

National Youth Foundation *Presents:*

♪ **Lady B** THE GODMOTHER OF HIP HOP ♪



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## Youth Writing Workshop

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## OUR MISSION

The National Youth Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives of children through creative educational programming. Our mission is to promote diversity, inclusion, and gender equality, while helping young students develop their literary skills through academic and team-building projects.

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## INTRODUCTION

There would not be a Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince without Lady B. There was a time when they would not play rap on the radio. Lady B. was a pioneer in fighting for hip hop and for young people to have a voice.

Will Smith a/k/a The Fresh Prince



Wendy Clark was born on September 6th. She is the youngest of four children, and her siblings and parents doted over her. Since the day she was born, she loved music. She was also known as the family informant and often told on her older brother and sisters. In 8th grade, she was given the beautiful name Bahiyyah by her Iman. An Iman is a leader for the Muslim community. The name means radiant and beautiful.

Overbrook



Wendy attended Overbrook High School, which is located in West Philadelphia. The actor/rapper Will Smith also attended Overbrook High School. Based on its graduates, Overbrook has cultivated musical talent in Philadelphia.

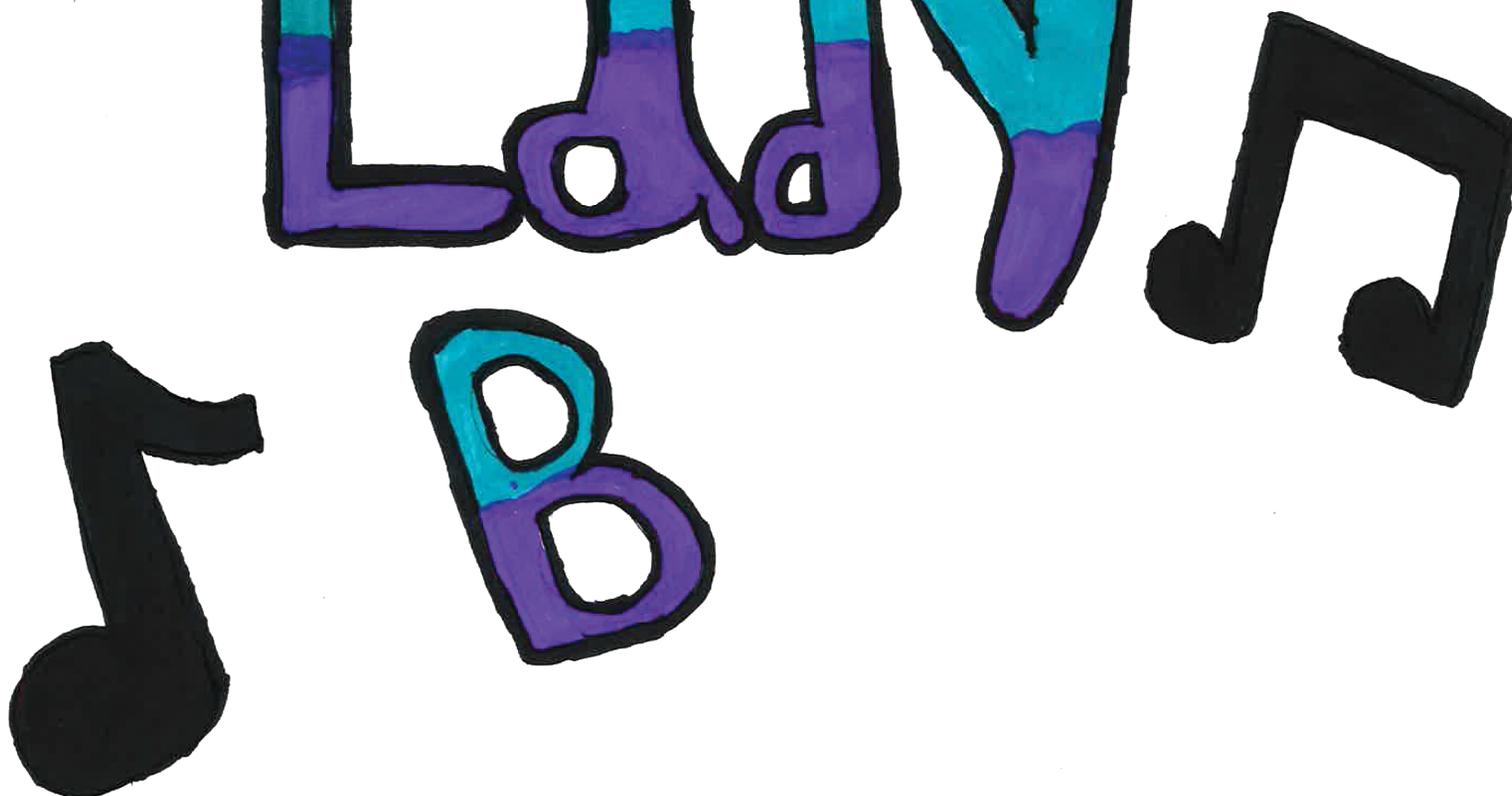
**B Street**



After high school, Wendy started her career at age 18. In 1979, she was very fortunate to obtain a position at W.H.A.T. radio station in her hometown of Philadelphia. While working there, she also attended Columbia Broadcasting School.

