

Cape Town Marathon Update

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Here is a update and follow up on the 72hour music marathon in Cape Town South Africa a brief of the politics and excitement of the successful completion of the event. 4 DJ's world class status was locked in a prefabed house for 72hours to play music for a fund rasier called INCREASE THE PEACE STOP THE VIOLENCE by www.nappyheads.org

South African media, corporate and government officials were a no show at this world first event hosted in Cape Town. It seemed that South African public private people wanted the Marathon to fail. How can the press and Government offices boycott this historical event? It was about your communities and not communities in other parts of the world. Were you afraid of the word HIP HOP & RAP? The young men and women that participated in the world's first music marathon were not drug addicts, killers or Gangsters. They were the best of the best from the cape flats. They represented the best in the communities that are the most inflicted with drugs and gangsters. They were able to demonstrate that you can be somebody if you want to be somebody

Was it because Mandela wasn't the feature? Is the struggle only to be seen as a struggle if it is about Madiba? We love Mandela do make the mistake of saying to the contrary but there are other persons of color that need support. We aren't from South Africa and feel disappointed about your support. We in the music fraternity that support HIP HOP and RAP are bigger than your government. Or was it because you didn't think your Cape Flats youth would get tired of their situation.

The day after the event there was no report regarding the accomplishment of the 72HOUR MUSIC MARATHON instead the front page illustrated "New Cinderella of the Cape Flats" with her genitals exposed.

SABC channel 2 "180 degrees" featured a young white gentleman who tried to break the Guinness record for hitting over 2000 golf balls and had a dismal failure 1500 was his attempt and the story was covered for more than 10 minutes. Who is crazy?

People as far away as Israel, Japan, Netherlands, USA even Iraqi's visited the webcam to witness Cape Town make history.

The project was in response to a news article in the Cape Argus September 28 2004

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“Playground Bullies turn to the power of the gun,” the collaboration of the 72Hour Music Marathon and Free Thru-Ply was to provide the solution. You do not need a policy to address this situation you need citizens who are proactive and this was displayed.

The motto to the 72Hour Music Marathon was “Increase the Peace Stop the Violence” and all the proceeds were to benefit FREE THRU-PLAY playground restoration Initiative.

You will be able to hear more about the playground project and how the international community will view South Africa. We have been supporting this event live on webcam and through communication with participants of the event; we are sending this letter to our viewers, the kind persons that believed in the goal of the initiative.

DEMOCRACY IS not possible if the elements that constitute democracy are not addressed in Isolation. The most crucial of which is global Violence and Peace. Many of you are from the areas in the Cape Flats that are effected by crime drugs and violence one would think that the respect and fortitude shown by the Cape flats youngsters who stayed awake at the V&A Waterfront for 72 hours to show solidarity about the plight of their commitment to their communities and peers would have marveled at their will and desire to witness their communities change. So let it be said that they at least made an adult attempt to change their predicament but got no support.

Many of the public and private groups that were approached to sponsor the event said that the marathon was a good idea but needed more time to be promoted! But the condition of the Cape flats playgrounds ridden with drugs and the murder escalating every day when would be a good time to start.

We thought apartheid was over could we be mistaken?

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