

# **TOOLS OF WAR®**

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Tools of War was named with the idea that there are many "tools" one can use in competing/battling within Hip Hop culture: turntables, microphones, paint, one's body, and especially one's voice (and so on)! Although the name might appear aggressive, the intent behind it's use is actually to inform and educate people regarding not only Hip Hop but many other social and political issues. As we grow, we are finding that it has also become a forum for voicing opinions and sharing ideas which might help in unifying and uplifting people all over the world.

Fabel & Christie Z-Pabon

*Friday, JAN 20*

**FREE! LYRICAL SWORDS VOL. 2: WESTSIDE REBELLION (SANTA CLARA):** A Celebration for the BOOK Release of Adisa Banjoko's Lyrical Swords Vol 2.: Westside Rebellion. Claran Lounge in Santa Clara 1251 Franklin Mall. Featuring With the Ill live Performances By: Diabrie and the A.L.L.I.A.N.C., K- Doe, Shamako Noble, Noahdeeakili of Sub Ren and Bay Area's Mixtape King Balance With DJ Golden Chyld doing damage to the turntables all night long. Just added: Lush One and Thesaurus. Surprise Special Guests from all over the Bay Area With Promotional Giveaways of CD's, T-Shirts and host of fun times, networking opportunities and props to one of the Bay Area's finest journalists. 21+ only. info courtesy of Shamako. [www.lyricalswords.com](http://www.lyricalswords.com), [www.claranlounge.com](http://www.claranlounge.com) and [www.hiphopcongress.com](http://www.hiphopcongress.com).

TOYS IN THE BAR (NYC) 9 pm - 3 am. Rivington bar 174 Rivington just past Clinton. DJs: Dooley-O (female fun records), Gerald McBoing boing (wax poetics /blackcrack sessions), Strath and Tommy. And there will be a limited number of goodies bags with free toys and such. Info courtesy of Gerald McBoingBoing.

JACKSON BROWN EXHIBIT (NYC): A new exhibition of works by the painter Jackson Brown will add an element of artworld dazzle to the forthcoming introduction of the spring 2006 collection of the Strut Menswear line. The Strut show and Brown's exhibition will open simultaneously at Strut, 81 Greene Street in Soho. The show will continue at Strut through March 1. Exhibited for the first time will be two new collaborations -- one between Brown and the photographer Ricky Powell, the other between Brown and the painter Sacha Jenkins. Info courtesy of Bill Adler ([www.eyejammie.com](http://www.eyejammie.com)).

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MARLON D & JELLYBEAN BENITTEZ (NYC): 10 pm - 6 am! Say what? House music all night long? Union Sq. Ballroom 27 Union Sq. West betw. 15th & 16th. \$15 Info courtesy of FreeNYC.net (good stuff!).

HIP HOP CONFERENCE (TUNICA MS): David Banner, Jimmy Henchman and Swisha House CEO Michael Watts will be among the panelists addressing music industry issues during a weekend of discussions sponsored by Rap Coalition and the Southern Entertainment Awards. Other panelists include rappers Too Short, Killer Mike and Trick Trick as well as Blue Williams (manager of Outkast), Vanessa Satten (music editor of XXL), Jane Higgins (publicist for Nelly and Murphy Lee), directors Flx ("Dirty States of America") and Lexx Luger ("White Boys Can't Rap"), Hump (CEO of Sucka Free Entertainment) and Rap Coalition founder Wendy Day. The panel discussions are free and open to the public on Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Grand Casino in Tunica, MS. The Southern Entertainment Awards takes place Sunday, Jan. 22. at the Horse Shoe Casino. For the full story log on: <http://www.allhiphop.com/hiphopnews/?ID=5226>. More info on Rap Coalition at [www.RapCoalition.org](http://www.RapCoalition.org). Info courtesy of AllHipHop.com alerts.

