

## Hip-Hop Pioneers to be Honored by VH-1

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Hip-hop pioneers who transformed the genre into a true cultural phenomenon will be honored by VH-1 with the second annual "VH-1 Hip-Hop Honors."

Hosted by Russell Simmons and Reverend Run, this year's celebration will honor hip-hop and rap artists LL Cool J, Big Daddy Kane, Grandmaster Flash and The Furious Five, Notorious B.I.G., Ice T, Salt -N- Pepa, and the film *Boyz n the Hood*.

Premiering on Monday, September 26 at 9PM (est), "VH-1 Hip Hop Honors", will celebrate the players who broke new ground and pioneered the genre into a true cultural phenomenon.

"VH-1 Hip Hop Honors" will be taped at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City on Thursday, September 22.

The first-ever "Honors" premiered on Sunday, October 10, 2004 uniting the old school with the new school for an exclusive, high-voltage night of unforgettable performances honoring rap's evolution into a true phenomenon which has not only influenced music, but entertainment, fashion and pop culture as a whole. First-year honorees included hip-hop and rap legends: DJ Kool Herc, DJ Hollywood, KRS-One, Public Enemy, Rock Steady Crew, Run DMC, Sugar Hill Gang and the late great rap icon Tupac Shakur.

For more information on all these shows, please visit <http://www.vh1.com>