

R.I.P. Pam The Funkstress



Pam The Funkstress who was the DJ for The Coup died today after an undisclosed illness. According to reports, the Bay Area Legend died from complications after an organ transplant. Boots Riley, E-Roc were the rare coed hip-hop crew eager to address social issues in their music. In the '90s they released the critically acclaimed *Kill My Landlord*, *Genocide & Juice* and *Steal This Album*. In the 2000s they continue their quest with *Party Music*, *Pick A Bigger Weapon* and *Sorry To Bother You*.^Â In addition to being a DJ, she owned a successful catering company. In 2016 she worked with Prince as the official DJ on his final A Piano & A Microphone Tour.

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Hieroglyphics Announce Hiero Day on 9/7 with Comptonâ€™s Most Wanted, HBK Gang, Luniz, Res, The Coup & More



The Hieroglyphics announced their 4th annual Hiero Day today that takes place September 7th in their hometown of Oakland,

California. The all-day event is a full day of musical performances on three stages, the festival also offers food and drinks from local vendors, a skate park, graffiti wall, an area for b-boy battles, a kids' area, and much more. The all day event will include performances by Compton's Most Wanted, P-Lo, Kool John, and Jay Ant of HBK Gang, Luniz, Psalm One, Peanut Butter Wolf, Zion I, Phat Kat, Guilty Simpson, Nx Worries, The Coup, Domo Genesis, Res, and many more. Hiero Day 2015 will be hosted at the intersection of 3rd and Chestnut Street in Oakland from 11am until 7pm on Monday September 7th, 2015. Due to exceeded capacity and expenses at last year's event, an entry fee of \$19.93 will be charged for general admission. The event is expected to sell out – tickets may be purchased in advance at <https://hieroday2015.eventbrite.com>. However, youth who are active in their communities as members of a Bay Area-based nonprofit organization need only to present their membership ID to gain free access. For anyone who needs financial assistance, they are encouraged to email icantpay20dollars@hieroday.com to submit a 250-500 word essay about what they do to improve their community.

Tickets: <https://hieroday2015.eventbrite.com>

More info: www.HieroDay.com

The Coup-Long Island Iced Tea, Neat Feat. Japather

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The Coup's "Long Island Iced Tea, Neat" is adapted into a cartoon by animator Kelly Gallagher that looks more like a propaganda tool from the Occupy movement than a music video.

Kickmag's 2012 Picks



THEESatisfaction –*awe Naturale*

High-tech Nubian poetry for the future of soul.



Nona Hendryx–*Mutatis Mutandis*

Hendryx's latest funk party of Americana political truth.



The Coup–*Sorry To Bother You*

The Coup reinvents itself with irascible rock/rap to command your attention.



Esperanza Spalding–*Radio Music Society*

Spalding's well-bred jazz/R&B mash.



Take 6–*One*

Take 6's timeworn vocal harmonies elevate parts of the gospel canon with sublime arrangements.



Santigold–*Master Of My Make Believe*

Santigold adds more ruggedness to her errant '80's influenced pop.



Childish Gambino-*Royalty*

Gambino's third mixtape is intelligent fun and progress with his muse.



Locksmith-*Labyrinth*

Heady rhymes from Bay Area battle king.



Nas-*Life Is Good*

A return to Nas's classic street cinema



Incognito- *Surreal*

The UK's favorite jazz/funk masters deliver another solid excursion.



Kendrick Lamar-*Good Kid M.A.A.D City*

The next wave of West Coast rap from the region's number one commercial upstart.



Oddisee-*People Hear What They See*

Unpasteurized hip-hop from D.C.'s favorite underground emcee.



Meshell Ndegeocello-*Pour une ame souveraine*

A divine tribute to Nina Simone from R&B's most prominent forerunner.



Robert Glasper-*Black Radio*

Black pop surveyed with smoothness and a superb cover of "Smells Like Teen Spirit."



Flying Lotus-*Until The Quiet Comes*

Otherworldly electronica, lo-fi jazz and re-tooled New Wave.



Dwele-*Greater Than One*

Dwele's self-contained R&B gets posher.



Miguel-*Kaleidoscope Dream*

A honest trip from a self-avowed R&B maverick.



Frank Ocean-*Channel Orange*

A brave debut from one of R&B's new voices.



Hawthorne Headhunters-*Myriad Of Now*

Left-field soul from Coultrain and Black Spade.



Bad Brains-*Into The Future*

Standard speed reggae elixir from the punk hardcore kings.