FREE! DOWNTOWN FRIDAY NIGHTS (CHICAGO): 9 pm - 2 am. DJs Jesse de la Pena & Uncle Milty spinning an eclectic mix of quality music. Special guests tba. Hosted by Larry Mondragon. To make this night even better we will be giving out free mix CDs to the first 50 people through the door each week. ROOM 22 Restaurant / Lounge 22 East Hubbard (Just east of Hubbard & State) Chicago. Info courtesy of Larry Mondragon.

Lyrical Swords

Saturday, JAN 21

WATERBED KEV'S B-DAY @ WILLIES (BRONX): That's right, Fantastic Romantic Waterbed Kev is celebrating his b- day true school style with DJ Kevie Kev Rockwell at Willie's 1872 Webster Ave. (corner of Tremont & Webster). Take the D to Tremont or 4 to Burnside. For more info, call the club at 718.294.3112. Info courtesy of GrandMaster Caz and GrandWizzard Theodore.

SAN JUAN HILL (SPANISH HARLEM): 10 pm. Camaradas 2241 First Ave. Spanish Harlem. The corner of 115th St. 212.348.2704. 10 pm 1st set. 11:30 pm 2nd set. Take #6 Train to 116 St. Station, walk east to First Ave. \$5 San Juan Hill: A mix of Soulful Afro-Latin Jazz and Hip Hop Grooves with sounds from P.R., Cuba, Brazil, Jamaica, U.S.A. etc. Playing Original songs and popular Covers performed in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Info courtesy of Frank from San Juan Hill.

HIP HOP FILM FESTIVAL (LOS ANGELES): January 19th – 22nd in Royce Hall 314 & 306 from 12 - 10pm on the UCLA campus. Admission is FREE and open to everyone of all ages! The festival will screen numerous feature films, shorts, experimental, and documentaries such as the classic Hip Hop films Style Wars, Wild Style, and Freestyle: The Art of Rhyme ([www.organicfilms.com](http://www.organicfilms.com)), while also premiering theatrical films such as Henry Chalfant's "From Mambo to Hip Hop: Music and Survival in the South Bronx" and Doug Pray's "Infamy". We hope that you'll be able to join us and participate in this truly unique atmosphere celebrating film, music and Hip Hop culture. For more information go to: [www.hiphopfilmfestival.com](http://www.hiphopfilmfestival.com). To submit films for screening consideration, please send NTSC DVD's or Mini-DVs to: The Hip Hop Film Festival 2629 Main

Street #312, Santa Monica, CA 90404, USA. Info courtesy of Kevin Fitzgerald.

DJ CRAZE (MIAMI): 10 pm - 5 am. Also feat. DJ DBJ and residents: Merlyn, Ashrock & Wendel. 18+. Space 34 NE 11th St. Downtown Miami. [www.ClubSpace.com](http://www.ClubSpace.com). Info courtesy of 303 Media.

EXHIBIT: HENRY CHALFANT & SHARP (BARCELONA): Photos by Henry C. Prints and Paintings by SHARP. Opening on Jan. 21st running through Feb. 24th at The Montana Gallery Comerc #6 08003 Barcelona. tel.: 93-2680191. Info courtesy of ArtCrimes.org.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION (NYC): 10 am at the Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive (Upper West Side). Judges: Ajamu Sankofa (executive director of Physicians for Social Responsibility-NY), Dennis Brutus (South African exile poet), Abdeen Jabara (former president of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee), Adjoa Aiyetoro (Prof. of Law at Univ. of Arkansas), Ann Wright (former foreign service officer who resigned from the State to protest the war on Iraq.) Witnesses and Prosecutors: Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, Craig Murray (former British ambassador to Uzbekistan), Scott Ritter (former UN weapons inspector), Lindsey German (Convenor, UK Stop the War Coalition), Michael Ratner ( president, Center for Constitutional Rights), Ray McGovern (former CIA analyst), Dahr Jamail (journalist, reported extensively from Iraq), Marjorie Cohn (president-elect National Lawyers Guild), Stephen Bronner (Rutgers University), Ted Glick (Climate Crisis Coalition), Daphne Wysham (Institute for Policy Studies, SEEN), Tom Devine (Government Accountability Project), Chokwe Lumumba (attorney and human rights activist), Steven Miles (on medical personnel and torture), Katrina survivors, Larry Everest and Dr. Thomas Fasy. Information: 212-941-8086 or email: [commission@nion.us](mailto:commission@nion.us). Website: [www.bushcommission.org](http://www.bushcommission.org). Info courtesy of Imam Talib (Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood).

