

# B-Boy Kingdom

The World of Clubs, Dubs & HookUps  
by J-Smoov



1) Clear Blac and Mr. Animation at RadioTron (photo by Cynthia Hassey)  
2) Prince Whipper Whip (archive photo)  
3) Jeru the Damaja (archive photo)

## CLUBS

**African Marketplace/Rancho Cienega Park.** A very wonderful event to experience as always. People of all nationalities attend the annual Marketplace to eyeball and purchase cultural gifts and clothing from the vendors. This is by no means a club but I was invited to attend a performance. **Children of The Last Days** were doing a fashion show. Representing a custom clothing company **Mandingo Republic** was **Urban Safari Wear** (213-298-9229). The show itself, organized by the two sistas **Deveaux** and **Jhezrel of Deveaux Contour** (213-936-7890), was nothing short of the bomb, but the real eye-catching element is that the gear is modeled by artists from LA's Hip-Hop underground. Props go to **Zulu (ATU)**, **Nairb**, **Adlyb** and **Zagu Brown (Global Flotations) KC**, **Orah** and **Taash-a (B-Boy Kingdom)**, **Medusa** and **Melanin (Nzginga Women)**, **Hines** and **St. Mark 9:23 (Brothers Manifesto)**. **Channel 3/Forbidden Fruit**. Not exactly what I was expecting, but I must give respect to the artists that rocked. **Dallas Connection** rode

in to lasso a few beats and freestyles while the Whoridas escorted Saafir on stage to rock a classic set including "BattleDrill" even though he said on stage, "I'm sicker than a muthaf\*\*ka, y'all. My stomach hurt, soon as I finish I'ma go shit." Peace Saucy. **Nappy At The Roots/Nzginga Women** (213-290-5320). Teaming up with the B-Boy Kingdom to set "Nappy" into its next zone was all positive, if u don't count the ignorant security on a particular night. This is becoming a premier spot for MCs to wreck shit. This past

month saw the skills of **Born Allah**, **Cipher 7** (props!) and **Minister 2Bad (Mass Men)**...the next month's line-up features **Jr. P**, **Ghanja K**, **Rifleman** and **Mosaic**. Also, let's not forget the selecta DJs **Mark Luv**, **Drez**, the **Vinyl Junkies**, **Stylus** and **Cool Joe**. **Project Blowed/B-Boy Kingdom** (213-759-8373). So much dopeness in one spot—no wonder all MCs in search for a true open mic spot end up here. A new promotional format has drawn respect and representation from **Dark Leaf**, **Terra** and **Other Wise (HipHopKclan)**, **Medusa**, **Prince Whipper Whip** and **Carlito (Zulu Nation)**, **Mystik Journeyman**, **Born Allah** (once again, respect), DJs **JFX**, **Cut Chemist (J5)**, **Babu** and **Rhettmatic (Beat Junkies)**, **Mr. Groove** and **X-Ro (Vinyl Junkies)**. We even had a public display of our "Battle Royal Brawl," which is something that originated at **Mikah 9's** crib. **Trend (Funky Trend)** took out **Khynty Red (Kali-9)** in which the loser had to put himself on a four-week "restriction" from the Blowed.

## DUBS

**Jizzm/Never to Be Released** (Illosophic 818-850-0972) A truly underground Ese from the West Covina area emerges once more with a compilation featuring **Otherwise** and **Rifleman (HipHopKclan)**, **I.T.S. Crew** and **AWOL One (Mass Men)**—who both get credit for production—and **Slant Eyes (Secret Service Prod.)**. **DJ Opal/ Turntabology 101** (33 1/3 Prod.). A lady serious about her turntables, DJ Opal is no joke! She's puttin' it down from the 814 area and sho nuff got it. Call her at 814-567-3601 to see if she'll send u a copy, I got mine. **Dream Nefra/Timeless Kaleidoscope** (Hatshepsut Music) came in the mail

recently, filled with tunes and gems rocked with **Exhile** and **Del the Funkee Homosapien**. EXTRA! Duce just came by and dropped me a copy of **Supherb's** new promo single, **Any Forms of Wackness (Wild West)**. "A talented artist" is the impression I'm getting from his material. I don't see him too much, but when I do it's worth it. **Abstract Tribe Unique (ATU)** finally released their **Underground Fossils EP**. I know many heads are lookin' to get'm. If u R, phone 619-299-7935. Also, we're expecting releases from the new crew in town **Mosaic** and a youthful crew called **Kali-9 Zipcodez**.

## HOOK-UPS

Who knows **Fritz da Khat**? Fritz is the publisher of an up'n'comin' 'zine from Ontario, Canada called **Divine Styler** (416-533-8066). I believe Fritz and his staff will be very influential in establishing a B-Boy Kingdom following in the Canada sector. Be looking out for da Khat. It seems I've been getting a lot of dap from folks at other magazines, and hell, I don't mind! This shout is for **Ms. Opal** at **SubCulture Magazine** (714-362-0399, featured elsewhere in this **Rap Pages**). Aside from our Internet site, I look forward to the Kingdom appearing all over Laguna Hills just as well as Beverly's. Once again I gotta recommend the **Vinyl Exchange** to all the wax-heads. Contact **DJ Stef** or **P-Minus: Parlay Graphics** at 236 West Portal Avenue #402, San Fran, CA 94127 and get on their mailing list. Lastly, our hard-working reps from the land of South Africa are getting bored with working hard and they'd like to sit down and read a few letters. All that are interested in an energetic pen pal can reach **DJ Staxx (Sakhile X)** @ PO Box 8444/ Linkhills/ Molweni/ 3652, South Africa or **Oteng Mazile** @ P.O. Box 40517/ Gaborone/ Botswana/ South Africa or **B-Boy Rick-E/ 20 Granmge Court/ Westridge/ 7785/ Cape Town/ 8000/ South Africa**.

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