



# Press Release

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## **New Hip Hop song, *Hurricane Katrina*, 'floods' the internet. Hip Hop Community not afraid to blame Bush for tragedy.**

Within a week of the disaster in New Orleans the Hip Hop community responds with outrage at the American government's mishandling of the tragedy. Hip Hop legend Chuck D has spoken out as well as the Reverend Al Sharpton. Rap superstar Kanye West, in an impassioned deviation from his 'prepared' statement on live television, said "Goerge Bush doesn't care about black people." Echoing these sentiments, The Dope Poet Society has released a new song entitled *Hurricane Katrina*, attacking the shocking hypocrisy and racism of the Bush administration. The song can be downloaded for free and the lyrics can be read from [www.DopePoets.com](http://www.DopePoets.com). Kanye's interview can be seen on DemocracyNow.org.

The Dope Poet Society recently returned from performing at the First Hip Hop Summit in Venezuela as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> *World Youth and Students Festival in Caracas, Venezuela*. The Summit also featured Dead Prez and Immortal Technique from the US, La Bomba from Chile, K'naan from Somalia and many other noteworthy performers from around the world. Over seventeen thousand international delegates attended the Festival. Subsequently, the group performed their 3<sup>rd</sup> concert in Havana Cuba with one of the island's leading Hip Hop groups, Obsession. The Dope Poet Society returns to Cuba for the International Hip Hop Festival later this month, before embarking on a cross Canada tour in October.

The Dope Poet Society returns to Toronto to take the stage at the following festivals...

### **Street Impact** - September 10, 2005, Dundas Square

A free all ages outdoor event celebrating skateboarding and music. Over 10,000 enthusiasts and worldwide media attention. The roster of performers will showcase Rock, Punk, Hip Hop, Reggae, and Funk. [www.StreetImpact.ca](http://www.StreetImpact.ca)

### **The Junction Arts Festival** – September 10-11, Keele and Dundas

The largest Art Meets Street festival in North America. Now in its thirteenth year, highlights include a juried art show featuring artists in virtually every medium, live musical performances, dancers, poetry readings, workshops and more! The Dope Poet Society performs on the main (Keele) stage Saturday, and hosts the Urban stage on Sunday presented by The Toronto Hip Hop Cultural Arts Centre. [www.JunctionArtsFest.com](http://www.JunctionArtsFest.com)

### **Ear To The Ground** – September 16-18 Exhibition Place

Not just a music festival, but a multi-disciplinary festival featuring music, film, art, theatre, dance and spoken word. Celebrate the works of independent and emerging artists. The Dope Poet Society performs on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>. [www.EarToTheGroundFest.com](http://www.EarToTheGroundFest.com)

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The new album from The Dope Poet Society, *ProIntelPro*, is manufactured by Justus League Records, distributed across Canada by Festival Distribution and available at all major retailers. Order online from JLR1.com. See the new video, All of Us on MuchMusic or DopePoets.com