

## 2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention Aug 1-3 in Las Vegas

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The National Hip Hop Political Convention is a bi-annual gathering of youth, scholars, artists, professionals and activists, who seek to bring a voice to, expand democracy, educate and mobilize under-represented communities to build progressive social change using the influence of Hip Hop as a medium. The National Hip Hop Political Convention seeks to develop a community free of misogyny, violence, disease/infections, and seeks to influence the values, life practices and creative expression of young people. The Convention works to build a solid constituency that will work towards building a more just and fair society.

This year the 2008 Third Bi-Annual National Hip Hop Political Convention (NHHPC) will be held August 1-3, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The NHHPC is a gathering of social justice activists, organizers, students, journalist, scholars, artists and concerned citizens who come together to define the political agenda of the Hip Hop community.

On July 28-31, 2008, a pre-convention will be held called "The State of Hip Hop", which will include a film festival, concerts, art exhibits, academic symposium and bboy/bgirl battles. Thousands are planning to come to Las Vegas to discuss the role of Hip Hop culture in political and social activism at the three-day convention from August 1-3, 2008 which will include workshops, trainings, celebrity guest speakers and concerts.

Confirmed Guests and Speakers for the 2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention include Byron Hurt, Asheru, Davey D, Rev. Lenox Yearwood, Boots Riley, Rosa Clemente, Camp Lo, Haiku D"Tat, Jeff Chang, Gamblers Crew, Knucklehead Zoo, Popmaster Fabel, Rebel Diaz, The Welfare Poets, Supernatural and more to be announced.

The National Hip Hop Political Convention has a network of local organizing committees around the United States that are working on the 2008 NHHPC. "This political convention is the biggest gathering of young activists, mostly urban youth of color, who are often ignored and overlooked when policy is developed. What do these young people care about? What is their position on the education system, the criminal justice system, or even on access to adequate healthcare? If policy makers feel these young people do not care about these issues then they should pay more attention to what happens at the 2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention.", says Troy Nkrumah the NHHPC 2008 Convention Chairperson.

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