

Press Release

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African American Art and Culture Complex

Presents

Elements of Hip Hop: The Art of a Movement

June 3 through September 30th

Opening Reception: June 19, 2010, 6PM-2AM

Elements of Hip Hop: The Art of a Movement is an exhibition spawned from the StreetSmARTS Celebration of Hip Hop. The exhibition is a celebration of the movement called Hip Hop. Join us as local artists share their vision of the four elements of Hip Hop. Defined by Afrika Bambaataa, founder of the Zulu Nation, the elements of Hip Hop are MC'ing, DJ'ing, urban art, graffiti writing, and breakdancing.

The opening reception is the celebration of the StreetSmARTS program created by the San Francisco Arts Commission in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. The StreetSmARTS celebration and the Elements of Hip Hop exhibition kick off with live muraling and movies. As the evening progresses there will be a DJ spinning, B-Boy contests and a midnight unveiling of the art pieces by local urban artists.

This celebration extends into the summer with monthly panel discussions hosted by the San Francisco Arts Commission, the African American Art & Culture Complex, Asia Pacific Islanders Cultural Center, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts and the Queer Cultural Center discussing Hip Hop and its impact on different cultures.

Featured Exhibition Artists:

Nico Berry, Jonathan Brumfield, Chris de Leon & J.Todd.O., Max Ehrman, Kelly Foley, JR "Dyno" Ignacio, Michele Kraus, Jill McLennan, Cameron Moberg and Aaron Vickery (Laserpunch and the Rattlecan Blasters), Irubiel Moreno, Jeffrey Nemenzo, Marina Perez-Wong, Ashleigh Reddy, Diana Sanchez, Fred Shavies, and Nils Thorsen

African American Art and Culture Complex Mission:

The African American Art and Culture Complex (AAACC) is a community based 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts and cultural organization. Our mission is to nurture and facilitate the empowerment of our community through Afro-centric artistic and cultural expression, mediums, education and programming. The AAACC is dedicated to inspiring children and youth to serve as agents of change, cultivating their leadership skills and fostering a commitment to community service and activism. In addition, the AAACC is dedicated to encouraging, supporting, and promoting the work of young aspiring Bay Area artists. We also strive to develop partnerships with organizations that are similarly committed to our mission driven objectives.

Admission: Free and open to the public. Donations Accepted. Free Parking.

762 Fulton Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 12 - 5pm
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