

Beastie Boys Keep the Reissues Coming with Ill Communication

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Even one-time hardcore punks/hip-hop artists Beastie Boys can't escape the whole remix/remaster thing that everyone likes to do once an album sounds dated, er, becomes a "classic." That's what's happening to acclaimed 1994 affair III Communication, just like it did with Check Your Head and Paul's Boutique.

One of their most popular and critically praised efforts, *Ill Communication* found them at their most maturely playful. In other words, they worked past the teen angst-driven boozin' and stuff, getting into shit like role-playing for the "Sabotage" video filmed by Spike Jonze. That's the one where they pretend to be '70s cops, remember?

Because the effort — $\emph{III Communication}$ as a whole, not just "Sabotage" — is considered one of their best, it's getting a truly dazzling revision in hard copy. Not only will you get the original album but there's a deluxe three-LP, 180-gram vinyl version packaged with a lenticular (a fancy term for 3D) hardcover coffee table book case limited to 1,500 copies. Naturally, a whack of bonus songs are included as well.

The digital format is actually already available, while if you want to hold the sucker in your hands you can pre-order and it will get to you on July 14. Visit this site for details.

The bonus tunes:

- 1. "Root Down (Free Zone Mix)"
- 2. "Resolution Time"
- 3. "Get It Together (Buck-Wild Remix)"
- 4. "Dope Little Song"
- 5. "Sure Shot (European B-Boy Mix)"
 6. "Heart Attack Man (Unplugged)"
- "The Vibes"
- 8. "Atwater Basketball Association File No. 172-C"
- 9. "Heart Attack Man (live)"
- 10. "The Maestro (live)"
- 11. "Mullet Head"
- 12. "Sure Shot (European B-Boy Instrumental)"

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