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Review:

"Everybody get ready for the movement/it's time to make a change, make an improvement/I'm talking teachers, I'm talking students/this music is for you, let's do this.."

Rap music has a bad, um, rap. It's earned, no question. Not all rap is violent and misogynistic, but all too much is. And that incessant, some might say punishing, beat can drive many an adult up the wall. If that's you, please don't let it stop you from considering this remarkable hip-hop album for the grade school and middle school set from a trio of rappers called the Figureheads. If you share your kids' affection for rap, don't miss it, either. Greg Marshall, Jeremy Bryan and Dave Olson offer nothing less than "a rallying call to a generation," validating kids, building them up and addressing their fears, insecurities and concerns.

Take responsibility for your actions, for your health, understand that you have choices, that you have a voice, that you have something to offer your family, friends, school, community, the world. Adults: recognize and nurture every child's gift; help them develop a strong sense of self. Know that not every young person learns at the same rate, or has the same strengths and that time is the best gift you can give a child. Preachy? Not when the rap is this muscular and the messages are delivered with this much urgency, passion and compassion.

In one of the most effective CDs that have crossed our panels' paths in a long time, *The Movement* brings sparkling and age-defying wisdom to hip hop. The positive messages on this powerful CD should be those that no child leaves behind.

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