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HIP HOP FILM FESTIVAL LANDS IN KENYA AFRICA JULY 13TH

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The world's first festival for filmmakers and film lovers raised in the global culture of Hip Hop is taking the love on the road. The first stop on the Hip Hop Film Festival International Tour is Nairobi, Kenya.

On July 13th, local Kenyan filmmakers and movie lovers will converge at the KCA University auditorium for a full day of #Fresh which includes 3 screenings from the Hip Hop Film Festival Best of the Fest 2017 winners, the HHFF Master Cypher® and the festival's signature "Art After Dark" after party.

Best of all? It is free to the entire community. The movies scheduled to be screened include HHFF 2017 *Best of the Fest* winner Spike Lee & Stephon Bristol's "**See You Yesterday**", HHFF 2017 *Best Documentary* winner "**We Are The Nation**" (filmed in Kenya), and HHFF 2017 *Best Docu-Series* winner, Rich McKeown's "**American BeatBoxer: The Docu-Series Pilot**". The festival will also feature local filmmakers in competition for a chance to screen at the Hip Hop Film Festival in August 2019.

Leading the charge to produce the festival in Kenya, is Peter "Pages" Bwire, who pulled together a team of young filmmakers and Hip Hop culture enthusiasts to bring the HHFF vision to life in Kenya. Peter, a Mandela fellow, was introduced to the HHFF team as the idea was being formulated, and stepped up to the plate to have Kenya be the first country to host the award winning festival.

The founder of the Hip Hop Film Festival, CR Capers, sees this as a way to continue to support and engage the next generation of filmmakers by going to every continent to engage with filmmakers through the local film competitions and educational workshops. "It is important we engage our filmmakers where they live, so we can understand what issues they face as independent filmmakers, what resources are needed and what we can do to support and uplift their voices."



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Other stops scheduled on the Hip Hop Film Festival International Tour is Ivory Coast, South Africa, Paris, Japan, Brazil and Germany (with other stops being added).

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ABOUT THE HIP HOP FILM FESTIVAL NYC

Out of over 5,000 festivals in the world, the Hip-Hop Film Festival is the only festival to focus on writers, directors and producers who grew up in the global culture of Hip Hop.

This season the festival hosts over 100 directors, producers and screenwriters from the United States, France, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Canada, the UK, Russia, Switzerland, South Africa, India, Japan, Portugal, Argentina and more.

The Hip Hop Film Festival features every genre (mystery, sci-fi, horror, action, romance, etc.) of story from filmmakers who live across the world. It is also the only film festival that shares the profits from the festival with the filmmakers selected to participate.