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Momma’s Hip Hop Kitchen “Volume 9: Universal Love” at Hostos Center

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (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 ninth annual showcase at the Center on Saturday March 5, 2:30 p.m., in the Main Theater.

Entitled “Volume 9: Universal Love,” this year the free hip-hop concert celebrates the power of love as a healing force. The showcase features performances from a variety of artists including: Abby the DJ, NeNe Ali, Rokafella, Likwuid, Mahina Movement, Color Me Fly, Bronx Berlin Connection, Love Jones Girlz, Next Level Dancers/Femme Fatale, Rhyme Like a Girl, MC Beats, Parlay, Ynanna Djehuty, Daygot, Maassai, Li, and Xclusive Step Team from Hostos Lincoln Academy. Prior to the showcase, beginning at noon, there will be a Community Access Fair with vendors, including free HIV testing, in the C-Atrium lobby at the College.

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. “This year, we felt that with what is going on in terms of the political climate and what is going on in the communities, we need to heal. How do you heal? Through love.”

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. 9: Universal Love"
- When:** Saturday, March 5, 2:30 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](tel:718-518-4455)
- Website:** www.hostoscenter.org
- 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.

Named one of the top 10 finalists for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, Hostos offers 27 associate degree programs and two certificate programs that facilitate easy transfer to The City University of New York's (CUNY) 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 CUNY, the nation's leading urban public university, which serves more than 500,000 students at 24 colleges.