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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, DEC. 16

TABLE MANNERS: A 101 IN DJ ETIQUETTE (SAN DIEGO): 8:30 pm - 12:30 am. All Ages. \$6 Host: Kid Dragon. DJs: Fuse One, L Dula, The Earl, Raichous, Still Life, Mane One, Sake, Son Of Jarel. Scratch Battle: Entec vs. Rayted R. Mini record fair. Free giveaways. A night for DJ's, b-boys/b-girls, Break Beat heads, diggers, music lovers, everyone. Hot Monkey Love Cafe 5960 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego CA 92115. Info courtesy of DJ Kid Dragon.

SLINGSHOT HIP HOP PARTY (WASHINGTON DC): 10 pm. "Free the P" Fundraising Show for Documentary on Palestinian Hip Hop at Busboys and Poets 2021 14th St. NW Washington, DC. Feat. Head-Roc, The N.O.M.A.D.S., The Philistines, Iron Sheik and DJ RBI. 'SlingShot Hip Hop' (www.slingshothiphop.com) is in post-production stages. Produced by award-winning filmmaker Jackie Salloum, this film chronicles the lives and music of Palestinian rappers in Gaza, the West Bank, and the rest of 1948 Palestine. This film portrays the voices of displacement and oppression. Come out to support this project and have a good time. "Free the P" is a mix CD dedicated to raise funds for the completion of "SlingShot Hip Hop." Order it at www.freethep.com. Donations to the film will be requested. The event is free. Courtesy of Muna Shami (MIHH yahoo group).

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EGGFOOYOUNG & MORE (NYC): 11 pm - 4 am. \$5 Luke & Leroy 21 7th Ave South, West Village. Door by Chad. Presented by Bijules & Oxy Cottontail. www.oxycottontail.com.

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Saturday, DEC 17

ROCKMASTER SCOTT & THE DYNAMIC THREE, GRANDMASTER CAZ & 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. Info courtesy of GrandMaster Caz.

RAEKWON, JUELZ SANTANA, SIZZLA & MORE (BRONX): 2 PM - 7 PM EARLY SHOW! Christmas for Katrina Toy Drive/ Concert. \$10 admission with an unwrapped toy or book to contribute toward the 1700 families living in NYC who have been displaced by the Hurricane Katrina devastation. Also on the bill: Rell and Deemi. Skate Key at 220 E. 138th St. Mott Haven, Bronx. Take the 6 to 138th. Info courtesy of Ed Rosa of Wu Tang Latino.

FREE! SUBWAY SOUL CLUB ANNUAL X-MAS SPECIAL (NYC): 10 pm - 4 pm. The finest in 60's Soul & R&B. Featuring over 10 resident DJ's Including Phast Phreddie Patterson, Moptop Mike, Miss Shing-A-Ling, Ms. K & more! Rififi aka Cinema Classics 332 E. 11th St. (between 1st & 2nd Ave.) Manhattan, NYC. 212-677-6309. Info courtesy of Miss Shingaling.

PRE CHRISTMAS BATTLE (SWITZERLAND): Deejays: DJ Woodo (Int. Battle of the Year DJ). DJ Buz (Dynamo) and DJ Seek (Rampe). Jury: Crazy (Crazy Force Crew), Mike (Floor Roc Kids), Julia (May Style Beste B-Girl in der Schweiz 2te in B-Girl Contest Europa). Crews: Clockworkx (Zürich), Bloody Feet Squad (Langnau BE), Rocking Effects (St Gallen), Circle Jesterz (Itingen) & Santa's Christmas Crew (Schönenwerd SO), Up Side Down (Biel), Scrambling Feet (Lausanne), Deep Trip (Schweizermeister BOTY 2005 aus Neuchatel) and more. Live Acts: DoubleBox (Beatbox). Info courtesy of the Lordz Events newsletter. More info at www.lordz.ch.

"DEVOCION" EXHIBIT (SPANISH HARLEM): 6 pm - ? Photographic exhibition featuring the work of Javier Machado plus a late night celebration of Saint Lazarus. Machado's black and white photo imagery "Devoción" depicts the festival of San Lázaro held annually in Cuba on December 17th to pay homage to the beloved saint. Thousands of the devout go on pilgrimage seeking cures for their illnesses. Many crawl on their knees with bricks tied to their feet, others bring offerings, including gifts of flowers in hopes of their requests and

prayers to come true. San Lázaro is attributed both as the healer saint and as an African divinity; compared to Babal-Aye, orisha de Yoruba. Art for Change 1701 Lexington Ave. (Between 106 & 107) El Barrio, NYC 10029. www.artforchange.org. 212-348-7044. Info courtesy of Eliana.

