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**Press Release**

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## **Listen 2 This!: Breaking into Hip Hop Music**

**October 15 at Main Library**

Local music insiders will lead a panel discussion at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Sunday, October 15 from 1:30-4:45 p.m. about the local hip hop scene and how to break into the business. Participants can also register for a chance to perform in front of a live audience and get professional feedback.

During the event, participants can:

- Learn about getting into and succeeding in the music business.
- Network with those in the know in Hip Hop.
- See works by a well-known graffiti artist The 411

The panel will consist of:

- Moderator Kathy Y. Wilson, noted author, columnist for *City Beat*, and NPR commentator.
- John Schlipp, collection services librarian at Steely Library for Northern Kentucky University, who monitors copyright compliance as part of his job.
- Darren Blase, Shake It Records shop/label owner.
- Mildred Fallen, Hip Hop Journalist of the Year in 2005 (*City Beat Magazine*) and hip hop writer.
- Napoleon Maddox, poet and musician, from the group Is What!?
- Mr. 5<sup>th</sup>, one of the original "5 D's" and early hip-hop enthusiast.

Following the discussion, interested musicians and artists can sign up for open-mic performances of one song with Elementz instructor DJ Pillo spinning and manning the sonic controls from 3:15-4:45 p.m. For more information, contact the Art & Music Department by phone (513-369-6955) or email. [artmusic@cincinnatiLibrary.org](mailto:artmusic@cincinnatiLibrary.org).

✓ **Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 369-4400 (TTY 369-4409).**

✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**