## VH1's Hip Hop Honors Scores More Than Three Million Viewers

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VH1's Hip Hop Honors: All Hail The Queens scored more than three million viewers Monday night. Eve hosted the event that had appearances from Common, Michelle Obama, Busta Rhymes, Puff Daddy, Fantasia, Nelly Furtado, Timbaland, LL Cool J and Pharrell who all paid tribute to Lil' Kim, Salt N Pepa, Queen Latifah and Missy. The Hip Hop Honors show was live for the first time and was VH1's highest-rated Monday night in a year and the #1 cable program in its time period. The viewership completely denies the idea that female rappers are not relevant. The show amassed over half a million Tweets, 17 trending topics including Rich Homie Quan's failure to remember Biggie Smalls' lyrics to the Junior M.A.F.I.A.'s "Get Money." Hip Hop Honors began in 2004 and returned this year after a six-year hiatus. All Hail The Queens was the first time women in hip-hop have received any kind of major recognition.

## Watch The Livestream Of VH1 Hip Honors: All Hail The Queen Tonight

CELEBRATE @LilKim @IAMQUEENLATIFAH @TheSaltNPepa & @MissyElliott TONIGHT at 9/8c on #HipHopHonors with

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Tonight Eve will host VH1's *Hip Hop Honors: All Hail The Queen* tonight at 9ET. Lil' Kim, Queen Latifah, Missy Elliott and Salt -N-Pepa. Pharrell, The Lox and Fantasia are a few of the artists who will pay tribute to tonight's honorees. You can stream the show live <a href="here">here</a>.

## Throwback: Salt-N-Pepa-Shoop

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[youtube id="4vaN01VLYSQ"] "Shoop" was one of the songs to lead Salt-N-Pepa's fourth album Very Necessary to multiplatinum success. Salt and Pepa co-wrote "Shoop" and Mark Sparks and Salt produced the song. R.Kelly, A Tribe Called Quest, Keith Sweat, Blackstreet, Jodeci and Johnny Gill all appeared in the video shot at Coney Island in Brooklyn. They had already approached the subject of sex on their previous album with the single, "Let's Talk About Sex" but "Shoop" "None Of Your Business" and "Whatta Man" evolved the conversation. Their sexy image and shameless approach to the physical side of relationships paved the way for the explicit styles to come from Lil' Kim and Nicki Minaj. "None Of Your Business" received the first Grammy for women rappers and Very Necessary made them the first women in rap to sell more than a million copies of an album. In 2016 "Shoop" reached another generation because of its placement in the superhero movie Deadpool. Salt-N-Pepa's 2016 tour starts March 25th in Charleston, West Virginia.

Throwback: Queen Latifah,
TLC, MC Lyte, TLC, Yo-Yo,Salt
N Pepa, Meshell
Ndegeocello, Nefertiti & Patra
-Freedom ( Panther
Soundtrack)



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"Freedom" was originally recorded by Joi and redone by Queen Latifah, MC Lyte, TLC, Patra, Meshell Ndegeocello, Nefertiti, Salt N Pepa and Yo-Yo for the "Panther" soundtrack. The song was a dedication to Black women who challenged the political status quo in history like Angela Davis, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Shirley Chisholm and Coretta Scott-King. Dallas Austin and Diamond D produced the song and Angie Stone was the vocal arranger.