## **Mp3 The Mad Violinist - Just A Taste**

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A Jimi Hendrix flavor mixed with Neo-Soul/Hip Hop on the Violin. This album is a top seller amongst instrumental albums in the country. Not only does it touch the older generation, but is loved by the young also. 17 MP3 Songs HIP HOP/RAP: Hip Hop, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: Ashanti Floyd "The Mad Violinist" Ashanti Floyd, 21, is a talented performing artist who enjoys playing and composing many music genre including hip-hop, jazz, fusion rock, gospel, bluegrass and classical. Trained from an early age in the strings and percussion and having a mastery of music theory, he is considered a "melodic, rhythmic genius." Ashanti made his debut on the violin at the age of three. Since then he has gained valuable experience through formal and informal studies. Ashanti knew where he wanted to go to college and only applied to one school, the Berklee College of Music. His audition gained him a scholarship and an opportunity of a lifetime. After two semesters he had recorded and performed original compositions with his own rock band, and assisted with the arranging and recording of hip-hop music for other artists. He has performed with a Boston College quartet and as principal violist for the Berklee College Orchestra performing with artists such as Michael Brecker and Darrel Anger. Ashanti's most recent appearances include a live, audience stirring, original rendition of hip-hop music on BET's 106 and Park, the grand opening of the VIP at the B.B. King Blues Club in Nashville Tennessee, and instructing at the Britney Spears Camp for the Performing Arts in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. At such a young age, Ashanti has performed with many greats such as BB King, Kirk Whalum, Actor Steven Segal, Wynona Judd, Vince Gill, Charlie Atkins, and Stephen Cropper. Check out The Mad Violinist in the 2005 July/August issue of Lounge Magazine. augustalounge.com/livepages/304.shtml The Mad Violinist is an endorsee of Super-Sensitive Strings supersensitive.com

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