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NYU's 7th Annual Fusion Film Festival Presents
"Say My Name"
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Hip hop doc launches opening of submissions for Fusion Film Festival

The Fusion Film Festival, New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and Maurice Kanbar Institute of Film and Television in collaboration with the Clive Davis Department of Recorded Music presents a screening of "Say My Name", the award winning documentary by MamaMess and distributed by Women Make Movies. This screening, Q&A and reception will kick off submissions for this year's Fusion Film Festival.

"Say My Name", a free event and screening will take place at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, 721 Broadway Theatre 006, lower lobby at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 30, 2009. Doors open at 5:30. Admission is on a first come first serve basis.

Starring a cast of notable female lyricists from the hip hop and R'n'B industries, "Say My Name" is a vibrant documentary with a unique message. The film chronicles the passionate journeys of these artists to become female emcees and "turn adversity into art", communicating their personal messages through interviews and musical performances. Class, race, and gender are discussed as central issues in the notoriously misogynistic hip hop world, shaping the forums for discussion as the women share their thoughts, feelings, and obstacles they have overcome to achieve success. An impressive cast features over 18 artists, including MC Lyte, Chocolate Thai, Dr. Roxanne Shante, Monie Love, Estelle, and Remy Ma plus many more.

A panel discussion with industry professionals and journalists immediately follows the screening. Guests include radio personality Angela Yee, popular hip hop journalist Brian "B. Dot" Miller, legendary singer/producer Nona Hendryx of the Labelles, hip hop producer Tachelle Wilkes, and media consultant Logan Coles. The panel will be moderated by distinguished journalist and Clive Davis faculty member, Elizabeth Mendez Berry, former editor of *Vibe* magazine. A reception follows in the Tisch School of the Arts lower lobby.

The screening of "Say My Name" launches submissions for this year's Fusion Film Festival. NYU Fusion celebrates women filmmakers and encourages collaboration with men; submissions are limited to films directed by women or shot by women, or in the screenplay category, written by women. For submission details see www.fusionfilmfestival.com.

The Fusion Film Festival is sponsored by New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and Kanbar Institute of Film and Television. Fusion Film Festival 2010 will take place February 25, 26, and 27, 2010.

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