

New Book: Wild Style The Sampler by Charlie Ahearn (powerHouse)



In 1982, a small independent movie written, produced and directed by Charlie Ahearn was released, first in Germany, Japan and Cannes, then finally in Times Square. Wild Style, the first film to unite the elemental art forms of nascent Hip Hop culture was filmed on location in the South Bronx without permits or pretensions. Some twenty-five years after it's release, Wild Style is truly a classic, having inspired countless artists, musicians, and writers with unforgettable scenes starring the era's most memorable personalities.

To celebrate the film's silver anniversary, Wild Style The Sampler provides an inside look at the making of the film, it's release, and the reverberations it caused around the world. Narrated by Ahearn, the book introduces us to a cast of characters and outrageous adventures through a carefully curated collection of never-before-published photographs, original artwork, production stills, archival materials. Fab 5 Freddy, LEE Quinones, LADY PINK, ZEPHYR, Patti Astor, Busy Bee, Grandmaster Caz, Frosty Freeze, and Glenn O'Brien share personal stories. Artists, writers, and musicians offer commentary on the influence of Wild Style the film. including Sacha Jenkins, Carlo McCormick, GrandWizzard Theodore, Melle Mel, Biz Markie, SHARP, REVOLT, Martha Cooper, Cathy Campbell, Cut Chemist, DJ Krush and many others. Additional photographs were provided by Hip Hop's pioneering photographers, Joe Conzo, Martha Cooper and Henry Chalfant. Recounting the film's influence over the past quarter century, Wild Style The Sampler offers incomparable insight into Hip Hop's most indelible film.

Friday, July 27, 2007
Wild Style 25th Anniversary Reunion
Global Hip Hop Festival
Harbor Front Center, Toronto

All events are FREE!

6:30 pm: Wild Style: Q&A with Director Charlie Ahearn
Studio Theatre. More info. 9:30 pm: Wild Style Concert feat.
Fantastic 5, Busy Bee and GrandWizzard Theodore. Brigantine
Room. More info. 11 pm: Wild Style Late Night w/ GrandWizzard
Theodore. Brigantine Room. More Info.

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Sunday, July 29, 2007
Wild Style 25th Anniversary Reunion
Central Park Summerstage
New York City

7 pm – 10 pm. Free! All Ages.

Performances by The Cold Crush Brothers, GrandMaster Caz,
GrandWizzard Theodore, The Chief Rocker Busy Bee and special
surprise guests! Film screening of Wild Style to follow.
Central Park SummerStage at Rumsey Playfield. Enter the park
at E. 69th St. and 5th Ave. or at W. 72nd St. and Central Park
West. Take the 6 train to E. 68th or E. 77th or 1, 2, 3, B or
C trains to 72nd St.

Visit: Wild Style 25th Anniversary.

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