

**SZA'S LONG-AWAITED ALBUM *Ctrl*
DEBUTS AT NO. 3 ON THE BILLBOARD 200 CHART
NO. 1 ON THE R&B ALBUMS AND NO. 2 R&B/HIP HOP ALBUMS
CHARTS**



“AN OPULENT, RAW R&B ALBUM THAT CONSTANTLY TESTS THE BORDERS OF THE GENRE” – PITCHFORK “BEST NEW MUSIC”

“EQUAL PARTS ACHING, BRAZEN AND GORGEOUSLY HONEST” – LOS ANGELES TIMES

[New York, NY – June 19, 2017] Singer-songwriter **SZA** claims the **No. 3** spot on the **Billboard 200** albums chart with the release of her major label debut album **Ctrl** via **Top Dawg Entertainment/RCA Records**. The album also enters at **No. 1** on **Billboard's R&B Albums** and **No. 2** on the **R&B/Hip Hop Albums charts**, according to Nielsen Music.

The long-awaited **Ctrl**, which features Kendrick Lamar, Travis Scott, James Fauntleroy and Isaiah Rashad, has been streamed over 50 million times in the U.S. during release week, while the lead single “Love Galore” has been streamed over 33 million times in the U.S. since its April 27th release.

Revered for its raw and honest lyrics, **Ctrl** has garnered praise from celebrities ([Calvin Harris](#), [Diddy](#), [Issa Rae](#), [Bella Hadid](#), [Olivia O'Brien](#)), influencers ([Karen Civil](#), [Scottie Beam](#)), fans and critics alike. *Noisey* describes **Ctrl** as “14 tracks of the dreamy R&B lusciousness that we've come to know and love the New Jersey singer-songwriter for.” *NPR* calls **Ctrl** “a resolutely confident and skillful R&B album that explores

the notions of control and honesty,” while *The Shade Room* proclaims, “‘Ctrl’ is actuals! Imagine ‘The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill’ tailored for our generation.”

One of the redefining voices of today’s contemporary music era, **SZA** entered the music scene in 2012 with her first critically acclaimed EP, *See.SZA.Run*. Following that, she released *S* in 2013 and *Z* in 2014, both to rave reviews. In 2013, **SZA** signed to Top Dawg Entertainment, being the first female artist to join the label. **SZA** wrote and performed on Rihanna’s *Anti* single “Consideration” in 2016 and helped write Nicki Minaj and Beyonce’s “Feelin Myself” in 2014.

Born in St. Louis and raised in Maplewood, NJ as Solána Rowe, **SZA** grew up listening to classic and avant-garde jazz, alternative, and rap. She renamed herself finding inspiration within the Supreme Alphabet: the ‘S’ stands for savior or sovereign, the ‘Z’ for zig-zag, and the ‘A’ for Allah.

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