5TH PLATOON'S DADDY DOG, VINROC & NEIL ARMSTRONG (SAN FRAN): Daddy Dog's first appearance at MILK! You guys got to come out to show him that Yay area love. MILK BAR SF 1840 Haight St. SF. 21+. \$10 bucks all night. Info courtesy of Neil Armstrong.

DJ REVOLUTION plus DJS HAUL & MASON (SANTA MONICA CA): 10 pm - 2 am. 21+. \$10 Zanzibar 1301 5th St. @ Arizona. www.ZanzibarLive.com. Info courtesy of Haul & Mason.

KOOL KEITH (MIAMI): 10 pm - 5 am. Also feat. Mayday, Garcia aka Gambit, Wrekonize, Real Life Dialect plus DJs EFN, Mirage and DJ Sire ESQ. 18+. Space Loft 34 NE 11th St. Downtown Miami. Proper dress required. www.ClubSpace.com. Info: 305.375.0001. Info courtesy of 303Media.net.

"THE OCTAGON 6 (SPRINGFIELD VA): 6:30 pm-12 am. 1 on 1 Battle inside of a 7 foot octagon. \$300 prize. Plus a 1 on 1 Bgirlz batte for \$200 Also a Battle foe dem kickz. Kom 3 takes on ? Winner gets the losers shoes. Presented by Alien Ness and Breakers Delight. Hosts: Alien Ness & Yo Mama. All-you-can-eat B-boy Jam! DJ Dadeo. Free Chicken & Rice plus Gatorade. \$15 general admission but youth 10 yrs and younger only \$10 Hearts in Motion Dance Studio at the Saratoga Shopping Center 8060 Rolling RD Springfield, VA. 703-440-9000. A portion of the proceeds will go toward Hurricane Katrina Relief. Alien Ness will be doing an "Ultimate Octagon Battle" after 8 chapters have been done. 2 of the finalists from the the Virginia chapter will be invited to that battle. DONT MISS: The Blue Print workshop led by Alien Ness: Class from 4:30 - 6 pm. \$15 Info courtesy of Lori and Alien Ness.

SAN JUAN HILL (SPANISH HARLEM): First set at 10 pm. Camaradas 2241 First Ave (corner of 115th) Spanish Harlem. 212.348.2704. 11:30pm 2nd set. Take the 6 to 116 St. and walk east to First. \$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 the block. www.camaradaselbarrio.com.

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Pre-Christmas B-Boy/Girl Battle (Switzerland)

Sunday, DEC 18

LARGE PROFESSOR, DJ QUEST & DJ SNIPER (HOLLAND): Het Bolwerk at Kerkgracht 8 te Sneek. More info at www.str8ace.com or www.hetbolwerk.nl. Info courtesy of DJ Sniper and ZuluNation.nl.

INVITING CHALLENGES (NOTTINGHAM ENGLAND): 1000 GBP prize for each category: 1-on-1 b-girl battle, a crew battle and a 1-on-1 Jazz dance battle. Judges for the breaking battles include Bubbles, Asia One and Sly. Madonna's choreographer, Maira Moats, is gonna be one of the judges for the Jazz Dancers. DJ Onestep and DJ Bruce Q on da wheelz of steel. Trix will host the event! Check the entry form and the flyer on our events page, www.bgirlz.com Peace out! NawteeNeexxx & SupaSnapZzzz.

B-BOY CHAMPIONSHIP (IZMIR, TURKEY): More info at www.dancersinturkey.tk. Info courtesy of wildstylehop.com.

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world famous Rock Steady Crew rock it live. We will take any b-boy Or DJ challenge from anyone! MGM Grand 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. South in Las Vegas NV. Info courtesy of Mr. Freeze of the Rock Steady Crew. www.DJPMix.com.

Zulu Nation - Holland

Monday, DEC 19

FREE! BEAU PARISI & QUEEN MAJESTY (NYC): 10 pm - 4 am. Reggae & Dancehall at Sway 305 Spring St. betw. Greenwich & Hudson! Info courtesy of Roxy of www.oxycottontail.com.

