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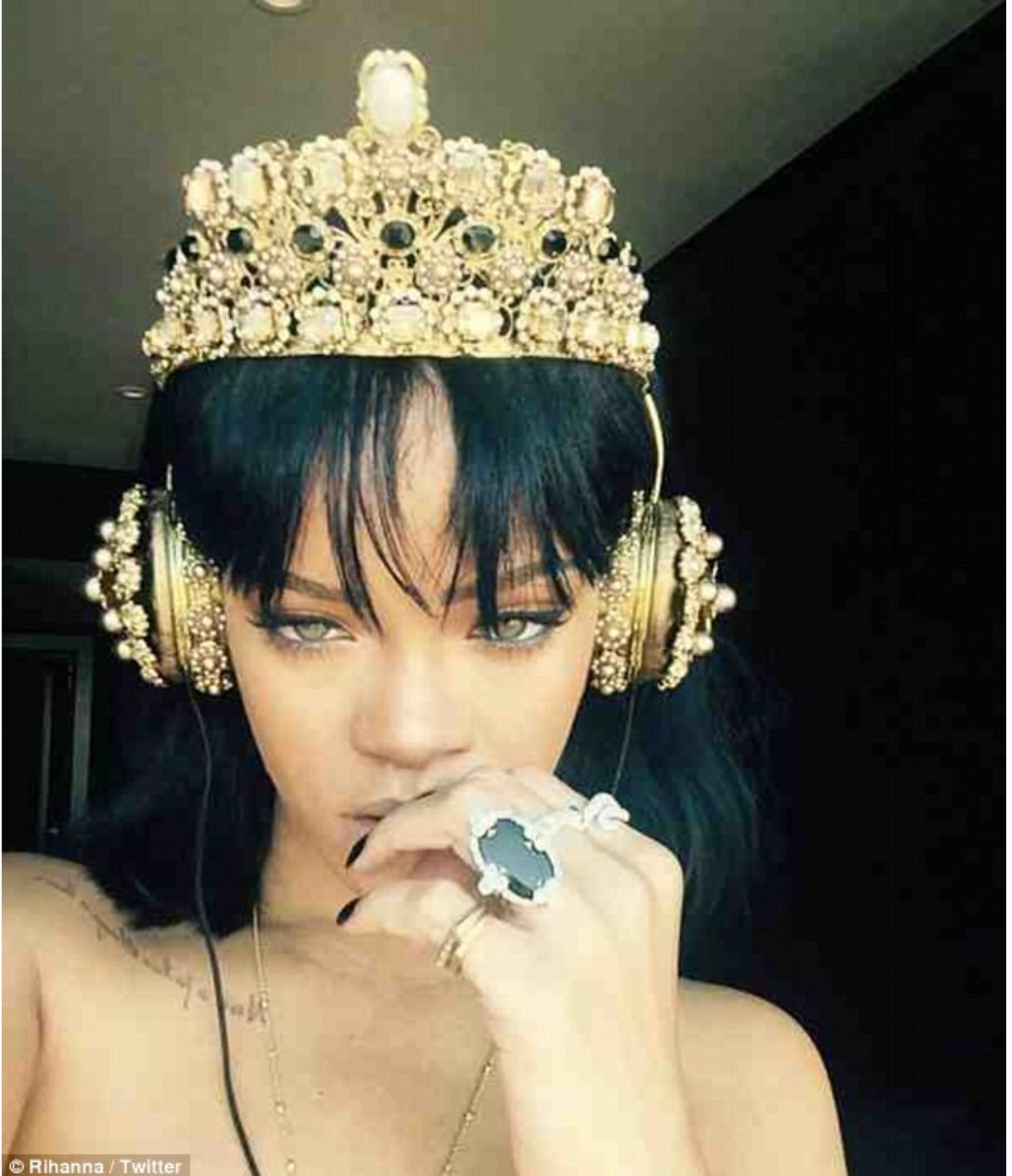
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With 2016 kicking off to a great start in music, we take a look at females in the business who we anticipate will be making major career moves, publicity moves, and phenomenal music that we'll all be bumping to for decades to come!