FREE! BRONX CENTER LIBRARY OPENS! 10 am - 5 pm. Celebrate the Bronx's new state-of-the-art Library Center opening with two days of free music, dance, and theater. Happenings include free tours of the building, Ibrahim González Orchestra, The Valentinos, ice sculpting, stilt walking, Clifford the Big Red Dog and Maya & Miguel, percussionist Angel Rodriguez, Trio Sentimiento Latino and much more. Bronx Library Center 310 East Kingsbridge Road Bronx. Info courtesy of FreeNYC.net.

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Henry Chalfant & SHARP Exhibit

Sunday, JAN 22

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION (NYC): 1 pm at Columbia University Law School, 116th & Amsterdam Avenue. Judges: Ajamu Sankofa (executive director of Physicians for Social Responsibility-NY), Dennis Brutus (South African exile poet), Abdeen Jabara (former president of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee), Adjoa Aiyetoro (Prof. of Law at Univ. of Arkansas), Ann Wright (former foreign service officer who resigned from the State to protest the war on Iraq.) Witnesses and Prosecutors: Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, Craig Murray (former British ambassador to Uzbekistan), Scott Ritter (former UN weapons inspector), Lindsey German (Convenor, UK Stop the War Coalition), Michael Ratner ( president, Center for Constitutional Rights), Ray McGovern (former CIA analyst), Dahr Jamail (journalist, reported extensively from Iraq), Marjorie Cohn (president-elect National Lawyers Guild), Stephen Bronner (Rutgers University), Ted Glick (Climate Crisis Coalition), Daphne Wysham (Institute for Policy Studies, SEEN), Tom Devine (Government Accountability Project), Chokwe Lumumba (attorney and human rights activist), Steven Miles (on medical personnel and torture), Katrina survivors, Larry Everest and Dr. Thomas Fasy. Information: 212-941-8086 or email: [commission@nion.us](mailto:commission@nion.us). Website: [www.bushcommission.org](http://www.bushcommission.org). Info courtesy of Imam Talib (Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood).

HIP HOP FILM FEST OFFICIAL CLOSING NIGHT (LOS ANGELES): 9 pm - 2 am. Cinespace 6356 Hollywood Blvd. 2nd Level Performances by: Sunspot Jonz, Crag Malkovich, Omni, Percee P, Diz Gibran and Medusa. Hosted by Mike 360 & Special Surprise Guests. Also Featuring Dj Kiilu and Dj Marvski. Live Art by TV G (HVW8). For More Info and full program and schedule of films go to: [www.hiphopfilmfestival.com](http://www.hiphopfilmfestival.com). Info courtesy of Bboy Ervin.

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FREE! BRONX LIBRARY CENTER OPENING CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE! 1 pm - 5 pm. Celebrate the Bronx's new state-of-the-art Library Center opening with a day of free music, dance, theater! On offer are free tours of the building and performing are the Drum Café NY, Retumba: A Caribbean Journey (Afro-Caribbean dance and percussion group), Ray Mantilla Quintet, The Valentinos, Stilt Walker, storytelling, the Ebony Hillbillies, Mariachi Real de Mexico. Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road Bronx. Info courtesy of FreeNYC.net.

Hip Hop Film Fest

*Monday, JAN 23*

ILL-OUT WITH PRINCE PAUL (NYC): Spinning at his monthly jam with special guest Dres of Black Sheep APT. 419 West 13th St., (9th Ave. & Washington St.), 10-late, \$6 Info courtesy of Alec.

POPMASER FABEL'S POPPING & LOCKING CLASSES (NYC): 8 - 9:15 pm. Steps on Broadway at 2121 Broadway 3rd Floor at W.74th St. \$14.50 per class. Take the 1,2,3 or 9 to 72nd. [StepsNYC.com](http://StepsNYC.com) or 212 874-2410. Beginners welcome. Fabel Alternates Popping & Locking each week. Always call first to make sure he's in the city.

