

## Homo Hop Flow: Gay Rappers Bring Pride to Hip-Hop's Birthplace

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After attracting over 600 fans and artists at its inauguration in 2004, the Peace Out East LGBT Hip Hop Festival again showcases the pioneering work of Homo Hop artists. The Festival represents the growing work of a thriving Homo Hop community, whose very presence challenges the notion of hip hop as an anti-gay art form.

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LGBT rappers, hip hop artists and fans from localities throughout the East Coast and the country, converge in NYC from Friday, July 15th, through Sunday, July 17th. Peace Out East empowers local artists and fans through increasing viable artistic, professional and networking opportunities for both established and emerging Homo Hop artists.

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Peace Out East opens on Friday, July 15th, at the Bowery Poetry Club at 10:00pm.

### Schedule

WORD/LIFE: Emcees and Poets in the Life

Friday, July 15, 2005; 10:00 pm  
Bowery Poetry Club, 308 Bowery @ Bleecker

Live music and spoken word featuring Baron, Dewayne Dickerson, Buttaflysoul, Tim m, Claudia Alick, Yvie E., DJ Daryl Raymond & DJ Rollz Royce; hosted by Exodus

Homo Hop Showcase

Saturday, July 16, 2005;  
10:00 pm

Galapagos Art Space  
70 N. 6th Street @ Wythe Avenue

Live performances by Soce the Elemental Wizard, El-Don, Da Lyrical, Aggracyst, Shayvonna, Hip-hop dancer Pino; DJ Dutchboy & DJ Fucci.

Screening:

"The Straight Black Folks' Guide to Gay Black Folks" and "Incursions in Chunk"

Saturday, July 16, 2005; 1:00 pm  
International Action Center, 39 West 14th St. #206

Peace Out East Final Concert

Sunday, July 17,

2005; 9:00 pm

Nuyorican Poets Caf?

236 E. 3rd Street @ Ave B

Featuring

BQE, Shorty Roc, KIN, JB RAP, Brick Citizenz, Ricoshade & God-Des featuring

Tina G.

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