Lil Nas X took psychedelic mushrooms for album inspiration

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Lil Nas X tells WSJ Magazine that he tried magic mushrooms for the first time while recording his new album, "Montero." Columbia Records; Shutterstock

Lil Nas X tried psychedelic mushrooms to create his latest album, "Montero."

The pop star worked on his new release with producers David Biral and Denzel Baptiste (who also call themselves "Take A Daytrip") at various Airbnb rentals around California, he reveals in WSJ. Magazine's new Innovators issue.

Apparently part of the process was just talking to the producers and reflecting on life — rather than working on any music.

The mag reports that Lil Nas X, "says a pivotal moment in the process was trying psychedelic mushrooms for the first time." And, "Baptiste and Biral sat by Nas' side sober and talked to him throughout the day, occasionally taking dips in the pool and hot tub but not working on any music, just reflecting on life."

The psychedelics "allowed [Lil Nas X] to push past lots of lingering feelings of self-consciousness."



Lil Nas X said the mushrooms helped him reflect on his life. WSJ. Magazine

"I was able to open up a lot," Nas told writer Myles Tanzer. "I was able to write actual stories about my life and put it into my music. I actually did that for the first time."

There has been a celebrity magic mushroom boom, Page Six has previously reported.

Late reggae icon Bob Marley's family is launching a line of mushroom products this year, in partnership with Silo Wellness. Mike Tyson also recently said that after taking psilocybin, "my whole life changed."

The move follows a cannabis craze that has seen celebs such as Snoop Dogg, Jay-Z, Willie Nelson and Seth Rogen launching their own brands.

Lil Nas X is expected at the 11th annual WSJ Magazine Innovator Awards on Monday at MoMA, along with fellow honorees including Kim Kardashian, Ryan Reynolds, Lewis Hamilton and others.

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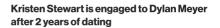






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