## **Artist Freedom Forum Part I Hip Hop Panel**

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It happened to Little Richard, Youngbloodz, Courtney Love, TLC, Q-Tip, Snoop Dogg, Styles P, Company Flow, Ras Kass, Toni Braxton, the Last Emperor, KRS-ONE & many more from hip hop to rap to soul to pop. Stolen royalties, unfair promotion, lack of healthcare, infringement on creativity, and outright piracy by the big 5 (Universal, BMG, Song, EMI, & Warner), owners of 90% of all music sold in retail.

The International Artists Union (I.A.U) of G.A.ME is calling all artists/musicians and music listeners and lovers to support the Artist Freedom Act. For a long time, the cure for the music industry has been to create one's own label, boycott, turn off the radio, or learn the business. All the business skills in the world can"t correct a business built on exploitation to make a dollar.

Hip-Hop has been on the frontline lyrically and politically about artist mistreatment. Clearly, it's not dead! To sign-on or endorse the legislation of Artist Freedom Act email Terry Nakamura: <a href="mailto:lectors.lectors.lectors.">lectors.lec

Learn the case for artist unions and collective bargaining power in the music industry. This event is free:

Date: Saturday April 21, 2007

Time: 12:00Noon

Location: Black Star Line Music & Video

352 Lenox Avenue & 128th Street Harlem, NY

Open Call to Hip Hop Association, Universal Zulu Nation, Hip Hop Congress, Universal Federation for the Preservation of Hip Hop Culture, Temple of Hip-Hop, National Hip-Hop

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Political Convention, Universal Hip-Hop Parade, REACH-Hip-Hop Coalition, TRUE Skool, Movement in Motion, Hip Hop Caucus, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Hip Hop Resurrection Movement, American Federation of Musicians Rap Coalition, Recording Artists" Coalition, Urban Think Tank, Writers Guild of America, J.U.I.C.E, Boycott-RIAA, Hip Hop Media Lab, Mississippi Artists and Producers Coalition, Future of Music, National Writers Union, and all other Hip-Hop and artist rights organizations.

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