ORGANIZING THE NATIONAL RALLY TO FIGHT VIOLENCE & ABUSE OF BLACK WOMEN & GIRLS 2006 (PHILLY): Information and Organizing Meeting at 7 pm. Friends Service Center 15th and Cherry Sts. Volunteers needed. All are welcome to attend. The National Rally will take place on Sat. May 6, 2006 at Love Park at 15th & JFK Blvd. Philly PA. "Enough Is Enough" 2006 Conference: May 3-5, 2006 (Philly) Submission for Papers Deadline: March 1, 2006. For more information call 215-213-0078 or e-mail [BWDL7@aol.com](mailto:BWDL7@aol.com) or [mwmsistahood@aol.com](mailto:mwmsistahood@aol.com). No spam please. Sponsored by: The National Million Woman March Organization, Black Women's Defense League and Million Woman Movement International. Info courtesy of Afrika Bambaataa.

APT NYC

*Tuesday, JAN 24*

BLADE EXHIBIT (NYC): Blade, legendary graffiti king is lighting up the historical New York Mercantile Exchange building. Blade's one-man show opened on January 9 and is free and open for viewing during the day through February 3. New York Mercantile Exchange - World Financial Center - 1 North End Ave. (near Vessey St) Manhattan NY 10282. BLADE also has shows scheduled for March (in Arizona) and June (in Amsterdam). Info courtesy of <http://artcrimes.org/index/current.html>. More info on BLADE at: <http://www.bladekingofgraf.com>.

FREE! DJ VINROC, SHORTKUT & SWIFTRUCK (SAN FRAN) Every Tuesday. 21+. The Beat Lounge at The

Social Club 1751 Fulton St. San Francisco, CA. Info courtesy of DJ Neil Armstrong (5th Platoon).

AFRIKA BAMBAATAA ON THE RADIO! "THE PEOPLE SHOW": WHCR 90.3 "The Voice of Harlem" from 8 pm - midnight. The Father of the Electro Funk Sound, Afrika Bambaataa, the The Master of Records & the Amen Ra of Universal Hip Hop Culture; EZ LG (The Funky Mixologist); and Dr. Shaka Zulu (The Scientist of Knowledge). Every Tuesday! [www.WHCR.org](http://www.WHCR.org). Info courtesy of Afrika Bambaataa!

5th Platoon

*Wednesday, JAN 25*

BATTLE OF THE DJS CLUB/MIX COMPETITION (SCHAUMBERG IL): Every Wed. until? The winner wins \$1000 dollars in cash, a trip for two to Cancun, Mexico, and a truck-load of other prizes as well. Come on out and have some fun and get some cool "edutainment"... The "Battle of the DJs" will be at Dakotas located at 1550 E. Algonquin Rd. in Schaumburg, IL. For more info: [www.dakotasbar.com](http://www.dakotasbar.com). Info courtesy of DJ Johnny P.

ALL CITY BUMP (NYC): 11 pm - 4 am. Every Wednesday DJ's Center, Demize, Kevlar and Drilla will be bringing you the best in Hip Hop, Funk, Soul, and Jazz from around the globe. Joe's Pub (425 Lafayette St. btwn 4th and Astor) in the heart of Manhattan. \$7 admission. Info courtesy of D.J. Demizem-  
[www.addictsonline.com](http://www.addictsonline.com).

THE HALFTIME SHOW ON 89.1FM WNYU (NYC): 10:30 pm - 1 am feat. DJ Eclipse & Dj Skizz every Wednesday night. [www.wnyu.org](http://www.wnyu.org). Info courtesy of DJ Eclipse.

Halftime Radio Show NYC

*Thursday, JAN 26*

FREE: LARGE PROFESSOR presents TIMBUKTU (BROOKLYN): 10 pm. Spinning Hip-Hop, Classic soul, Break beats & Rare grooves. Five Spot. Info courtesy of Malik. [www.fivespotsoulfood.com](http://www.fivespotsoulfood.com).

