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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. 30

FREE! GRANDMASTER CAZ (NYC): 7 pm - 3 am. The 3rd Annual New Year's Eve EVE Party aka "Last Good Party of 2005" at Kush (191 Chrystie St. between Rivington and Stanton). More info: <http://www.mundosundays.com/nye2005.html>. Info courtesy of GrandMaster Caz.

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.

FREE! DJ PONE, NEOGEO & BRIGIDOPE (BERKELEY CA): 10 pm - 2 am @ "Grounded" a free weekly event. DJs Pone, NeoGeo & Brigidope spinning an eclectic mix of alternative and classic Hip Hop, soulful tunes, as well as today's hits! Blake's on Telegraph 2367 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley CA. 18+. Info courtesy of DJ Pone of Canned Beats.

CLOSING DAY: 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, IMUNE, 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. The Haven Arts Gallery 235 E. 141st St. Bronx NY 10451. Tel: 718-585-5753. 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.

DERRICK D, DJ FRESKA & BOOGIE BROWN (SF): 10 pm-2 am. THE 2005 WRAP-UP! Come party to the best and biggest Hip Hop, R&B & Dancehall hits of 2005 and then some! 21+. Club Milk 1840 Haight Street San Francisco, CA. Parking Available 2 Blocks Away At Kezar Lot. Info courtesy of Canned Beats newsletter: WWW.CANNEDBEATS.COM

The Last Good Party of 2005

Saturday, DEC 31

PIONEERS OF HIP HOP NYE PARTY (BRONX): Kool DJ AJ invites you to bring in the New Years with the pioneers of Hip Hop. DJ Brucie B. Free w/ invite until 1 am. Free buffet, hats, horns and beverages. Entertainment Sports Bar & Cafe (formerly Willie's of Harlem) at 1872 Webster Ave. at the corner of Tremont & Webster. 23+. Take the D to Tremont or 4 to Burnside. For invites, call 718.842.1104. Info courtesy of Kool DJ AJ.

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.aptwbsite.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

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

J-SMOKE @ BOB (NYC): Every Saturday: BOB 235 Eldridge St. (btwn Houston & Stanton). DJ J-Smoke spinnin' Hip Hop, R&B, Dancehall, Classics & 80s. \$5 Cover. 21+. http:// www.jsmoke.com.

CLOSING: ROOTS OF HIP HOP EXHIBIT (HARLEM): 9 am - 5 pm daily. 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.

Save the Harlem Victoria Theater

Sunday, JAN 1

RALLY FOR KATRINA/RITA EVACUEES (NYC): 12 noon - 3 pm. Promises Fulfilled Or Denied? Demand Justice For Katrina & Rita Evacuees In NYC! Housing, jobs, right to return, healthcare for all. No more deadlines! Make Bloomberg & Pataki Keep Their Promises To Survivors. Since September thousands of evacuees from the Gulf Coast region have been living in New York City. Many are now facing eviction from their temporary housing without proper assistance. TELL FEMA, HRA AND DHS TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND JOBS TO SURVIVORS NOW! Sponsored By The NYC Solidarity Committee For Katrina/Rita Evacuees. Broadway between Warren & Murray Sts. Take the R to City Hall; 2, 3 to Park Pl.; A, C to Chambers; 4, 5, 6 to Bklyn Bridge-City Hall; J to Fulton or Chambers. For further information call 718.789- 1732. Info courtesy Daniel Starling via John Kim (R.E.A.C.Hip-Hop).

BOBBITO & RICH MEDINA: LEAVING THIS PLANET (NYC): 10 pm. \$5 before 11 pm. \$10 after. TABLE 50 643 Broadway @ Bleecker. www.table50.com. Upcoming dates: February 5, March 5 Info courtesy of Bobbito.

END OF THE WEAK @ PYRAMID (NYC). 9 pm. NYC's Longest Running Weekly Open-Mic Every Sunday Night @ Pyramid 101 Avenue A (Between 6th & 7th). Hosted By: Prolific, Big Zoo & Vice Verses. \$7 Cover. Info courtesy of Prolific One.

MR. FREEZE presents D.J.P @ THE MGM GRAND (LAS VEGAS) The hottest spot in Vegas on a Sunday night check out Slide. The only pure real deal & only Hip Hop spot in Las Vegas. Others claim to be real, but it takes more then a rap CD to make it a real Hip Hop spot. See the turntable mix master D.J.P rip it live and direct in front of your eyes on the dance floor. And check out VH1 Hip Hop Honoree Mr. Freeze from the 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.

Monday, JAN 2

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 or 212 874-2410. Beginners welcome. Fabel Alternates Popping & Locking each week. Always call first to make sure he's in the city.

Steps NYC

Tuesday, JAN 3

FREE! DJ VINROC, SHORTKUT & SWIFTROCK (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. Info courtesy of Afrika Bambaataa!

Wednesday, JAN 4

QUESTLOVE, RICH MEDINA & JS-1 (NYC): Doors @ 8 pm. Show @ 9 pm. Advance \$18, Day of \$20 SOBs @ 204 Varick St. @ W. Houston. www.SOBs.com Take the 1 to Houston.

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.

Thursday, JAN 5

HOUSE DANCE CONFERENCE & CONTEST (NYC): 10 pm - 4 am. Shelter (formerly Club Speed) 20 W. 39th St. between 5 & 6th Ave. Featuring Willie Ninja (Vogue-ing legend) plus Enjoe and Brian Footwork Green. \$300 prize for the winner of the House dance contest. 2 floors. Doc spinning Hip Hop, Funk, Breaks and Classics. Que & Shan S. spinning House. \$12 at the door. Info courtesy of Brian "Footwork" Green.

GREG CAMPBELLOCK JR WORKSHOP (ITALY): Locking workshop in Atessa CH Italy. More info at www.NexusFunkMasters.com.

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.

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 & www.gardenseekerproductions.com. Info courtesy of Uncle Mike!

Ali Shaheed Muhammad

Friday, JAN 6

GREG CAMPBELLOCK JR WORKSHOP (FINLAND): Locking workshop in Helsinki. Jan. 6 - 8, 2006. More info at www.NexusFunkMasters.com.

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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.

www.hiphopfilmfestival.com



Dance Classes NYC

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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.

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/Wykcoff. 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>.

Breaks Kru

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 its 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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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) 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.

www.DJGeometrix.com

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SUBMITTING INFO & EVENTS FOR THE TOOLS OF WAR NEWSLETTER: Our grassroots Hip Hop newsletter is a free service. What goes in the newsletter is really whatever we are feeling and, most importantly, have time to include. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm in wanting to submit info to the newsletter but please understand that sending flyers for us to retype and referring us to your website and attachments for the info will not help to get your event or info listed.

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!

BORROWING INFO FROM THE TOOLS OF WAR NEWSLETTER We appreciate that other news sources enjoy our weekly mail out and want to spread the word about items we list but please kindly remember to give credit to ToolsofWar@aol.com when you heard it here first whether it's on your newsletter, newspaper, website, etc. We spend a lot of time researching and compiling the choice events and special info from friends. We ask that everyone who hasn't been complying with this request to please kindly begin doing so now. We would do the same for you.

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