, her profile one that most new artists only dream of having. After turning down Berklee College of Music to focus on honing her craft, **Chika** caught the attention of some of the industry greats such as Missy Elliot, Cardi B, Kehlani, Common and more. In late 2018, she was propelled by her large and growing social media audience and landed in a much-praised cypher with Erykah Badu at the **BET Hip-Hop Awards**. In the spring of 2019, **Chika** put out her first song "[No Squares](#)" and soon after Hollywood renegade and hero Lena Waithe booked her personally as a couch guest and artist to perform on **Jimmy Kimmel Live!** **Chika**'s impassioned message has also translated to the fashion industry- the MC being picked by the iconic American brand **Calvin Klein** to both model and write original poetry for the **S/S 2019 campaign**.

Chika's incredible journey is just beginning. Her dedicated fans have been able to watch her growth and evolution in real time, getting to know one of the most fascinating, inspiring, hilarious and progressive artists of a new generation, and today's release of "High Rises" closes out one chapter for her as a new one with Warner Records begins! **Chika** will make live appearances throughout the rest of the summer, including **Essence Fest** in New Orleans, and **MoMAPS1** and **AFROPUNK** in New York, with more announcements to come soon!

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ABOUT CHIKA

Chika is an undeniable self-made force to be reckoned with in the musical landscape. The 22-year-old viral star launched in late 2018 and has been turning heads everywhere she goes, be it on late night television, major fashion campaigns or in tastemaker and mainstream press around the world. Chika's legal representative is Craig Marshall at Myman Greenspan Fox Rosenberg Mobasser Younger & Light LLP.