

## Rap Author Explores Hip-Hop Philosophy Trends

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YinSumi Press, the world's first publishing house dedicated to documenting the social and political trends in the Hip Hop subculture, is proud to announce that west coast rap author Adisa Banjoko, DJ Mike Relm and bay area rap artist Balance will release a powerful CD to accompany the book "Lyrical Swords Vol. 2: Westside Rebellion". The book and CD will drop Oct., 1st, 2005 on YinSumi Press.

"Lyrical Swords Vol. 2: Westside Rebellion" looks at the difference in philosophy and strategy between Hip-Hop on the east coast and west coast. People forget that the west coast is the home of the Black Panthers and the Brown Berets. When the courts fail to serve justice to the people out west, we riot. That's why Tupac said "Only in Cali do we riot not rally, so live and die." From Ice Cube to Tupac, Paris and Kam, we have a ton of strong conscious rappers. But the standard myth is that the only conscious rappers come from the east. No doubt our east coast brothers set the standard. But like everything else in Hip Hop, we have our own unique way of being politically active.

Additional tracks from bay area rap artist Balance and San Jose's Jay the Butcher and Shamako Noble will be featured on the CD for "Lyrical Swords Vol. 2: Westside Rebellion".

"In truth, the CD is a tribute to Keith LeBlanc's No Sell Out from back in 1983. It's a tribute to Malcolm X and LeBlanc. When we tell you that you have not heard anything like this before, we mean it. The artistry by which Relm rocked the blends of my lecture with Hip Hop is beyond amazing. To be on the same team as Balance on a mixtape is just an honor in itself.

When it comes to "Lyrical Swords Volume 2: Westside Rebellion", people can either be down now, or bow down later. But the rebellion is on!!," said Banjoko.

In addition the book "Lyrical Swords Vol. 2: Westside Rebellion" will feature previously unreleased interviews from the late 80s and early 90s with such notable artists as Master P, Mac Mall, Run D.M.C. and Jam Master Jay, Luniz, Paris, Young Black Teenagers, Slick Rick, Tragedy Khadafi, Spice One, Gangstarr, and many others.

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Other dynamic social and political commentary on issues facing today's youth will also be included. A sample MP3 of DJ Mike Relm s mix can be heard right now at [www.netweed.com/lyricalswords](http://www.netweed.com/lyricalswords)

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DJ Mike Relm - [www.mikerelm.com](http://www.mikerelm.com)

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