

**2013 HIP HOP CAUCUS TOWN HALL FORUM TO BE HELD AT CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY
STUDENT SHOWCASE TO FOLLOW FORUM**

ATLANTA, GA—October 14, 2013—The Hip Hop Caucus, an organization developed in 2004 to assist in the betterment of the African-American community through cultural awareness and humanitarian efforts, will bring the **Town Hall Forum & Artist Showcase** to the campus of Clark Atlanta University on Tuesday, October 15. Focusing on the most pressing issues of the day, students will gather in the Thomas Cole Research Auditorium for an open dialogue on race, politics, and hip hop.

Leading the discussion is a dynamic panel. CEO, Reverend Lennox Yearwood, will be joined by Theo Ratliff (former NBA player), Blondy (Hip Hop artist & pioneer), Anthony David (R&B artist), and Tone X (comedian/Mo’Nique Show). They will moderate the discussion touching on topics such as the recent Government shutdown, voting rights, and gun violence.

“The Hip Hop Caucus leverages Hip Hop culture to encourage young people to participate in the democratic process. This is why I’m so excited to be participating in the Atlanta Hip Hop Town Hall Forum put forth by the Atlanta Hip Hop Caucus and Clark Atlanta University Student Government Association,” says Reverend Yearwood. “We will discuss core issues affecting underserved communities, and figure out programs and campaigns to support solution-driven community organizing led by today’s young leaders. We might not be able to change the world, but WE can change our block.”

Unique to this year’s program is the artist showcase in which several Clark Atlanta University students will have the opportunity to spotlight their talents in front of both the panel and their peers. Sponsored in part by Education Through Talent—an organization dedicated to artist development and academic excellence—the forum aims to give students an outlet both politically and creatively.

“The Hip Hop culture has a huge influence in our communities. We are a voice that has to stand up for what is right and my goal is to infuse energy in our youth to help create an environmental paradigm shift,” says Gwendolyn “Blondy” Chisolm.

The **Town Hall Forum & Artist Showcase** will take place at 6pm on October 15th. The event is sponsored by the **Hip Hop Caucus Atlanta, Education Through Talent, Clark Atlanta University, and Y Square Management**.

For more information on this event, please visit: <http://www.hiphopcaucus.org>

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