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Steps NYC

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Wednesday, DEC 21

MARLEY MARL (NYC): 10 pm. \$5 Legendary Producer and DJ Marley Marl brings the heat with Jer2 upstairs while downstairs: DubTempo featuring the sounds of Rockers, Dancehall, Roots, Deep Reggae and other Jamaican inspired grooves with DJs: Chicus, DRM, Tim Wagner + guests. 6's & 8's at 205 Chrystie @ Stanton (1 blk south of Houston). Take the F or V to 2nd Avenue or J, M or Z to Bowery. www.6sand8s.com. Info courtesy of Nicole Nelch.

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

AFRICAN BATTLE CRY #8 (S. Africa): 5 pm - ? At the Joseph Stone Auditorium. Hosting workshops in DJing, emcee'ing, graff, music industry, b-boying plus capoeira. Following the workshops: 2 on 2 b-boy battles followed by more battles: beat box, emcee, b-boy crew, popping and "new skool". Cash and prizes to be won. Tickets are R30 pre-sold & R40 at the door. For info or tickets call 082 3958125 or 082 4744750. Info courtesy of Emile YX? Black Noise. More info at www.blacknoise.co.za or www.healthehood.org.

DJ BATTLE @ ROCK & SOUL (NYC): 4 pm. Celebrating their 30th Anniversary. Sign up at 212.695.3953. Prizes include equipment from Rane, Pioneer, Vestax and more. Special guests include Mista Sinista, Flex and more. Rock & Soul 462 7th Ave between 35th and 36th. Info courtesy of Mike Childs.

AFRICAN BATTLE CRY # 8

Thursday, DEC 22

3X DMC WORLD CHAMPION: DJ CRAZE (MIAMI): 10 pm. Spinning a Miami Bass set plus Drum & Bass at Nocturnal 50 NE 11 St. Downtown Miami. Also on the line up Jackal and Hyde, IBM, Exzakt, Hydraulix, Adam F, Zince and MC Armanni Reign. 18+. www.NocturnalMiami.com. Info: 305.552.5505. Info courtesy of 303Media.net.

FREE! DJ NEIL ARMSTRONG (NYC): 10 pm. Holiday Jammy Jam. 21+. Opus 22 at the corner of West 22nd St. and 11th Ave. in Manhattan. Info courtesy of the wisely self-promoting Neil Armstrong.

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. Info courtesy of Theresa & Kurtis Blow.

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Ali Shaheed Muhammad

Friday, DEC 23

ILU AYE & DJ BUDDHA BLESS (SPANISH HARLEM): 9 pm. \$7 admission. ILU AYE (Literally, "The Drum of the World" in Yoruba) was founded in 2004, to celebrate the connections between the peoples and cultures of the African Diaspora. Bringing together the next generation of Afro-Puerto Rican, - Dominican, and -Cuban percussionists and singers, ILU AYE is dedicated to preserving and promulgating the rich cultural legacy of Africa in the Americas and the Caribbean, through performance, educational workshops, and community-centered gatherings where the rhythms of the African Caribbean reign. Trained by master musicians from all three islands, and versed in sacred and popular rhythms such as bata, guiro, rumba (Cuba); bomba and plena (Puerto Rico); and palos, salves, and kongos (Dominican Republic), ILU AYE interprets traditional songs and reinvigorates the genres with original compositions by renowned akpwon, Osvaldo "Bembe" Lora. For more information about ILU AYE or bookings, contact TheZollLab@aol.com. Camaradas 2241 First Ave at 115th St. E. Harlem. 212.348.2704. Info courtesy of Marinieves Alba.

ULTRAMAGNETIC MC'S FEAT. KOOL KEITH (NYC): 10:30 pm at the Knitting Factory 74 Leonard St. (between Broadway and Church). 18+. www.KnittingFactory.com.

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4TH FRIDAYS (NYC): 9 pm. Featuring: Creature, DJ Steel and Conscious. Also Freestyle Pyramid, NY's most entertaining Hip Hop gameshow! \$7 Bowery Poetry Club 308 Bowery (btwn Bleecker and Houston). Take the F to 2nd Ave. or the 6 to Bleecker. Info courtesy of Arthur of Say Word (www.saywordentertainment.com).

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underpass two blocks up to Rider Ave make a left and walk two blocks to 141st St. Info courtesy of NIC ONE.

KING SOLOMON & JAYCEEHOH (NYC): 11 pm - 4 am at Luke & Leroy 21 7th Ave. S. West Village. \$5 Info courtesy of Roxy of www.oxycottontail.com.

IMAN COMMUNITY CAFE (CHICAGO): 6 pm. Feat. The Primeridian, The V.E.N.T. Movement, Kaleema Hasan, MC Capital D and DJ Man-O-Wax. Community Cafe 4665 S. King Drive Chicago. Info courtesy of www.imancentral.org.

