

HIP HOP PROJECTIONS 4 - 'FROM THE ROOT TO THE TIP'

Hip Hop Projections 4 is here and ready to mix it up. Get set for a multi-layered event that oozes creative expression crossing language and cultural barriers in a seriously cool celebration of urban art and culture like never before seen.



A FREE event presented by Information and Cultural Exchange (ICE) as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival, Hip Hop Projections 4 will take to the stage on Sunday 24th May, 2009. Set to transport the audience on an amazing global journey across the Pacific and through to the heart of the Middle East, Hip Hop Projections 4 is a multi-cultural, multi-lingual mix-up of lyrical and visual talent, bursting with creativity and energy.

Hosted by high profile Hip Hop artists, MC Trey and BrothaBlack, the audience will be treated to a unique night of hip hop, spoken word, dance, music and live visuals by some of Australia's hottest artists from a wide range of rich cultural backgrounds.

"We are particularly excited about Hip Hop Projections 4 as the very essence of the event and the content that will be showcased addresses important issues of identity, place, culture and their role in society. With such an incredible mix of exceptionally talented artists, this event will incorporate many diverse, rich elements of urban culture and it is sure

to attract a large and diverse audience," said Lena Nahlous, Director of ICE and SWITCH.

The unique combination of spoken word performances in a range of languages, together with an eclectic mix of hip hop, electronic beats and fresh new urban sounds set against the backdrop of captivating visuals from the regions where the artists originate, Hip Hop Projections 4 will stimulate all the senses. Topped off by a performance from one of Sydney's leading breakdancing crews, who just so happened to be featured on Network Ten's 'So You Think You Can Dance,' and a breathtaking demonstration of urban movement phenomenon, Parkour by Australia's leading Parkour crew, there will be something for everyone.

With the show-stopping artist line up including big names like The Last Kinection, SistaNative, Johnny M, SPICE, OMAR MUSA, VJ SPOOK, Nine Lives Parkour crew

and JUSE B-Boy crew, it is sure to be an amazing event!

Hip Hop Projections 4 is taking place on Sunday 24th May, 2009 from 6-9pm at Courtyard, Riverside Theatres, Parramatta (cnr Church and Market Streets). Spaces are limited so to be sure not to miss out, please RSVP to ICE on (02) 9897 5744 or email info@ice.org.au

Hip Hop Projections 4 is presented in partnership with Sydney Writers' Festival. This year, the Urban Music Project has been supported by the Australian Government's Diverse Australia program through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, and is supported by Riverside Theatres, Parramatta. ICE receives core support from the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts NSW and the NSW Film and Television Office. Switch Multimedia and Digital Arts Access Centre is a partnership with Parramatta City Council. www.ice.org.au

Ride the Ripples wave

After lining Sydney Harbour with his Ripples eateries, restaurateur **Bill Drakopoulos** is about to try to create a ripple in the surf snapping up the whale beach site where De Beers previously traded and Quay chef Peter Gilmore forged his reputation. Drakopoulos says the new Ripples will open in September after a \$500,000 makeover that will incorporate a restaurant, takeaway and beach bar.

"I want the bar to be somewhere you can have a couple of drinks, eat some tapas, watch the cricket then head back to the beach", he says. The restaurateur concedes his upmarket Milsons Point restaurant Aqua Dining is down nearly 20 per cent but the mid-market Ripples are trading well. "I had no intention of doing something else now. I told someone I'd take a look at [Whale Beach] and knew in about two minutes I'd take it.

Fake migration document racket uncovered

An alleged racket involving a migration agent supplying false documents to support visa applications has been uncovered in a multi-agency operation in New South Wales, the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, said today. Officers from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, the Australian Federal Police and other government agencies yesterday raided the Sydney office of the migration agent who was behind the alleged racket. It is alleged that the agent, who is an Australian citizen, was involved in falsifying documentation to support applications for permanent skilled migration visas. Investigators suspect the agent allegedly supplied false documents for at least 30 applications, mostly from Chinese nationals.

The raid followed information received by the department about the legitimacy of certain documents being supplied with applications for pre-migration skills assessments for occupations including cooks, mechanics and hairdressers.

Work for the Dole preserving local history for future generations

An Australian Government Work for the Dole project has produced history of life in the north Bankstown area in 2008/2009.

The project's flip chart also includes photos of sites of community interest, Indigenous history and other areas of historical importance.

The project, co-ordinated by the Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre, saw the Work Dole participants research local events and interview local people about local history. They learnt valuable research, interviewing and administration skills, as well as photographic, editing and publishing skills. The booklet will be sent to Council libraries, local schools and the local historical society where future generations can look back on what life was like now. Current residents will have a reminder of the beauty and historical importance of Bankstown in Sydney history.

The Federal Member for Blaxland, Mr Jason Clare, today congratulated the Work for the Dole participants on their achievement.

"With their new work skills, experience working in a team and liaising with their local com-

munity, participants are in a better position to take up future employment opportunities.

In fact, four participants have already found part-time work," Mr Clare said.

Since the introduction of the Australian Government's Work for the Dole scheme in 1997, more than 672 000 unemployed Australians have taken part in almost 39 000 approved projects across Australia.

Mr Clare said that in line with its election commitment, the Australian Government had reviewed the current employment services and will retain and significantly improve the Work for the Dole program.

"Following extensive consultation, the Government has designed a new, streamlined employment services system, Job Services Australia, to begin on 1 July this year, which will provide more tailored services for job seekers," he said. "There will be greater focus on job seekers obtaining work experience and Work for the Dole activities will be a key work experience option under Job Services Australia."

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