



Missy Elliott

Legacy & Influence

Missy Elliott normalized women as rappers, producers, songwriters, comic performers, dancers, and visual directors of their own worlds. Her work broke binary expectations about toughness, sexuality, size, eccentricity, and commercial appeal.

Her sonic descendants are everywhere pop uses fractured rhythm, unusual vocal texture, or playful futurism. Her firsts in the Songwriters Hall of Fame and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame reflect an influence artists had already acknowledged for years.