

2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention July 28th – August 3rd: Las Vegas NV



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 NHHPC 2008 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 NHHPC 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.

To register for the convention or to find out about sponsorship opportunities, please visit NHHPC.org/08.

2008 NHHPC

LINKS

Register Now

Schedule

Beyond Styles

2008 NHHPC

Purpose

History

Pre-Convention

Lodging

Las Vegas NHHPC LOC

Contact info@nhhpc.org

Venues include:

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

4505 S. Maryland Pkwy

Las Vegas NV 89154

Alexis Park Resort

375 E. Harmon Ave

Las Vegas, NV 89169

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Essay Contest

Applicants will write an essay telling how Hip Hop has had a

positive influence on their lives. The essay is to be 750 1000 words. Random essays will be used for subjects of future blogs on the IAMHIPHOP4VER Myspace page.

Submit essays to iamhiphop4ever@gmail.com.

Applicant must have an active myspace.com account. and submit name, address, MySpace url and phone number. The applicant must reside in the United States. The winner will receive a flight, hotel accommodations and entry into the National Hip Hop Political Convention 2008.

National Hip Hop Political Convention 2008 Official Myspace:

myspace.com/nhhpc08

NHHPC MISSION STATEMENT

Challenged by the silent majority of nonvoters and the influences of Hip Hop, the National Hip Hop Political Convention (NHHPC) is a project of the National Black United Fund, a non-profit 501c3 organization.

The NHHPC is dedicated to the political, educational, and organizational empowerment of all disenfranchised individuals, groups and local communities throughout the nation.

The NHHPC collaborates with national and international partners to increase grassroots activism and civic participation.

July 30: Beyond Styles: The State of Hip Hop

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Wed., July 30: BEYOND STYLES @ The State of Hip Hop

B-Boy/B-Girl Battles, Dance Exhibition, Workshops +

10am-4pm: BEYOND STYLES SUMMIT

Open to the public. Free! All Ages. Workshops, panels, training and 2 on 2 preliminaries. Discussions include: The History and Evolution of Street Dance and Hip Hop Culture, Commercialization and Exploitation of Street Dance Culture, Making a Career Out of Dance, Promoting Events, Marketing and Promoting Your Crew and much more.

7pm-10pm: BEYOND STYLES BBOY/BGIRL BATTLE + EXHIBITIONS

All ages. 2 on 2 bboy/bgir! battle for \$800 cash! Exhibition battle: Knucklehead Zoo (Las Vegas) vs. Gamblers Crew (South Korea). Host: Popmaster Fabel of the legendary Rock Steady Crew. Performance by Supernatural, Freestyle World Record Holder. Locking, Popping, Krumping, Hyphy exhibitions. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. Purchase tickets now at nhhpc.org/styles

Thursday, July 31st

HIP HOP ACADEMICS SYMPOSIUM

10am-4pm. FREE! Open to the public! A day long academic conference with panels, workshops and presentations addressing several issues, including the incorporation of Hip Hop elements and culture as a learning tool in grade school, Hip Hop related courses on the College and University level, Hip Hop research related degrees. Confirmed panelists include: Jeff Chang, Marc Lamont Hill, Ph.D, Karine Stanford, Ph.D., Jadium Wilson and Roderic R. Land, Ph.D and more to be announced. Location: UNLV Campus/Student Union. Host: Hip Hop Think Tank Academic Journal

ART OF INDEPENDENCE CONFERENCE

10am-5pm FREE! Open to the public. One day conference will highlight the benefits and explore the struggles around being independent of mainstream corporate America. This independence has been the bloodline of Hip Hop culture. Starting from within the music recording and moving into every other area of

Hip Hop entrepreneurship. Hip Hop has impact the independent development of clothing lines, marketing and promotional companies, artist management, urban schooling, cd distribution, journalism, film, radio, custom car accessorizing, and just about any other area that can be thought of. The AIC conference will consist of panel discussions, workshops and trainings around all of these industries and much more. Location: UNLV Campus and Alexis Park Resort. Host: Bay Area Local Organizing Committee (BayLOC). Performances: TBA

INDEPENDENT ARTIST SHOWCASE & CONCERT

8pm-1am. \$5 presale, \$10 at the door. Featuring some of the best independent artists from around the country. Organized and hosted by the Bay Area Local Organizing Committee (BayLOC) of the NHHPC.

August 1 – 3: 2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention

Three days of Panels, Workshops, Trainings, Films, Caucusing, Networking and Movement Building.

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 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.

Convention activities will include conferences, entertainment, cross-cultural

exchanges, workshops, film screenings, and exhibitions to address the issues and concerns affecting Hip Hop Culture and the Hip Hop Generation. Special invited guests include

professionals, elders from the Civil Rights Movement, nationally known artists, elected political figures, as well and internationally renowned writers and scholars.

For more information about the 2008 National Hip Hop Political Convention activities, please visit the NHHPC website for updates: www.nhhpc.org/08.

2008 NHHPC: National Partners, Participating Organizations and Conference Presenters include Ruckus Society (Oakland), Fathers For the Future (Chicago), I Am Hip Hop I Am Health (Virginia), One Hood (Pittsburgh), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (National), Peoples Hurricane Relief Fund (New Orleans), Hip Hop Sustains/Soul Survivors (NYC), Hip Hop Media Lab (Boston), Hip Hop Caucus (Washington DC), Color of Change (SF Bay Area/National), Ella Baker Center of Human Rights (Oakland), INCITE (National), Critical Resistance (National), Black Radical Congress (National), Cop Watch (Phoenix) ACLU (Nevada, NYC, Texas, CA), New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice (New Orleans), Safe Streets Strong Communities (New Orleans), Survivors Village (New Orleans), League of Young Voters (National), Hip Hop Think Tank (Los Angeles), G.A.M.E. (NYC), Universal Zulu Nation, Temple of Hip Hop, Knucklehead Zoo (Las Vegas), Iraq War Veterans Against the War (National), United Students Against Sweatshops (National), Student Labor Action Project (National), Progressive Majority (National), The Network of Spiritual Progressives (Berkeley), YES! Magazine, The AVE Magazine (NYC), Future 5000 (National), Hard Knock Radio (Berkeley), ANKH Marketing (San Francisco), Tools of War (NYC) and many many more!

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