

Wayne Cancels Nicki Minaj's Hot 97 Summer Jam Set after Dj Diss

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Nicki Minaj did not perform as scheduled at Hot 97's Summer Jam 2012 at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium on Sunday (June 3), after a radio personality made a disparaging remark about the hip-hop superstar's latest hit single at the annual event.

Minaj was supposed to hit the stage at 9:30 pm ET on Sunday night, with headliners Rick Ross and DJ Khaled to follow. However, Hot 97 DJ Peter Rosenberg reportedly called "Starships," the rapper's current Hot 100 pop hit, "wack" to the Summer Jam crowd before introducing Compton rapper Kendrick Lamar earlier in the day. Soon after, Minaj's mentor and Young Money boss Lil Wayne posted on Twitter, "Young Money ain't doing summer jam."

Although Young Money rapper Tyga went through with his main stage set at 7:00 pm, Minaj took to Twitter to confirm that her performance slot would indeed be vacant.

She wrote, "I go above and beyond for my fans. But won't ever go against Wayne's word. What he says, goes."

Lauryn Hill and Nas still performed, and 2 Chainz guested during both Young Jeezy and Big Sean's sets, but the rest of Nicki's guests never made it out. Scheduled Cash Money acts DJ Khaled and Busta Rhymes were backstage but didn't perform, in what appeared to be a show of solidarity.

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"Tonight just got interesting g," Rosenberg wrote on his own Twitter.

Along with Minaj, Ross and DJ Khaled, Hot 97's annual hip-hop summit featured Young Jeezy, Waka Flocka Flame, Trey Songz, Big Sean and French Montana, among others. J. Cole and Young Jeezy apparently lengthened their Summer Jam set times to make up for Minaj's absence.

"Starships," off of Minaj's sophomore album "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded," sits at No. 5 on this week's Hot 100. The rapper's "Roman Reloaded" North American tour kicks off on July 16. -
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