IMAN Community Cafe - Chicago

Saturday, DEC 24

NEIL ARMSTRONG FESTIVUS MIRACLE (NYC): 2 pm - 6 pm. Triple 5 Soul Flagship store (Soho) 290 Lafayette St. NYC 10021. 212.431.2404. If you were a good little kiddie this year, Neil just might bring some promo cd's for you - all you have to do is ask! Info courtesy of Neil Armstrong (5th Platoon)

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Sunday, DEC 25

PIONEERS OF HIP HOP CHRISTMAS PARTY (BRONX): 10 pm. Free admission till 12 am. Feat. Superrocking' E-Kim, DJ Brucie B, L.A. Luv and more. Presented and hosted by the legendary Kool DJ AJ Scratch himself! Free buffet and giveaways. Come celebrate the holiday, network & enjoy a free buffet and night of top shelf entertainment, while showing love and respect to the official pioneers of Hip Hop. How could we forget about y'all? Entertainment Sports Bar & Cafe at 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 AJ Scratch.

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LA BRUJA, CAPPADONNA, LADY BUG MECCA (NYC): plus Chosan and more. Hosted by Lord Finesse. SOBs 204 Varick St. at W. Houston. Take the 1 to Houston. www.SOBs.com.

BOBBITO GARCIA @ APT (NYC): Cous Cous & Apple Juice w/ Bobbito Garcia. \$5 APT 419 W.13th St (9th &

Washington) Manhattan. 212-414-4245. www.aptsite.com. Info courtesy of Alec of APT.

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Hip Hop Church

Friday, DEC 30

GET DOWN & BOOGIE (NYC) 10 pm - 4 am. DJ Break Easy (Sounds of Dynasty) and more spinning the Best Funk, Soul, Disco and Classics. Club 412 at 412 8th Ave. & 31st NYC Admission \$10 Info courtesy of MrWiggle.biz website posted by PJAY.

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Canned Beats - SF

Saturday, DEC 31

JAMES BROWN @ BB KINGS (NYC): Shows at 8 pm & 10:30 pm. 8 PM SHOW: \$175 for reserved booth. \$150 general admission. \$85 standing room only. 10:30 PM SHOW: \$200 for reserved booth. \$175 general admission. \$90 standing room only. BB King Blues 237 W. 42nd St. in Times Square. www.BBKingBlues.com. Info courtesy of Rena @ BB Kings.

PEANUT BUTTER WOLF, RICH MEDINA, CHAIRMAN MAO + (NYC). 10 pm. Also DJs: Waajeed, Chris Annibell and Saucey (Miss Nelch!). \$100 + tax & gratuity. APT 419 W 13th St btwn 9th Ave & Washington. Manhattan. 212-414-4245. www.aptwesite.com. Info courtesy of Nicole Nelch.

JOE BATAAN, RAY, GOODMAN & BROWN, THE INTRUDERS, THE PERSUADERS & MORE (UPTOWN NYC): 7 pm. Special guests: Vaughn Harper (WBLS) and Shaila (KISS). NYE packages beginning at \$40 - \$125 This is a special benefit to save the Harlem Victoria Theatre from developers. The United Palace Theatre 4140 Broadway (at 175th). 212.568.6700. More info & where to buy tickets at www.HaarlemVictoria.com. Info courtesy of the spunkiest 76 year old we ever met, Ms. Ethel Bates, who is working tirelessly to save this Harlem landmark!

SAVE THE HARLEM VICTORIA THEATER!

CLAW GETS UP!

The infamous CLAW got up in NEW YORK magazine recently with an in-her-own-words guide to : "A Day in the 80s: Big hair, Breaking and Bice: How to cram the Greed Decade's trends into 24 hours."

Congrats to CLAW and thanks for shouting out Fabel's dance class too! "Tonight, it's a popping-and-locking lesson with Rock Steady Crew member PopMaster Fabel (Steps on Broadway; 212-874-2410)."

* Keep an eye out for the release of "Infamy" by Doug Pray feat. CLAW, EARSNOT and several other writers.

A Day in the 80s by CLAW - New York Magazine

RICHARD PRYOR R.I.P.

From Davey D (www.DaveyD.com): "On Saturday December 10, we lost one of the greatest comedians to ever bless the mic. There aren't enough words to describe the genius behind Richard Pryor. Comic, movie star and social critic, he definitely changed the game. We put together a special tribute mix so you can truly understand why he was so great."

