

# The Native Tongues Commemorating 30 Years With Festival



The Native Tongues are celebrating 30 years with their own festival that will debut in July. The '90s rap collective that comprises De La Soul, The Jungle Brothers and Monie Love among others is having a concert at The Anthem in D.C. with a full lineup. Leaders Of The New School, Black Sheep, Chi-Ali, Jungle Brothers, DJ Red Alert, DJ Maseo from De La Soul, Jaroboi from A Tribe Called Quest, Brand Nubian, Da Bush Babees and The Fu-Schnickens will be in the building. The event will also honor late members Phife Dawg and Chris "Baby" Lighty and donate money to The National Diabetes Association and The National Suicide Prevention.

The show will also raise money for the Omar Akil-directed *Speaking In Tongues* documentary that promises to tell the collective's story.

The Native Tongues Festival will take place July 18th at The Anthem in D.C. [Tickets](#) are on sale now.



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# Chi Ali-Good Man

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Chi Ali has a tale about temptation and the challenges of being a “Good Man.”

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## Media Questions Of The Week

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1. Even if Nicki Minaj endorsed Romney as a publicity stunt, was it really a smart one?



2. Why would Essence magazine, the magazine for Black women in America, have a problem with Jill Scott wearing her natural hair on the cover of the October 2012 issue? And why haven't they put Gabby Douglas and/or the Black Olympians on the cover?



3. Now that Pitchfork has done a retraction of their video of Chief Keef at a firing range in response to the rapper being investigated for making a joke about the death of rapper LilJojo on Twitter, why did they think it was OK in the first place?

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4. Did you know that Chi Ali was released from prison last week?

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5. Don't you think Floetry sounds better together?

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## Chi Ali Documentary

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Chi Ali was the youngest member of The Native Tongues that included De La Soul, A Tribe Called Quest and The Jungle Brothers. He started rapping when he was 14 making guest appearances on songs by Black Sheep and De La Soul. His one and only album *The Fabulous Chi Ali* came out in 1992 when he was 16 and became an instant classic of The Golden Era. In 2000 he committed the crime of murdering his girlfriend's brother. He was arrested in 2001 and began serving a 14-year sentence for the offense. In this short documentary he talks about his life and why prison is not the place to be.