

EARL SWEATSHIRT UNVEILS VIDEO OF CONVERSATION WITH HIS MOTHER, NOTED SCHOLAR CHERYL I. HARRIS AT THE GEFFEN CONTEMPORARY AT MOCA

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December 20, 2019 (Los Angeles, CA) – Earl Sweatshirt has unveiled a video of the exclusive one-onone conversation he hosted at The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA in Los Angeles with his mother and noted scholar, Professor Cheryl Harris, that boasted a capacity audience of over 650 fans and hundreds more lined up in attendance. The one-on-one conversation captured by *UPROXX* with Professor Harris [author of groundbreaking scholarship in the field of Critical Race Theory, including *Whiteness as Property* (Harvard Law Review) and the Arthur Gilbert Foundation Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at UCLA School of Law] was a candid discussion on art, music, life and more.

The event was an extension of a series of fan experiences Earl has been curating in Los Angeles around the release of his recent, critically-acclaimed project <u>Feet of Clay</u> via Tan Cressida / Warner Records. The MOCA event also featured exclusive merch and the 9-foot statue of Nebuchadnezzar, erected from the *Feet of Clay* concept and imagery that has been making its way through Los Angeles.

PRESS ON FEET OF CLAY:

"Earl Sweatshirt is a guide who gets you lost on the excellent 'Feet of Clay.'" - ROLLING STONE

"This new, rejuvenated Earl Sweatshirt sounds clear-eyed and empowered." - GQ

"['Feet Of Clay' is] further proof that Earl Sweatshirt is a generational talent." - NME

"a fascinating and brief collection of music" - ESQUIRE

"Earl Sweatshit [has] cemented a signature mood and production style unlike anyone else's." – CONSEQUENCE OF SOUND

"['Feet of Clay' is] a woozy, raw, magical, and extremely short album from hip-hop's most tantalizingly inscrutable rapper." – **PITCHFORK**



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ABOUT EARL SWEATSHIRT

Earl Sweatshirt is the virtuosic byproduct of Los Angeles' fertile ground where hip hop sowed its seeds and historic cultural movements were born. The prodigiously-gifted writer, lyricist and producer grew from a zeitgeist of which contemporary collectives in hip hop today are predicated. And while most movements are fleeting as soon as they arrive, Earl pushed forward, documented his growth and selfdiscovery on record and cemented himself as one of the foremost culturally relevant MC's in the game, one who never strayed away too far from his Los Angeles beat-scene roots. His debut album *Doris* arrived in 2013 and introduced the world to a more realized vision from him than his seminal mixtape *Earl* that was released three years prior when he was just 16-years-old. He followed *Doris* with the critically-lauded *I Don't Like Shit, I Don't Go Outside* in 2015, further exploring the depth of his technical dexterity with more swagger than prior releases. Three years later, he released *Some Rap Songs* in 2018, the tightly wrought album that found a more self-aware and mature Earl in his reflection of being in the public eye since a teenager, coupled with the reconciling of the death of his father. Enter *Feet of Clay*, the conceptual 2019 project that continues the written narrative of Earl's life in today's societal landscape and world-view in real-time.

ABOUT CHERYL I. HARRIS

Since joining the UCLA Law faculty in 1998, Professor Harris is the author of groundbreaking scholarship in the field of Critical Race Theory, including *Whiteness as Property* (Harvard Law Review), and particularly engaging the issue of how racial frames shape our understanding and interpretation of significant events like Hurricane Katrina — ("Whitewashing Race", in *California Law Review*), admissions policies ("The New Racial Preferences" in *California Law Review*)(with Carbado) and anti-discrimination law ("Reading Ricci: Whitening Discrimination, Race-ing Test Fairness" in *UCLA Law Review*) (with West-Faulcon). She has also lectured widely on issues of race and equality at leading institutions here and abroad, including in Europe, South Africa and Australia, and has been a frequent contributor to various media outlets on current events and cases involving race and equality.

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