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**[1RIHANNA](#)**



***Anti*** by Rihanna is one of the most anticipated albums of the year. Rihanna has been hinting at this album since 2014. We've heard rumors of collaborations with **Beyonce, Big Sean, Drake, Ne-Yo** and even **Chris Brown**, since she appeared on his ***Before the Party*** Mixtape last November. Rihanna also released a website series with Samsung dedicated

solely to her album called ANTI*Idia*Ry.com, which unlocks 8 different stages (rooms) before the release. With just one room left, the excitement is keeping fans on edge, and just recently, the 27-year-old took to Twitter to share the news of its impending release in fashion, Literally! Wearing a bejeweled Dolce & Gabbana gold crown/headphones combo, worth \$8,895, she captioned, 'listening to Anti.'

## 2MISSY ELLIOTT



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**Missy Elliott** made a massive comeback at the 2015 Superbowl after a 10-year hiatus. The hip hop legend has once again revolutionized pop music with her new [Pharrell Williams](#) produced single, "**WTF (Where They From).**" The video and song stacked up **three million** hits the first day! According to Missy Elliot, she had a lot of unreleased music she calls ***The Missing Files of Missy Elliott***. Currently working on her seventh album, ***Block Party***, we can expect more tracks like "Work It," "The Rain," and her Aaliyah tribute "Take Away." Her music camp includes, songwriter **Corte Ellis**, of course **Timbaland** and **Pharrell Williams**; "the only two producers that understand me," Missy said. All we can do now is "Get Ready."

## 3LAURYN HILL



***The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*** is hands-down one of the greatest projects in music history. Fans have been anticipating Lauryn Hill's next move and awaiting new music for almost 2 decades. Her music producer, **Phil Nicolo** said that her new album "is more musical" featuring governmental interpretation and deep personal stories. Her collection of live songs on her second album, ***MTV Unplugged No. 2.0.***, in 2002 was not enough to hold fans over for the last 14 years. The former **Fugees** member has been touring for the last five years and kept fans waiting long enough, with her singles "Repercussions," Consumerism and a cover of **Nina Simone's** "I've Got Life." The "Zion" singer reigns as one of a generation's most influential musicians ever and her new album will be nothing but sensational. Let's hope we get to hear it before the year's out.

**4REMY MA**



Remy is back on the scene and ready to reclaim her spot in the rap game. Going up against contenders like **Nicki Minaj**, the raptress is making major moves in the hip-hop world after being home for just a year. She's released new single, "**Hands Down**," featuring **Rick Ross** and **Yo Gotti** and made her TV debut alongside her rapper hubby **Papoose** on the season six premiere of **VH1's Love & Hip Hop: NY**. She is back in the booth ready to drop some hot bars and taking shots at anyone in her way, including Nicki Minaj in her "Poppin" freestyle with Dj Suss One. Her mixtape ***I'm Around*** is just a taste of what we can expect from the self-proclaimed "Best Female Rapper Ever". As one of the few female rappers to ever hit number one on Billboard's Hot 100, Remy Ma is definitely making her way back on top

## **5K. MICHELLE**



Recording artist K. Michelle is not holding back on her new album ***I Ain't White But I Hope You Like***. The title comes from her feeling musically suffocated by record executives and not being able to pour out her heart. **K. Michelle** has said on more than one occasion that she was not able to do certain songs because she was told it won't reach certain demographics. Her third album is set to be released in March 2016, two months after the season 2 premiere of **VH1's "K. Michelle: My Life,"** hits television series.

## **6 KEHLANI**



Kehlani came on to the music scene with her aggressive lyrics on her Grammy nominated mixtape, *You Should Be Here*. In the midst of her world tour, she managed to release teasers for her recently released debut album, "Did I" and "Tore Up." This girl can really spit some bars with her versatile vocals over pop beats. With over 30 songs recorded thus far and collaborations with Wale and Chance the Rapper, Kehlani has a very promising career. Everyone is excited to see how this newbie's career will flourish this year.

## **7 KELELA**



The innovative songstress, Kelela combines unearthly R&B sounds over electronic beats and passionate lyrics. People are calling her the “next FKA Twigs” or better. The D.C. born singer narrates the irregularities of irresistible love. Her EP *Hallucinogen* is a portrait of unforeseen emotional, poetic bliss. She is one of Billboard’s Twitter Emerging Artist. Her debut mixtape *Cut 4 Me* has a futuristic, yet emotional refinement.



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