



Female Hip-Hop Dancers CONVERGE on Minneapolis

On June 29, 2006 B-Girl Be: A Celebration of Women in Hip Hop kicks off with the Summit, a multidisciplinary gathering that brings together international, national and local girls and women who are using hip-hop dance in innovative and creative ways for live dance showcases, dialogues, workshops and networking opportunities.

The Summit features national and international guest B-Girls ASIA ONE (LA), Rokafella (NYC), Vendetta (Chicago), Severe (Chicago), GENESIS (Amsterdam), Danielle (London) and Morgana (Sao Paolo) and photojournalist/historian Martha Cooper, photographer and author of *We Bâ€™™Girlz*, who will perform, present and engage in panel discussions and workshops alongside local Twin Cities artists. The Summit also welcomes the inspired Puerto Rican Boricua National Squad who will send three B-Girls to participate for the first time.

Throughout the Summit, local acts are also invited to participate in the Hip-Hop Dance Showcase at Intermedia Arts, the Mainstage Show at First Avenue Nightclub and as a Featured Act on the Red Bull stage. This is our outdoor, low-tech venue for the Summit will be located at Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis, MN, and will feature dancers like the Soul Sistas Crew, Lucy Rahn and Serena Thompson and Open Mics.

Following the Summit, B-Girl Be will include two-weeks of workshops for young women from July 10-21, 2006. These exploratory workshops will introduce young women in the Twin Cities area to hip-hop dance, aerosol art, rap and digital media.

LIVE DANCE PERFORMANCES & MASTER CLASSES

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

My Name is Roxanne

Performers: Aneka McMullen (choreographer) with Angel Adams & Maia Maiden.

Following the 6:00 PM Keynote Address by Dr. Roxanne Shant

\$5 general public/ \$3 members/ \$2 youth 16 and under

LOCATION: Capri Theater, 2027 W Broadway, Minneapolis

Edna Stevens & Universal Dance Destiny will host a closing reception directly following the Keynote.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

2:00-4:00 PM Dance Master Class with ASIA ONE

LOCATION: Hennepin Center for the Arts, Studio 5B, 528 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN

\$25 general public to participate/ \$5 observation only

7:00 PM Hip-Hop Dance Showcase

\$7 general public/ \$5 members and youth 16 and under

LOCATION: Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis

9:00 PM Hip Hop Dance Showcase

\$7 general public/ \$5 members and youth 16 and under

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Performers:

Art of Dance - Local dance studio - Artistic Director Ms. Linda Green

B-Girl Seoul - An original Twin Cities B-Girl, one of the hardest working female dancers in the Twin Cities

The Collective - An integrated Hip-Hop company with regular performances at Mall of America

Girlish-St Paul crew - Young and upcoming.

Melissa Godinez - Representing for BrickHedz crew out of Chicago

Anopolis - With local choreographer Aneka McMullen and Dancer Angel Adams and Maia Maiden.

North High School - Encouraging high school choreographers and dancers

Erica Mcpherson and D'Ashlee Williams

Dedra Lofton and Nubiah Taylor

Shavon and Rachel

Universal Dance Destiny - A local force in the hip-hop community in North Minneapolis

B-Girl Monarc and B-Girl Monolisa - working hard at their skillz and adding flava to the TC scene

SATURDAY, JULY 1

12:00-2:00 PM Dance Master Class with Rokafella

LOCATION: Hennepin Center for the Arts, Studio 5B, 528 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN

\$25 general public to participate/ \$5 observation only

7:00-9:00 PM Medusa, DJ Pam the Funkstress from The Coup and Asia One

With Aopolis, Universal Dance Destiny, The Collective,

Plus B-Girl Invitational Freestyle