SARAH JONES IN BRIDGE & TUNNEL ON BROADWAY! (NYC): Bridge & Tunnel is written and performed by SARAH JONES and directed by Tony Taccone. Helen Hayes Theater 240 W 44th Street New York, NY between 7th & 8th Avenues. The smash hit downtown comedy is now ON BROADWAY for just two months! Thru March 12, 2006. The astonishing Sarah Jones creates more than a dozen indelible characters in her hilarious tour de force about the American Dream and the people who chase it. For more information about Sarah Jones visit [www.sarahjonesonline.com](http://www.sarahjonesonline.com). Info courtesy of Imagenation.us.

THE HIP HOP CHURCH SERVICE (HARLEM): Every Thursday from 6 - 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. Worship Service with a Hip Hop Twist (Gospel Rappers, Hip Hop church choir, band and a DJ). Kurtis Blow serves as worship leader and DJ. Pastor: Stephen Pogue. The Greater Hood Memorial A.M. E. Zion Church 160 West 146 Street Bet. 7th & Lenox Ave. (212) 281-3130. [www.hiphopchurch.org](http://www.hiphopchurch.org). Info courtesy of Theresa & Kurtis Blow.

ALI SHAHEED MUHAMMAD @ TRIPLE CROWN (BROOKLYN): 10 pm. Bi-Polar Thursdays. Additional music by DJ Uncle Mike and friends. \$5 @ Triple Crown 109 Bedford Ave (N. 11th St.) Brooklyn, NY. 718.388.8883. [www.triplecrown.com](http://www.triplecrown.com) & [www.gardenseekerproductions.com](http://www.gardenseekerproductions.com). Info courtesy of Uncle Mike!

Sarah Jones

*Friday JAN 27*

Bowery btwn Houston and Bleecker. \$7 ALL AGES! Beatboxer vs. Turntablist DJ Battle: 5th Element vs. The Stone Kutters! Biggest Freestyle Pyramid ever! Hosted by and featuring 3rd Party (Farbeon, Hired Gun, Rabbi Darkside) ROCKING WITH A LIVE BAND! Bowery Poetry Club 308 Bowery btwn Houston and Bleecker F to 2nd Ave/6 to Bleecker. 212-614-0505. Info courtesy of Arthur.

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Say Word Entertainment

*Saturday, JAN 28*

HIP HOP THEATER PROGRESSIVE (NYC): Saturdays: Jan.28th and Feb. 4th: 1 pm - 3 pm. Workshops for 13-18 yr. olds featuring Rubi Theater, Doo-Wop Moderno, Jose Garcia, Brian Fatz and Jorge "Fabel" Pabon exploring the elements of Hip Hop, including popping & locking, DJ, graffiti art, rap, spoken word, beatboxing and more during this 2 part session. Presented by the New Victory Theater Education Dept. New Victory Theater 209 W. 42nd St. in Times Square between 7th & 8th. Visit <http://www.newvictory.org/events.m>. Info courtesy of the incomparable Jose Garcia.

DJ JAZZY JAY PRESENTS HIP HOP ROOTS (BROOKLYN): 10 pm-4 am. Triple Crown 108 Bedford Ave. & North 11th St. Williamsburg Brooklyn. (718) 388-8883. \$3 cover at the door. L Train to Bedford Avenue. Info courtesy of Jazzy Jay.

GRANDMASTER CAZ presents NEWCLEUS plus: GRANDWIZZARD THEODORE (BRONX) 9:30 pm - 4 am. Presented & hosted by GrandMaster Caz. Resident DJ: GrandWizzard Theodore. \$10 before midnight. \$20 after midnight. Entertainment Sports Bar & Cafe (formerly Willie's of Harlem) at 1872 Webster Ave. (corner of Tremont & Webster). 23+. Take the D to Tremont or 4 to Burnside. For more info, call the club at 718.294.3112. Email: GrandMasterCaz@yahoo.com to showcase (no spam please). Info courtesy of GrandMaster Caz.

