

Merk the Lyrical Tantrum was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana in the notorious "9th Ward", commonly referred to as Across the Canal, C.T.C., or "Cut Throat City", by Merk and his friends when referring to Home. Translating his personal experiences into a reality for his Fans, he was coined with the rap name "Merk the Lyrical Tantrum" because of his signature voice and rapid, lyrical rap style that is delivered in a raspy trademark voice that has made him recognizable. Life in the Cut Throat City was brutal and only the strong survived; furthermore, you fail to realize that you have other options. The only choice that you recognize in the Inner-City environment, "where only the strong survive", is that you have to figure out the best means of Survival by the rules of your World and the Streets. You pray that you don't fall Victim to your demise.

Merk the Lyrical Tantrum grew up listening to various Genres of Music. Throughout his childhood, Merk played the Trumpet and soon began composing his own music, which led to the birth of his first love, Rapping. It wasn't until Merk began to compose his own music that he realized he had other options. Writing lyrics enabled Merk with an opportunity to escape from the Thug Life that he had become accustomed to. His music is a reflection of the lifestyle that made "Merk the Lyrical Tantrum" the man that he is today. Acknowledging that the Game is to be "sold and not told", Merk often reminisces about his Street life and growing up as a New Orleans Rap Artist. Merk was inspired to change the negative direction in which his life was headed and became determined to steer his brothers in a positive direction. As he grew older, Merk soon realized that there was more to life than the trials and tribulations that he endured in the streets of New Orleans.

During this time, the Underground Rap Scene in New Orleans had begun to take over the Airwaves. Merk recalls its' beginning and how much of an overall influence that Rap music had over the Music Industry, referring to its' Hyped-Up, loud sound that had now captured the undivided attention of listeners everywhere. Merk the Lyrical Tantrum was an active part of the Underground scene when Mannie Fresh was the DJ for Gregory D., which was when rap started to take its form in New Orleans. The "Bounce" sound eventually spread like Wildfire throughout the South and the rest of the Country. You could literally turn on MTV or BET and hear that the rappers from other places had incorporated the New Orleans sound into their music.

Today, Merk the Lyrical Tantrum spends his time traveling between New Orleans and California, running his own Independent Record Label "Neworlaifornia Records". Upon his arrival to California, Merk collaborated with various West Coast Artists including the Legendary Mac Dre (RIP), Coughnut (RIP), Spice 1, Bald Headed Rick, Sann Quinn, Cellski, and JT the Bigga Figga. Merk has also collaborated with "The Last Supper", released by 26 Flavor Records, "Farah presents Anywhere Street USA", "The Yellow Bus" and numerous Compilations. Speaking on behalf of the Rivalry between Southern rappers and the West Coast, Merk refers to the Rap scene in New Orleans as extremely unique and outspoken. Merk is currently producing a taste of New Orleans, mixed with a touch of West Coast music hustle, enhanced with a hyped up sound. His forthcoming Mixtape "No Pressure" is scheduled to be released in Fall 2016 features Guest appearances by: Juvenile, Skip, Rankin Screw, J Dawg, Mr.Meana, Jimi Clever, DJ RO & Mr. Magic (RIP). Traveling from coast to coast, Merk has collaborated with numerous Artists including

Juvenile, BG, Lil Wayne, Wacko, Skip, Twista, Young Buck, Mystikal, Big Mike from the Geto Boys and more. Merk will be performing in the upcoming Tour with Mystikal. His song "Ring the Alarm" is one of the HOTTest tracks on DJ Ro's "Swag of New Orleans" Compilation, which was released November 2010.

Merk joins forces with DJ Ro of "Q93" every year to emphasize the importance of Education by participating in the "Back to School Supplies" and Turkey Giveaways in his native home of New Orleans. Keep your ears open for and make sure you cop the new hit Singles "Love for my City" and "I'm Done" available on all digital outlets. Merk the Lyrical Tantrum is guaranteed to give you a taste of Reality that will make you realize that he is a Star, destined to shine in the Music Industry.