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**PAFF Centerpiece Presentation and Ode to Hip Hop:
To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws: A Public Enemy Story,
Wed., Feb. 12**

WHAT:

Pan African Film & Arts Festival Centerpiece presentation of *To My Rescue It Was the S1Ws: A Public Enemy Story*.

SYNOPSIS

The untold story and history of "S1WS" (Security of the First World), which served as a movement and force within **Public Enemy**, one of hip hop music's greatest and most influential forces. The story focuses on the collective and individual journeys of the S1WS from the streets of New York, overcoming life obstacles within society, and finding their purpose. But even more so, it is a comprehensive chronicle of the development of hip hop music as an important musical genre of rebellion and protest that captured the imagination of a generation; defining the players, conditions and events that made hip hop an international phenomenon that caught the attention of the world. Commentary by **Chuck D, Flavor Flav**, the S1WS, members of Public Enemy (**James Norman, Mike Williams, Roderick "Rog" Chillous, John Oliver Jr. and James Allen**), **Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, Ice Cube, Doug E. Fresh and Ice T**.

WHO:

Public Enemy Members
James Norman
Michael Williams
Roderick "Rog" Chillous

Janol Ture, Director

WHEN:

2025 PAN AFRICAN FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL
DREAMBEYOND

Wed, Feb. 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m. Red Carpet (red carpet will take place inside of theater)

WHERE:

The Culver Theater
9500 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

Media Truck Parking: Parking is available adjacent to the theater

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PRESS CREDENTIALS

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.

FILM ASSETS

Images and more are available in the PAFF Pressroom at this [link](#).

About Pan African Film & Arts Festival:

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