OUT FOR FAME (SAN DIEGO): 7 pm-12 am. Presented by Armory Hip Hop Shop, CROS1 & Paulskee. Culture Shock Dance Center 2110 Hancock Street, Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92110. \$12 presale. \$15 at the door. 5 on 5 National Championship Qualification Heat. Winner will win a all expenses paid trip to San Francisco for the Out For Fame Finals/Mighty 4 Weekend in February! Info courtesty of <http://freestyleession.com>.

OUT FOR FAME (ATLANTA): Presented by 3-Dot Events, Paulskee, and Cros1. The Loft (formerly Vinyl) 1374 W. Peachtree St. Atlanta,GA. [www.theloftatl.com](http://www.theloftatl.com). 5 on 5 National Championship SOUTH EASTERN Qualification Heat 1st Place crew will win a all expenses paid trip to San Francisco for the Out For Fame Finals/Mighty 4 Weekend in February! Info courtesy of <http://freestyleession.com>.

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HARLEM IS...MUSIC (NYC): Portraits by Carl Van Vechten features original black-and-white photographs of African American musicians, singers, composers, and arrangers--all with a connection to Harlem--whose work encompassed a variety of musical styles, from Blues, Jazz, and Folk to Classical and show music. Together, their stories create a snapshot not only of the entertainment world but also of the social and political milieu of New York in the 1930s through 1950s. Museum of the City of New York 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103rd St New York, NY 10029. phone: 212.534.1672. [http:// www.mcny.org/visit](http://www.mcny.org/visit). Info courtesy of Laylah Amatullah Barryn.

Hip Hop Theater Progressive

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End of the Weak

*Monday, JAN 30*

RAKIM AT BB KINGS (NYC): Lyricists Lounge presents Rakim's first NYC performance in 6 years! Also featuring M1 of dead prez, Ryan Perfect and other surprise guests. Doors at 8 pm. Show at 10 pm. \$30 in advance and \$35 day of. BB Kings 237 West 42nd St. between 7th & 8th. Info courtesy of Danny Castro. [www.BBKingBlues.com](http://www.BBKingBlues.com).

EXHIBIT: BLACK AND TAN FANTASY (BROOKLYN): An intimate exhibition. Photography by Laylah Amatullah Barrayn. Opening Reception at 5 pm. On View from January 29, 2006 - February 26, 2006. Calabar Imports 820 Washington Avenue (between Lincoln and St. John Place) Brooklyn, New York 11238. Info courtesy of Laylah Amatullah Barrayn.

"WAFFLES ARE FOREVER: BOBBITO'S 5TH ANNIV. JAM (NYC): 11 pm-3:30 am. Apt. 419 W 13 St.) \$5 Waffles, Neck Massages, and special performance by Boricua Roots band Yerba Buena. Bobbito a.k.a. Dj Cucumberslice spins at Apt. the last Monday of every month. Upcoming dates: Feb. 27, March 27 & April 24. [www.somosarte.com/bobbito](http://www.somosarte.com/bobbito). Info courtesy of Bobbito.

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Bobbito

*Only Black Exec at Hot 97*

"There's no way in hell I could have foreseen what would happen with Hot last year," Mayo admitted. "And if there's anything I could take back, it's pretty obvious it would be 'The Tsunami Song.' I didn't hear it or approve it beforehand, but I take full responsibility for the fact it went on the air for four days. "It was clearly the biggest f-up of my career."

Only Black Exec at Hot 97 Gone?

*WHERE HIP HOP LIVES?*

Bleu Collar & the Los Angeles Hip Hop community would like to encourage you to help save independent Hip Hop on the West Coast by simply clicking on the petition link below so that we can let the higher ups know that we support independent Hip-Hop in Southern California.

For the past 8 years the Fantastik Four Crew, which features DJs Mr. Choc and J. Rocc, C-Minus and Truly OdD, have provided a critical outlet for underground Hip Hop in Southern California, the nation's second largest market.

