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Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen "Volume 8: Enough is Enough" at Hostos Center

Thursday, February 19 (Bronx, NY) — In celebration of Women's History Month, the Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture (HCAC) presents Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen (MHHK) for its eighth annual showcase at the Center on Saturday March 7, 2:30 PM in the Main Theater. Entitled "Volume 8: Enough is Enough," the free Hip-hop concert is designed to bring awareness to violence against women. The showcase features performances from a variety of artists including: DJ Quiana Parks, Lah Tere, NeNe Ali, Likwuid, AtLas', Genesis Be, Mahina Movement, Full Circle Soul Sistahs, The Black Pearl, Jendog Lonewolf, London Bridgez, The Mama Wize, Jani Rose, Color Me Fly, Colored Girls Hustle, Next Level Dancers, Femme Fatale and Ladies of Hostos Lincoln Academy. Prior to the showcase, beginning at 12 noon, there will be a Community Access Fair with vendors, including free HIV testing, in the C-Atrium lobby.

Inaugurated in 2008 at the O. Henry Learning Center in Manhattan before moving to Hostos Community College in 2009, Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen (MHHK) is a multifaceted hip hop event designed to showcase women artists, especially women of color. MHHK serves as a social justice community-organizing platform that educates and empowers women of color on issues that impact their lives, including HIV/AIDS and reproductive justice.

"Annually we shed light on different social issues," said MHHK Co-founder Kathleen Adams. "For Volume 8, we are bringing awareness to violence in our communities, especially violence against women. This year we continue to use hip-hop as our tool to educate the masses and build awareness."

Admission to the concert is free, but tickets are required. Tickets must be picked up in person at the Hostos Center for the Arts Box Office, 450 Grand Concourse in the Bronx. Hours are Monday through Friday, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and two hours prior to performance.

What: Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen, "Vol 8: Enough is Enough"

When: Saturday, March 7, 2:30 PM (Doors Open at 2:00 PM)

Community Access Fair begins at 12 noon

Where: Main Theater, the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture

Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451

Box Office: 718-518-4455

Website: <u>www.hostoscenter.org</u>

Subway/Bus: IRT Trains 2, 4, 5 and Buses Bx1, Bx2, Bx19 to 149th Street and Grand

Concourse

About the Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture

The Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture consists of a museum-grade art gallery, a 367-seat Repertory Theater, and a 900-seat Main Theater, presenting artists of national and international renown. It is easily accessible from Manhattan, Queens and New Jersey and is a mere 15 minutes by subway from midtown Manhattan.

About Hostos Community College

Eugenio María de Hostos Community College is an educational agent for change that has been transforming and improving the quality of life in the South Bronx and neighboring communities since 1968. It serves as a gateway to intellectual growth and socioeconomic mobility, as well as a point of departure for lifelong learning, success in professional careers, and transfer to advanced higher education programs. The College's unique "Student Success Coaching Unit" provides students with individualized guidance and exemplifies its emphasis on student support services.

Hostos offers 29 associate degree programs and five certificate programs that facilitate easy transfer to CUNY's four-year colleges or baccalaureate studies at other institutions. The College has an award-winning Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development that offers professional development courses and certificate-bearing workforce training programs. Hostos is part of The City University of New York (CUNY), the nation's leading urban public university, which serves more than 480,000 students at 24 colleges.