

HHEAL Fest Hip Hop Educates and Advances Lives

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HHEAL Fest: Hip Hop Educates and Advances Lives! *A Celebration of Heritage, Education, and Social Justice*

The **Hip Hop Association**, in conjunction with the **Social Services of Hip Hop, We Got Issues** and the **Afro-Latin@ Project**

presents HHEAL Fest, a three-day celebration with interactive workshops, panels, film screenings, and performances that will focus on Hip Hop as a tool for education, immigrant history, media literacy, life skills and youth empowerment. Taking place from April 18-20 at the Raphael Hernandez School of the Performing Arts (IS 217) in the Bronx, HHEAL Fest combines the Hip Hop Education (H2Ed) Summit, Freshest Youth Program, and a third day dedicated to a town hall meeting and special tribute to the Founder of Hip Hop - Kool Herc and the First Lady of Hip Hop - Cindy Campbell in homage of their Jamaican roots.

Some of the presenters and speakers include **Jineea Butler** (Social Services of Hip Hop), **Chris "Kazi" Rolle**

(Hip Hop Project),

Jlove

(We Got Issues! author of

That White Girl

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Franco Rosado

(Deep Sea Entertainment),

Martha Diaz

(Hip Hop Association), Peter the Rapmathician,

Dr. David Kirkland

(NYU-Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development), Cristina Jimenez

(New York State Young Leadership Council),

Dr. Daniel Banks (

NYU- Hip Hop Theater Lab),

Dr. George Priestley

(Afro-Latin@ Project),

Sandy Shin

(Breakthrough: Building Human Rights Culture), and

Kool

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Herc

and

Cindy Campbell

(HIP HOP Preserve).

Freshest Youth Program | April 18, 1-5 PM: Students from NYC Public Schools will participate in a day of activities that include media literacy workshop, film screenings, and Hip Hop aesthetic workshops (mc'ing, djing, break-dancing, graffiti, and beat-boxing) all for FREE. The Hip Hop Association, in collaboration with its community partners, offers youth a fresh perspective on learning, the arts, and social justice.

H2Ed Summit | April 19, 9:30 AM-5 PM: The H2Ed Summit brings together noted Hip Hop educators, historians, and community organizations to facilitate professional development workshops. The H2Ed Summit serves as a space for exchange of educational models, practices, theories, and multimedia training in order to build inter-generational relationships and future education leaders. There is a small fee of \$25.00 to participate in this professional development summit.

Town Hall | April 20, 3-5 PM: The community is invited to partake in a town hall meeting entitled, *The Truth About Immigrants*. This forum will explore issues on heritage, race relations, and immigrant contributions. A special tribute dedicated to Kool Herc and Cindy Campbell to pay homage to their Jamaican roots.

Make sure to register by April 1 online at www.hiphopassociation.org/hheal08

About the Hip Hop Association:

The Hip Hop Association [H2A] is a 501(c)(3) media, education, and arts community building organization. Our projects are designed to encourage critical thinking, education reform, cross-cultural unity and civic engagement. The H2A empowers the community through the use of media, technology, resources, social entrepreneurship, and leadership development. We are producers of the largest annual international Hip Hop film festival, and Hip Hop Education forums.

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www.hiphopassociation.org

About the Social Services of Hip Hop:

The Social Services of Hip Hop is a psychology based service agency that identifies and remedies issues that affect the growth of the Hip Hop community by presenting revenue generating and community building activities. The company serves as a technical assistance intermediary that organizes and enhances programs that interact with the

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Community. Our mission is to empower

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citizens to their maximum level

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functioning by providing effective tools, resources and services

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www.ss-hiphop.com

About We Got Issues!:

We Got Issues! mission is to ignite the next generation of young women leaders and awaken a new brand of social/political activism in America. We accomplish this by training and development, outreach and education, and advocacy and recognition.

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About the Afro-Latin@ Project:

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The Afro-Latin@ Project aims to document, promote, and support the development of Afro-Latin@ studies and grass roots activities in the Americas, particularly in the United States.

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