According to Fantastik 4our group members, there was no official warning of the cancellation and that listeners will not receive a farewell show.

As the radio market in the US becomes more monopolized it's harder & harder for artists who aren't on major record labels to get exposure on the air waves. Thus, you hear the same 16 songs when you turn on the radio. Friday Night Flavas has filled that void for a decade & provided many artists you see on MTV & BET now their first platform to get their music to listeners.

While Power 106 has not indicated reasons for the cancellation of the weekly three-hour show, industry insiders speculated that the reason for the move is to make room for a more commercial oriented radio show. After its inception, Friday Night Flavas experienced major success and helped Power 106 to open its door to Hip-Hop and to their current slogan "Where Hip-Hop Lives."

If Power 106 is where Hip Hop lives - Then they should embrace the realest Hip Hop they have - Friday Night Flavas.

*Note from Christie Z: I have always been envious of the West Coast radio stations as so many top DJs, including famous battle DJs could still be on commercial radio. In NYC, we have DJ Spinbad, Red Alert, Tony Touch, Marley Marl and very few others that have standing and credibility with ALL facets of the Hip Hop community (not just commercial) on commercial radio (BTW all of these DJs are on Power 105). I can't believe Power 106 would actually try to remove major DJs, J-Rocc (Beat Junkies) being a personal favorite from their station but as it's owned by Emmis Communications - the same people who run Hot 97 - where Hip Hop DOES NOT live, I am not surprised. Maybe they should use the tag line "Where Commercial Rap is Programmed".*

Thanks to Miranda Jane, Rosa Clemente and R.E.A.C.Hip-Hop for bringing this to my attention!

[Click here to save Friday Night Flavas:](#)



***Finding Our Folk Tour***

Six Months after Hurricane Katrina an Eight-City Tour Seeks to Raise the Voices of Evacuees Through Story Circles, Cultural Events and Documentation.

Danny Glover, Bob Moses, Suheir Hammad, Dead Prez, Rosa Clemente, Hot 8, Mama D, Black men of Labor, Kuumba Academy, Curtis Muhammad, Malik Rahim, Vincent Harding, The Poet Warrior and Athobob, GeorgiaMe, Brotha's Keepa, Gus Newport, Rev. Yearwood, Hollis Watkins, Dave Dennis and more to join tour in select cities.

January 21st in Atlanta. Jan. 22nd: Birmingham AL. Jan. 28: Baton Rouge LA. Jan. 29: Lake Charles LA. Feb. 4: Houston TX. Feb. 5: Lafayette LA.

Thanks to Rosa Clemente for forwarding this info!

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***Bearing the Unbearable***

Through Jan. 31st: Bearing the Unbearable: Israeli and Palestinian Films about the Conflict. The films in this series all produce an intimate encounter with the historical and political contradictions underpinning the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. They are courageous, surprisingly full of humor, moving and humbling at turns. Many of these films, moreover, have as a driving force the voice of a woman – behind the camera, in front of it, or both – speaking to the daily task of preserving one's humanity in the face of the violence that infuses life on both sides of the conflict. The series as a whole is a call to engage with this pressing issue not in reductive and polemical terms, but in all its complexity and difficulty.

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*Dance Classes NYC*

MONDAY: POPPING & LOCKING w/ POPMASTER FABEL (NYC): 8 - 9:15 pm. Steps on Broadway at 2121 Broadway 3rd Floor at 74th St. \$14.50 per class. Take the 1,2,3 or 9 to 72nd. StepsNYC.com or 212 874-2410. Beginners welcome. Fabel Alternates Popping & Locking each week

TUESDAY: POPPING & LOCKING w/ SOULFIRE (aka Jazzy J from the West Coast): 9 pm - 10:30 pm at Broadway Dance Center 221 W.57th St. between Broadway & 6th Ave on the 5th Floor. Jazzy is a member of the Electric Boogaloos.

WEDNESDAY: SAMBA & AFRO-BRAZILIAN DANCE w/ SILVANA (who is quite the popper as well!): 4:30 - 6 pm at Dijoniba Dance and Drum Center 37 E. 18 st (between Broadway and Park) on the 7th Floor. [www.axebrasilentertainment.com](http://www.axebrasilentertainment.com).

