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BL Shirelle

She Who Struggles is a Warrior
(Die Jim Crow)

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The story behind the record label Die Jim Crow is pretty phenomenal – the first non-profit record label for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated

musicians. Under the stewardship of Philadelphia based artist BL Shirelle, label representatives travel to prisons across the country to work with incarcerated artists. *Assata Troi* is Shirelle's debut album, the title translates as *She Who Struggles is a Warrior*, and it's a powerful collection of tracks that cannot be defined by the constraints of a singular genre. A truly progressive project which paints the picture of Shirelle's personal experience through her influences, from smooth r'n'b through to rock, it details her difficult childhood experience throughout the prison system. In Shirelle's own words the album is a journey through trauma to reach that destination – a timeless combination of sounds from today's America to inaugurate DJC. – *EH*