

VH1's "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" Reigns Supreme As Public Enemy's "Fight The Power" Takes The #1 Spot

NEW YORK, NY, September 25, 2008 – VH1 is paying tribute to rap royalty by counting down the "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs." This five-part compilation of beats, rhymes and lyrics is not just a countdown – it is an ultimate celebration of the greatest hip hop music – old school classics, gangsta rap and everything in between. The series will also feature new, original interviews with hip hop's biggest names, including rare and archival performances. Public Enemy, LL Cool J, Run-DMC, Salt-N-Pepa, OutKast, Eminem and Grandmaster Flash are just some of the artists to be profiled.

Each new episode of VH1's "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" will premiere beginning Monday September 29 -Friday, October 3 at 10PM*. The series will allow viewers to reminisce with the top 100 hip hop songs that had the greatest influence on music and pop culture. This countdown is also a nostalgic look at a time when high-top fades and shades paired with big gold chains and braids were still fresh; a time when throwing your hands in the air got the party started and it was cool to admit that you were down with "O.P.P."

VH1.com gave hip hop fans the chance to determine the outcome of VH1's "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" through online voting. Fans were able to go to VH1.com's "VH1 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" page to vote for their favorite hip hop songs of all time. Additionally, VH1.com will offer exclusive clips

that will not be seen in the on-air version of the special.

The complete list of VH1's "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" is attached.

VH1's "100 Greatest Hip Hop Songs" is a production of VH1, with Hilary Spiegelman serving as Series Producer, and Bernie Kaminski, Rick Hankey, Shelly Tatro and Jeff Olde serving as Executive Producers for VH1.

*All Times ET/PT

100 GREATEST hip hop songs RANKED LIST

rank

Artist / song

01

Public Enemy / "Fight The Power"

02

Sugarhill Gang / "Rapper's Delight"

03

Dr. Dre / "Nuthin But A G Thang"

04

Run-DMC ft/ Aerosmith/ "Walk This Way"

05

Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five / "The Message"

06

N.W.A. / "Straight Outta Compton"

07

Notorious B.I.G. / "Juicy"

08

Snoop Doggy Dogg / "Gin and Juice"

09

Salt-N-Pepa / "Push It"

10

Kurtis Blow / "The Breaks"

11

Jay-Z / "Hard Knock Life"

12

L.L. Cool J / "I Can't Live Without My Radio"

13

Wu-Tang Clan / "C.R.E.A.M."

14

Tupac / "I Get Around"

15

Eminem / "Stan"

16

Missy Elliott / "Get Ur Freak On"

17

Sir Mix-A-Lot / "Baby Got Back"

18

50 Cent / "In Da Club"

19

Ice T / "Colors"

20

Kanye West ft/ Jamie Foxx / "Gold Digger"

21

Afrika Bambaataa & Soul Sonic Force/ "Planet Rock"

22

Naughty By Nature / "O.P.P."

23

Outkast / "B.O.B."

24

Eric B and Rakim / "Paid in Full"

25

Fugees / "Killing Me Softly"

26

MC Hammer / "U Can't Touch This"

27

Beastie Boys / "Hold it Now, Hit it"

28

Ice Cube / "It Was A Good Day"

30

Digital Underground / "The Humpty Dance"

30

Tribe Called Quest / "Check the Rhime"

31

Kool Moe Dee / "How Ya Like Me Now"

32

Puff Daddy & The Family ft/ Notorious B.I.G., Lil' Kim and
The Lox/ "It's All About The Benjamins"

33

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony / "Tha Crossroads"

34

Cypress Hill / "Insane In The Brain"

35

Queen Latifah ft. Monie Love / "Ladies First"

36

Nelly / "Hot In Herre"

37

Rob Base & DJ E-Z Rock / "It Takes Two"

38

Coolio / "Gangsta's Paradise"

39

Tone-Loc / "Wild Thing"

40

Run-DMC / "It's Like That"

41

Funky 4 + 1 / "That's the Joint"

42

Roxanne Shante / "Roxanne's Revenge"

43

Game, The ft. 50 Cent / "Hate It or Love It"

44

Method Man ft/ Mary J. Blige / "I'll Be There For You / You're All I Need to Get By"

45

Geto Boys / "Mind Playing Tricks On Me"

46

De La Soul / "Me, Myself, And I"

47

Young MC / "Bust A Move"

48

Nas / "One Love"

49

Boogie Down Productions / "My Philosophy"

50

Lil Wayne / "Tha Block Is Hot"

51

Doug E. Fresh & the Get Fresh Crew / "The Show"

52

Foxy Brown ft. Jay-Z – "I'll Be"

53

Lox ft. DMX and Lil' Kim / "Money, Power, Respect"

54

MC Lyte / "Cha Cha Cha"

55

Terror Squad ft/ Fat Joe and Remy / "Lean Back"

56

Busta Rhymes / "Woo-Ha! Got You All In Check"

57

Big Daddy Kane / "I Get the Job Done"

58

Ludacris ft. Shawna / "What's Your Fantasy"

59

Ol' Dirty Bastard / "Shimmy Shimmy Ya"

60

L.L. Cool J / "I Need Love"

61

Slick Rick / "Children's Story"

62

Digable Planets / "Rebirth of Slick (Cool Like Dat)"

63

Kid "n Play / "Rollin'" With Kid N Play

64

The Roots / "What they Do"

65

Spoonie Gee and The Treacherous Three / "Love Rap"

66

House Of Pain / "Jump Around"

67

Mase / "Feel So Good"

68

T.I. / "What You Know"

69

Common / "I Used to Love H.E.R."

70

3rd Bass / "Pop Goes the Weasel"

71

Whodini / "Freaks Come Out at Night"

72

J.J. Fad / "Supersonic"

73

Black Sheep / "The Choice Is Yours"

73

EPMD / "You Gots To Chill"

75

Lil' Kim ft. Lil' Cease/ "Crush on You"

76

Big Punisher ft. Joe / "Still Not A Player"

77

Cold Crush Brothers / "Cold Crush Bros. at the Dixie"

78

Arrested Development / "Tennessee"

79

DMX / "Ruff Ryders' Anthem (Stop Drop)"

80

Three 6 Mafia ft. Paula Campbell/ "Hard Out Here For A Pimp"

81

PM Dawn / "Set Adrift On Memory Bliss"

82

Chubb Rock / "Treat 'Em Right"

83

2 Live Crew / "Me So Horny"

84

UTF0 / "Roxanne Roxanne"

85

Black Star / "Definition"

86

Heavy D. and the Boyz / "Now That We Found Love"

87

Wyclef Jean ft. Refugee All Stars / "We Tryin'™ to Stay Alive"

88

Jungle Brothers / "What U Waitin'™ 4"

89

Cam'ron / "Oh Boy"

90

Pete Rock & CL Smooth / "They Reminisce Over You(T.R.O.Y)

91

Chamillionaire ft. Krayzie Bone / "Ridin'™"

92

Yo-Yo / "Can't Play with my Yo-Yo"

93

N.E.R.D. ft. Lee Harvey and Vida / "Lapdance"

94

Master P ft. Sikk, Fiend, Mia-x and Mystical / "Make 'Em Say Ugh"

95

Lil Trimm / "Cars With The Boom"

96

DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince / "Parents Just Don't Understand"

97

Eve / "Who's that Girl"

98

Warren G ft. Nate Dogg / "Regulate"

99

Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz ft/ Ying Yang Twins / "Get Low"

100

Biz Markie / "Just A Friend"