Lady

Body

The image features two black musical notes. One is a quarter note on the left, and the other is an eighth note on the right. The text 'Lady' and 'Body' is written in a stylized, bubbly font with a two-color gradient (teal and purple) and a thick black outline. The entire composition is set against a white background with a teal border.

When she first started performing, her stage name was Bahiyyah but a close friend named DJ Butterball, suggested that she should change her name. He thought this because it was hard to pronounce. Wendy agreed, and a future legend was named Lady B.

**TEC**

records

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TO THE BEAT Y'ALL  
CD Clement & W. Clark  
"LADY B"

In the early years of hip hop, almost all of the rappers were men. That all changed with Lady B. She proved that women can rhyme when she released her first hit album, "To the Beat Y'all." She described the album production process as fun and creative. Lady B released one more album before returning to her first love spinning records as a DJ.



Girls

RALLY

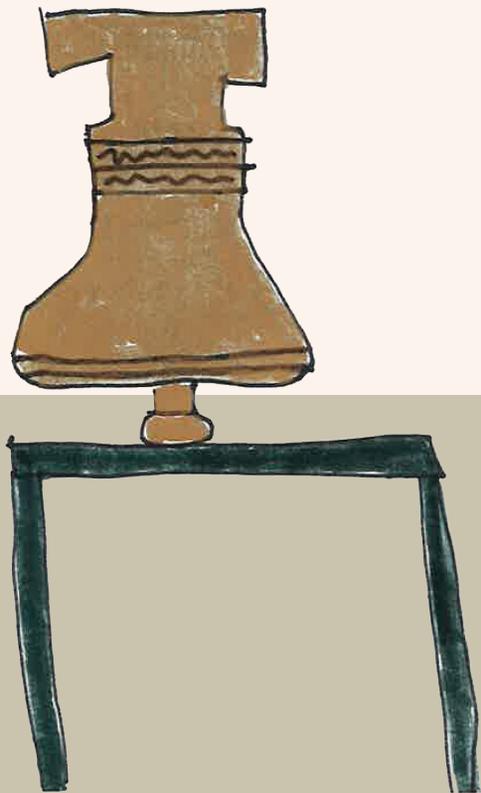
SUPER BOWL III

EAG

Lady B spends her free time decorating, crocheting and traveling. She loves cooking for friends and family. She also loves learning about other cultures. Lady B is passionate about giving back to the community. When there is a need, she is there volunteering and working to inspire kids of all ages.



During an interview, Lady B stated that at first, she was nervous because people doubted her. Her hands would sweat and shake, so she just prayed and hoped for the best. Being nervous just made her more determined to show people her skills, and they were not disappointed.



Lady B is an icon in Philadelphia to young women because she broke down barriers. This is important today because she showed people that it was possible for girls and women to rap. This makes her a role model to girls in Philadelphia, the U.S.A and all over the world.



Lady B's favorite rappers are Salt & Pepa, Will Smith, KRS-One and Chuck D. She loves these rappers because they never disrespect women. Lady B's favorite rappers also rap about positive messages and are easy to understand.



QUEEN LATIFAH

ROXANNE SHANTE



LADY B

YO-YO



EVE



SALT-N-PEPA

NICKI MINAJ



CARDI B

LIL' KIM



MEGAN THEE  
STALLION

Lady B is a DJ, a community activist, and a radio personality. At a young age, she knew she wanted to be in the music business because she loves music. Today, Lady B is referred to as the Godmother of hip hop with a dynamic personality, and a great inspiration to young kids and adults.

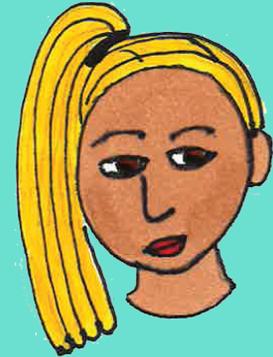


Lady B



*"Lady B. was the gatekeeper in Philadelphia for hip hop. She defined the standard for hip hop DJs."*  
KRS-One

*"There's one DJ in the world who single-handedly made Public Enemy famously known and powerful, and that thanks goes to Lady B. She has also done the same for hundreds of hip hop and rap artists who have traveled the world by way of her Philadelphia. We are all thankful and grateful for her."*  
Chuck D



*"It is hard to find true lovers of hip hop like Lady B."*  
Yo-Yo



*"Lady B is a pillar in hip hop."*  
Redman



*"Lady B brought elegance to hip hop."*  
Christopher Reid  
(formerly known as Kid)



*"She was the human soundtrack that gave hip hop a voice."*  
Sticky Fingers



*"She single-handedly brought relevance to hip hop at its infancy."*  
Kool Moe Dee