THURSDAY: POPPING & LOCKING w/ SOULFIRE (aka Jazzy J from the West Coast): 9 pm - 10:30 pm at Broadway Dance Center 221 W.57th St. between Broadway & 6th Ave on the 5th Floor. Jazzy is a member of the Electric Boogaloos.

THURSDAY: UPROCKING w/ KING UPROCK (Queens): The • Every Thursday from 6 pm to 9 pm at Beacon I.S. 93 at 66- 56 Madison Ave. Ridgewood, NY 11385. From Chambers St. take the M Train to Forest Ave. Walk one block over to Madison Ave. or take the L Train to Myrtle/Wyckoff. Transfer to M Train to Forest Ave. Check for NYC Mass Transit for weekend service changes.

FRIDAY: POPPING & LOCKING w/ SOULFIRE (aka Jazzy J from the West Coast): 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Djoniba Dance and Drum Center 37 E. 18 St. Between Broadway and Park Ave on the 7th Floor. Jazzy is a member of the Electric Boogaloos.

Not a class but: POP SHOP! Dance Space Center 451 Broadway btwn Grand and Howard St. 1 block North of Canal. Take any train to Canal. Dates and times may vary. Check <http://www.myspace.com/nycpopshop> for weekly updates. Info courtesy of Dementia.

PRACTICE SESSIONS W/ KOM & WAAK (BROOKLYN) @ El Puente Beacon JHS 50 South 3rd St. Williamsburg Brooklyn NY 11211. Take the J, M or Z to Marcy Ave. Every Thursday and Friday from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon - 3:30 pm. More info at <http://breakskru.com>.

Steps NYC

*PopMaster Fabel*

exploring the elements of Hip Hop, including popping & locking, DJ, graffiti art, rap, spoken word, beatboxing and more during this 2 part session. Presented by the New Victory Theater Education Dept. New Victory Theater 209 W. 42nd St. in Times Square between 7th & 8th. Visit <http://www.newvictory.org/events.m>. Info courtesy of the incomparable Jose Garcia.

March 10 @ Presentation at U. of Michigan (TBC).

April 6 @ Presentation at NYU (TBC).

Every Monday: Popping & Locking Classes @ Steps on Broadway (see Monday listings). This class was shouted out graciously by CLAW in a recent New York magazine (the one with Howard Stern on the cover)!

Teaching Dance every Tuesday and Thursday @ an afterschool program at IS 192 in Jamaica Queens, through June, 2006.

Fabel has a variety of lectures to present including The Great Hip Hop Swindle and a Lecture/Demo on the Foundational Dance Forms Associated with Hip Hop Culture. For bookings contact [ToolsofWar@aol.com](mailto:ToolsofWar@aol.com)

Fabel has written the intro for T-KID's upcoming book so keep an eye out! [www.righters.com](http://www.righters.com). Read his fashion & style essay in Martha Cooper's "Hip Hop Files".

### Physical Graffiti by Jorge "Fabel" Pabon

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*DJ Geometrix*

DJ Geometrix of the Trooperz Crew is considered one of Washington DC's best Hip Hop DJs and one of the most recognized people in the DJ battle community. The message board on his web site ([www.djgeometrix.com](http://www.djgeometrix.com)) is viewed as THE #1 ONLINE COMMUNITY OF TURNTABLISTS AND BATTLE DJ'S WORLDWIDE. It's a one-stop place to find out all the latest and greatest results, news, and opinions about today's DJ battle scene. Check his site for his tour dates and residencies in DC.

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*Submitting/Borrowing*

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***Please send abbreviated text in paragraph form (just as you see above). At the very least, please***

***include event title, exact venue and address (with zip code or cross streets), website, who's on the bill, what time it begins and ends, admission costs, etc. Please don't send it in all caps unless you are Afrika Bambaataa or are writing graff names. Thanks in advance for making it easier for us to help you list your event!***

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