

Busybody Films presents

HIPHOP ON WAX

– A documentary about the earliest rap records

Synopsis



From park jams to vinyl ...

Hiphop music was originated by DJs and rappers rocking live park jams in the 1970s New York. This first stage has been well documented, but what came after that? How did this live scene transform into a record making scene with pioneering rap groups like GRANDMASTER FLASH & THE FURIOUS 5 and TREACHEROUS 3 becoming hit record makers? HIPHOP ON WAX aims to uncover this missing link in Hiphop's history. The film will explore the origin of merging live rap with studio creations – in other words *how rappers, DJs, studio musicians and producers began working together in creating rap on record.*

To be filmed in New York City in 2013 the documentary will focus on some of the groups on the two dominating early Hiphop labels ENJOY and SUGARHILL. The story will be told from the personal views of the key players – and some of the most legendary Hiphop pioneers – like GRANDMASTER FLASH & THE FURIOUS 5, TREACHEROUS 3 and ENJOY and SUGARHILL studio musicians and producers.

The film will be made up of new interviews, tours through recording studios and parks, possibly performances, and archive footage where available. We wish to hear THE FURIOUS 5 explain writing their first single SUPERRAPPIN', see SUGARHILL band members demonstrate their take on popular funk songs as backing tracks, and hear producers reflect on getting the idea to create rap on record etc. etc. ...

When finished the film will be released on DVD and submitted to selected film festivals, music festivals, cinemas and TV channels.

The filmmaker:

Director and producer JESPER JENSEN is behind the acclaimed documentary BEAT DIGGIN' featuring Hip-hop heavyweights D.I.T.C., DA BEATMINERZ and GODFATHER DON. JESPER has made several Hip-hop-themed documentaries, has released a DVD collection of the films and has shown work at film and music festivals, in cinemas and on TV in Europe and the US.

More info: www.vimeo.com/busybodyfilms.

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