Richard Pryor Tribute Mix

FILM FESTS - SUBMIT!

HIP HOP FILM FESTIVAL (LOS ANGELES): January 19th – 22nd, 2006 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), 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. 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.

2ND ANNUAL ATL HIP HOP FILM FEST: Seeking film and music video submissions. Deadline: January 13, 2006. Log onto <http://www.atlhiphopfilmfest.com/> for more details. Last year 45 films were screened and award recipients received distribution deals thru Warner Bros., HBO, Sony Independent Pictures, and Maverick Platinum Entertainment Group as a result of this film festival. 2006 HONORARY CHAIRPERSONS are: DJ Tony Touch, Almighty Kay Gee, Davey D, Brian Barber and Toni Blackman. Info courtesy of Dee Dee Cocheta-Williams.

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EXHIBITS (NYC)

NIC ONE'S WHO'S N.Y.C.E? (BRONX): New York City's Elite. This is the first Graffiti group show in a Bronx gallery since the late 80's. Feat. 2FLY, BROKER, CERN, CEOS, CLYDE, COL, DEMER, EMA, FARGO, F.D.T. FUME, HOPS, HOST ONE, IMMUNE, JNUB, LASK, LOU, MERES, NERO, NIC1, PART, REE, SASHA (SHR) JENKINS, SEK3, SENSE3, SETER, SNATCH, SONIC, STEM, TOPAZ, VENG, ZIMAD. This show is all about the pure unification with in the Aerosol (Graffiti) Culture. Giving the state of the way things are in New York we need to come together so we can deal with our real enemy. Politics always chooses us by that I mean we are always going to be the subject of full on hate towards what we do. From certain public officials and the NY's finest. Don't let us be policed. Exhibit runs from Dec. 7th - 30th @ The Haven Arts Gallery 235 E. 141st St. Bronx NY 10451. Tel: 718-585-5753. Opening Take the 4 or 5 train to 138th St. Walk under the Metro North underpass two blocks up to Rider Ave make a left and walk two blocks to 141st St. Info courtesy of NIC ONE.

ROOTS OF HIP HOP EXHIBIT (HARLEM): 9 am - 5 pm daily from Dec. 3rd - 31st. Featuring oral history presentations by Easy A.D. & Tony Tone of the Legendary Cold Crush Brothers, Kool DJ Red Alert and Biz Markie. \$2 for youth 17 and under. \$5 for adults. Exhibit items contributed by Easy A.D. and Joe Conzo. Special oral history session by Hip Hop legends every Saturday from 1-2 pm. Harlem YMCA at 180 W. 135th St., New York, NY 10030. Presented by Hip Hop Collectibles and Classic Hip Hop LLC. For more info: 212-283- 8543 or 212- 281-4100. Info courtesy of A-Tone & Easy A.D.

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 Boogaloo's.

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.

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 Boogaloo's.

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>.

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PopMaster Fabel

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.

Pick up the latest issue of SWINDLE magazine and check out Fabel, Sara Rosen (powerHouse books) and more. SWINDLE mag, led by CLAW, marched in to 4 or 5 people's homes and demanded to take pictures of them & their closets! See small image above.

THE GREAT HIP HOP SWINDLE LECTURE by Jorge "FABEL" Pabon: In his lecture, "The Great Hip Hop Swindle," Jorge Pabon of the Rock Steady Crew, delves into the circumstances that have led to the fragmentation of Hip Hop culture as it stands today. He discusses the ways that Hip Hop was celebrated in the 70's through the 80's and compares this to media and industry dominated control of Hip Hop today. Not only does Fabel discuss the circumstances and situations that led Hip Hop to the state that it is in today, he also offers solutions for how people can revive the culture and attempt to restore it to it's original state. Fabel backs up his assertions with visuals and artifacts which he has collected or produced himself. Lecture points include: Hip Hop as a Revolutionary Movement. Hip Hop as a Cultural Melting Pot. Urban Culture. Art Forms Predating Hip Hop. The Early 80s - The Beginning of the End. The Mid-80's - A Stripping of the Culture. The Media Swindle. The Late 80's/ Early 90's: Picking up the Pieces. Non Hip Hop Artists Incorporating Hip Hop. Hip Hop Artists Clean Up the Mess Rap Industry Leaves Behind. Institutional Swindle. Exclusion. Devils Come in All Colors, Genders, Shapes and Sizes. Solutions. For bookings contact ToolsofWar@aol.com

Fabel has written the intro for T-KID's upcoming book so keep an eye out! 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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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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