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PAFF Announces Centerpiece Screening of *To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws: A Public Enemy Story*

An Unfiltered Look at Hip-Hop's Unsung Guardians
and the Movement That Shaped a Generation

Los Angeles, CA - The Pan African Film & Arts Festival (PAFF) proudly presents its **Centerpiece Screening** of *To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws: A Public Enemy Story*, an electrifying documentary that unearths the untold history of the **Security of the First World (S1Ws)**—the silent but powerful movement within one of hip-hop's most influential groups, **Public Enemy**. The special screening will take place **Wednesday, February 12, at The Culver Theater**, offering audiences a front-row seat to an essential and uncompromising chapter of hip-hop history.

Helmed by a compelling narrative and featuring firsthand accounts from **Chuck D, Flavor Flav, and the S1Ws themselves**, alongside hip-hop icons **Ice Cube, Doug E. Fresh, Ice-T, and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels**, the film pulls back the curtain on a group that was more than just a presence on stage—they were a movement. From the streets of New York to global stages, the S1Ws were a force of discipline, resilience, and revolution, embodying hip-hop's call for justice and social change.

More than just a deep dive into Public Enemy's legacy, *To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws* chronicles hip-hop's rise from an underground sound of defiance to an international cultural and political force. Through intimate storytelling and never-before-seen footage, the documentary cements hip-hop's place as a genre of **rebellion, resistance, and raw truth**—one that continues to shape the world.

As PAFF continues to honor cinematic excellence and celebrate the stories that redefine Black narratives, this screening stands as a **must-see event** for hip-hop fans, cultural historians, and truth-seekers alike.

The 2025 Pan African Film Festival will take place February 4-17 in Los Angeles with screenings, panels, and exclusive Q&A sessions featuring the filmmakers and stars who are shaping the future of cinema. For tickets, schedules, and more information, visit paff.org.

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Join us as we celebrate the voices that refuse to be silenced and the art that brings us together.

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About Pan African Film & Arts Festival:

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Press accreditation for PAFF's Centerpiece red carpet is now open. All media—whether credentialed by the festival or not—**must RSVP** to secure access. Apply [here](#) to cover this event.

To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws: A Public Enemy Story images and video are available in the PAFF Pressroom at this [link](#).

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