

Min Farrakhans Saviours' Day Attracts Hip Hop Icons

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The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan will deliver his most historic message yet on Saviours' Day Sunday, February 25, "One Nation Under God" at the Ford Field in Detroit, MI. After undergoing a major 12-hour surgery one month ago, Minister Farrakhan will address the public on the importance of interfaith dialogue and opening discussions among all races, religions and cultures. Doors open at 12 noon, the pre-program begins at 1:00 pm and Minister Farrakhan's main address is at 2:00.

In a public service announcement Minister Louis Farrakhan emphasized the oneness of God and stated "And for those of you who prayed for my recovery, words are not adequate to express my deep, deep sense of personal gratitude. Each of you can go back to your mosques, your churches, your cathedrals, your synagogues, your temples, your cloisters. Where ever it is that you worship God, and say to your congregation, that our god, by whatever name you call him, answers prayers.... How then could I come through this illness and this horrific operation, and, not thank god for a message that would be universal in its scope. And Universal in its power to heal the human condition."

The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network's Co-Chairmen Russell Simmons and Dr. Benjamin Chavis Muhammad are among the supporters of this monumental event. "He has been the soul and the consciousness of hip-hop. He has had the greatest influence on me and is my spiritual teacher," emphasized Russell Simmons. "Every one in hip-hop should be there to honor this man because he has given us so much. He has inspired our music. You can not name one rapper who has not been touched by this man in some way."

A host of hip-hop icons will be in attendance to show their appreciation for Minister Farrakhan, a man whom they greatly respect for his impact on the industry and the world.

Co- Chairmen for the event are Russell Simmons, Jermaine Dupri, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Magic Johnson, Reverend Run, Damon Dash, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Congresswoman Carolyn Kilpatrick, Steve Harvey, Susan Taylor, Londell McMillan, Esq., Cathy Hughes, Michael Eric Dyson and Reginald Hudlin. Attendees include Common, Erykah Badu, Dr. Benjamin Chavis Muhammad, Reverend Al Sharpton, Chuck D, Jim Jones, RZA, Will.I.Am, Doug E. Fresh, Black Ice, Cappadonna, Brother Jeff Johnson (BET) and more. There will be special salutes honoring Minister Farrakhan.

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Russell Simmons and Rabbi Marc Schneier of the Foundation of Ethnic Understanding issued a statement of support for the Interfaith Dialogue in Detroit tomorrow. Rabbi Marc Schneier stated, "The Interfaith Dialogue scheduled tomorrow in Detroit between Islamic, Jewish and Christian leaders has my personal support. I have had a prior Interfaith Dialogue meeting with Minister Louis Farrakhan and I know first hand the importance of maintaining constructive interfaith dialogue among the 3 monotheistic, Abrahamaic faiths."

"Under the theme of One Nation Under God, Minister Louis Farrakhan will deliver the Saviours' Day address on Sunday, February 25 in Detroit at Ford Field. The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network is mobilizing and encouraging not only the hip-hop generation but all people of good will to attend and witness one of the most important addresses of our times," declared Dr. Benjamin Chavis Muhammad. "I just returned from the Middle East and I am pleased to report that there are millions of youth throughout the Middle East who want peace and justice and who will also be positively impacted by the Minister's address."

Minister Farrakhan's speech, which may be his last major public address, will be the crowning event of Black History Month, which is also celebrating the Nation of Islam's 77th Year Anniversary. Over 75,000 people are expected to attend. The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, along with the executive board of directors of The Nation of Islam, Detroit's Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, inter-faith clergy, business, civic and social leaders are encouraging everyone to take part in the Minister's address.

"I encourage everybody to be in Detroit because the Minister has shown diligence and commitment on behalf of our people for years," said Jim Jones of the Diplomats. "This man is astronomical and always keeps it real. Meeting him was one of the top five experiences in my life."

"He has had a positive impact on my life and when there is a leader like the Minister in our midst, we must support him," stated Paul Wall who cannot be in attendance due to a scheduled tour in Iraq. Paul Wall has made a contribution to the annual gift that is presented to Minister Farrakhan that has been consistently used by the Minister in the upliftment of others.

A Public Service Announcement from Minister Farrakhan can be accessed at <http://farrakhanspeaks.podomatic.com>

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Black Entertainment Television (BET) will be providing coverage of the event.