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Mind Elevations Music Network, WOW Hall CCPA, and the Oregon Historical Society present Oregon Hip Hop History Tour

Thursday, May 3 • 8pm – 11pm • WOW Hall, Eugene

Portland, OR – April 16, 2018 – Join Mind Elevations Music Network, WOW Hall CCPA, and the Oregon Historical Society for “[Oregon Hip Hop History Tour](#),” featuring live performances, guest speakers, a dee jay spinning the cutz, and a special preview of the acclaimed Oregon hip hop documentary, [Lifting As We Climb](#).

Hip Hop legend Mic Crenshaw will be performing and speaking on the elements, music, and culture of hip hop. Mic Crenshaw was born and raised in Chicago and Minneapolis and currently resides in Portland. An independent Hip Hop artist, respected emcee, poet, educator, and activist, Crenshaw is also the Lead U.S. Organizer for the Afrikan HipHop Caravan. He uses cultural activism as a means to develop international solidarity related to human rights and justice through Hip Hop and popular education

The event will also feature a preview of *Lifting As We Climb*, a documentary that examines the history and social impact of Portland Hip Hop through archival footage and commentary from the industry’s leading emcees, dee jays, producers, and executives. Nationally renowned DJ “Chillest Illest” provides narration. Writer, director, and producer Mike Agnew will be on hand to answer questions about the film and his own history as a producer and promoter of hip hop shows in Oregon and beyond.

According to Agnew: “This film is based on a college term paper. It made a great impact on the class. While studying to write the article, I went to various libraries around Portland and could not find much about Portland hip hop. I want people to be informed of the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice that many individuals put into Portland hip hop culture. When they were break dancing and rapping in New York in 1977, so was Portland.” A full interview with Agnew can be found on the [OHS website](#).

The evening kicks off at 8pm on Thursday, May 3 at WOW Hall CCPA (291 W 8th Ave., Eugene). This event is open to the public; \$5 suggested donation.

About the Oregon Historical Society

For more than a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the state's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of artifacts, photographs, maps, manuscript materials, books, films, and oral histories. Our research library, museum, digital platforms & website (www.ohs.org), educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history open and accessible to all. We exist because history is powerful, and because a history as deep and rich as Oregon's cannot be contained within a single story or point of view.