

Dr Mutulu Shakur and Shakur Legacy Profiled on BET Tonight

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Tune in to BET at 10 PM ET/PT (Dec. 4th) to catch the highly anticipated "American Gangster" episode about freedom fighter Dr. Mutulu Shakur. The episode was produced by Dr. Shakur's son, rap artist and hip hop notable Mopreme - brother of best-selling rap musician of all time, Tupac Amaru Shakur (2Pac), and a member of the hip hop icon Tupac's (2Pac) multi-platinum "Thug Life" rap group.

As a regular viewer of the show's first two seasons, Mopreme reached out to the producers to develop interest in his father's story. A political prisoner imprisoned for his revolutionary activities in the 1960s and 1970s, Dr. Shakur's story is not typical of those told on the show.

Nonetheless, Dr. Shakur's role both in the civil rights movement and as step-father and mentor to the legendary hip hop icon - the late Tupac Shakur (2Pac) compelled the producers to take a more critical look at the term "gangster" and include his story amongst those that will be told in the current season. Mopreme was actively involved in the episode's production as a consulting producer, providing insight, direction, subject matter for interviews and acting as a liaison between the show and his father. Mopreme will also be featured in the episode where he talks about his childhood as the son of a revolutionary and how that impacted both his and his brother Tupac's professional and political development. Mopreme will take viewers on an historical tour of the Shakur family's earliest residences and places of work.

Viewers can also expect surprise interviews with political and entertainment icons, all of whom knew, worked with or were touched by Dr. Mutulu Shakur. "I knew my father isn't the kind of gangster they had been doing stories about, but I thought that if my father suffers from all the consequences of being labeled and incarcerated as a gangster by the system that at the very least he could benefit from his story being told," explained Shakur about his reasons for working on the "American Gangster" series. "I'm very excited to be working on this episode because my father is an important figure in the civil rights movement and his story should be remembered as a part of American history, so some of the positive things can be known about him and the Shakur legacy."

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Read more about the episode narrated by Ving Rhames:

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