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**KEVIN GATES IS BACK WITH *LUCA BRASI 3***

**MULTI-PLATINUM ARTIST DROPS FIRST MIXTAPE SINCE PRISON RELEASE EARLIER THIS YEAR**

**DEFINITIVE INTERVIEW WITH SWAY – COVERING COLIN KAEPERNICK, LIL WAYNE, POLICE BRUTALITY, BEING PUT IN LOCKDOWN + MORE – COMING SOON**

**THE LUCA BRASI 3 TOUR GETS UNDERWAY OCTOBER 2ND**

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**Multi-Platinum artist Kevin Gates is back**. Today, the hugely successful, yet controversial rapper drops his highly-anticipated new mixtape ***Luca Brasi 3***, the first project since his release from prison earlier this year. ***Luca Brasi 3*** - the third installment of Gates’ breakout mixtape *The Luca Brasi Story* - is now streaming at all DSPs. Listen [**HERE**](https://kevingates.lnk.to/LucaBrasi3).

Gates has been rolling out ***Luca Brasi 3***over the past few weeks, giving fans a taste of the mixtape with an array of tracks including “[**Adding Up**](https://kevingates.lnk.to/AddingUpPR),” “[**Me Too**](https://kevingates.lnk.to/MeTooPR),” “[**Money Long**](https://kevingates.lnk.to/MoneyLongVideo)” and “[**Great Man**](https://kevingates.lnk.to/MLGMVY).” Each new song released shows a different side of Kevin, alluding to the variety of themes the multi-faceted rapper explores on ***Luca Brasi 3***, an 18-track collection with no features. Gates’ debut album *ISLAH* also did not include any featured artists and went Platinum the same year it was released, cementing Kevin as one of the best-selling hip-hop artists of 2016, second only to Drake.

So far the tracks released from ***Luca Brasi 3*** have received praise from fans and media alike, with [XXL](http://www.xxlmag.com/rap-music/new-music/2018/09/kevin-gates-luca-brasi-3-release-date-money-long-great-man/)declaring, *“if they serve as any indication, we have a lot to be excited for*.” “*Sounds like Gates is in top form*,” they continued with [SPIN](https://www.spin.com/2018/09/kevin-gates-luca-brasi-3-money-long-great-man-release-date-listen/) claiming, “*Both (songs) are quintessential Gates: melancholic trap songs punctuated by his partially crooned, highly emotive raps*.”

On the cusp of the arrival of *Luca Brasi 3*, Gates sat down with longtime friend and brother **Sway** for an unprecedented interview addressing many topics he’s never discussed. In the interview that will be released soon, Gates discusses everything from his time working with **Young Money**, **Birdman** and **Lil Wayne**, to the incident in **Florida**; from being put in lockdown while in prison to his **pilgrimage to Mecca**; from taking his kids to school for the first time to his thoughts on **Colin Kaepernick** and police brutality; and more. Gates unveiled the first excerpt this week, speaking about “the scariest moment of his life” sitting at a table across from **Lil Wayne**. Watch [HERE](https://www.instagram.com/p/BoNMRGFBMzP).

To celebrate the upcoming release of ***Luca Brasi 3***, the Bread Winners’ Association MC will hit the road on the “LUCA BRASI 3 TOUR,” withdates kicking off October 2nd in Austin, TX and continuing through November 3rd in Wichita, KS (see full itinerary below). For more information, visit [www.kvngates.com](http://www.kvngates.com). Gates recently took the stage at Rolling Loud festival in Oakland and charmed the audience with his deep catalogue of hits. Check out a recap on Gates’ Instagram [here](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bnz10yuhqql/?hl=en&taken-by=iamkevingates).



ABOUT KEVIN GATES

Gates made history with this debut album ISLAH, which was released in January 2016 and cemented Kevin as one of the best-selling hip-hop artists of 2016, second only to Drake. The critically acclaimed debut album was certified platinum by the RIAA for sales in excess of 1 million – 2016’s only debut album to receive platinum certification within one year. One of the rare major hip-hop releases to contain no featured artists, ISLAH made an incredible chart debut, entering Billboard’s “Top Rap Albums” chart at #1 while also coming in at #2 on the Billboard 200. “ISLAH” received critical acclaim cementing its place as a milestone hip-hop release, named among 2016’s top 50 releases by both Billboard and Complex. “‘ISLAH’ is a sustained and triumphant outpouring,” declared [Pitchfork](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/TKNdCM851MFVD5LVTwMiNy) in a “Best New Music” 8.5-out-of-10 rave review, “and Gates gives every good, bad, and ugly thing he has. It’s by far the best single release of his career.” The album earned Gates a nomination for Best Rap Album at the 2017 Billboard Music Awards.

While incarcerated by the Illinois Board of Corrections, Gates surprised fans around the world with the September 2017 release of *BY ANY MEANS 2*, which debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard 200. Gates launched the *BY ANY MEANS 2* mixtape with an emotional visual for his acclaimed single “[What If](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/R_00CNk50Nc5JNQ5h460ah)” and a deeply personal handwritten message posted on his official [Instagram](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/relbCOY58OcrlAgrukEZgz) – Gates’ first public statement since his October 2016 imprisonment. Following “[What If](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fcPECPN5QPsA942AFjMhTY)” came two more emotional and personal visuals for both “[Imagine That](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/W3iaCQW57QH4g6K4srtVP_),” and “[Had To](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/VnjpCR651RhPorpPfofUgv).”

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**KEVIN GATES**

***LUCA BRASI 3* TRACKLIST**

1. Discussion

2. Shakin Back

3. Ridiculous

4. Money Long

5. I Got U

6. Great Man

7. Find You Again

8. Adding Up

9. In God I Trust

10. Me Too

11. Servin H

12. Wrong Love

13. Luca Brasi Freestyle

14. Shoulda

15. Kung Fu

16. Don’t Know

17. Tryna Yea

18. M.A.T.A.

**KEVIN GATES**

**LUCA BRASI 3 TOUR 2018**

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**DATE CITY VENUE**

2-Oct Austin, TX ACL The Moody Theater

4-Oct Oklahoma City, OK The Criterion

5-Oct Houston, TX Revention Music Center [SOLD OUT]

6-Oct Dallas, TX The Bomb Factory [SOLD OUT]

9-Oct Jackson, MS Thalia Mara Hall

10-Oct Birmingham, AL BJCC Concert Hall

11-Oct Baton Rouge, LA Raising Cain's River Center

12-Oct Atlanta, GA Tabernacle [SOLD OUT]

13-Oct St. Petersburg, FL Jannus Live [SOLD OUT]

14-Oct Jacksonville, FL Moran Theater

16-Oct Charlotte, NC Ovens Auditorium

18-Oct Knoxville, TN Knoxville Civic Coliseum

19-Oct Nashville, TN Nashville Municipal Auditorium

20-Oct Southaven, MS Landers Center

21-Oct Louisville, KY The Bourbon Hall

23-Oct Cleveland, OH Agora Ballroom

24-Oct Columbus, OH Express Live!

25-Oct Detroit, MI Royal Oak Music Theatre

26-Oct Grand Rapids, MI 20 Monroe Live

27-Oct Milwaukee, WI The Eagles Ballroom

28-Oct Minneapolis, MN Myth Live

30-Oct Clive, IA Seven Flags Event Center

31-Oct Kansas City, MO Uptown Theater

1-Nov Sauget, IL Pop's

2-Nov Sauget, IL Pop's [SOLD OUT]

3-Nov Wichita, KS The Cotillion Ballroom