

## BLACK WOMEN LED PRODUCTION OF A GRITTY DRAMA TV SERIES FEATURING HIP-HOP ARTISTS DEBUTING AT THE HIP-HOP FILM FESTIVAL

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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Hip Hop Film Festival returns for its 10th anniversary from August 21–24, 2025, in New York City, celebrating with a dynamic mix of world-class films, Master Cyphers (the festival's signature TED Talk–style series for independent filmmakers), and appearances by some of the biggest names in entertainment. The festival will be hosted across multiple venues, including Harlem Film House HQ, Look Dine-In Cinemas, DCTV Firehouse Cinema, and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture.

On Friday, August 22, at 8:00 PM, Opening Night Screenings at Look Dine-In Cinemas, 657 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, will feature the explosive TV drama series Halfway House.



Producer Shacola Thompson

Produced by dynamic industry powerhouses Shacola

Thompson and Carole Copeland, alongside Executive Producer Adam Karp and Writer/Director Marc Cayce, Halfway House is a gritty, high-stakes drama where redemption, betrayal, and survival collide. The series brings together an all-star, hip-hop-infused cast, featuring:

- Maino Brooklyn rap legend
- Sticky Fingaz Hip-hop veteran & actor (Onyx)
- Damion Hall Founding member of GUY, New Jack Swing pioneer
- Patrick Faucette The Haves and the Have Nots, All American
- Dennis L.A. White Notorious, Law & Order: SVU
- Gary Anthony Sturgis Pride, Diary of a Mad Black Woman

Set inside a volatile Los Angeles halfway house, the series follows eight ex-convicts with dangerous secrets and tangled pasts, forced to coexist under the watchful eyes of a corrupt probation officer and a calculating therapist until a mysterious death threatens to destroy them all.

"We are incredibly proud to open the Hip Hop Film Festival with Halfway House," says Producer Shacola Thompson. "As Black women leading a male-driven series, we're telling a story that's raw, real, and unapologetically authentic."

Director Marc Cayce will not only be on hand for the Opening Night screening but will also be a featured speaker during the festival's "Master Cyphers" series, offering an insider's perspective on blending hip-hop culture, urban storytelling, and television



**Producer Carole Copeland** 

drama. Several cast members are also slated to appear, bringing additional star power to the red carpet.

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**Event Details:** 

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- ☐ Friday, August 22, 2025
- □ 8:00 PM
- ☐ Look Dine-In Cinemas, 657 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019

Why Critics Should Watch

Halfway House is Oz meets The Wire with an urban, contemporary pulse a drama/thriller built for fans of Power, Your Honor, and Orange Is the New Black. Its collision of redemption, betrayal, and survival delivers high-impact storytelling that is both culturally relevant and universally gripping.

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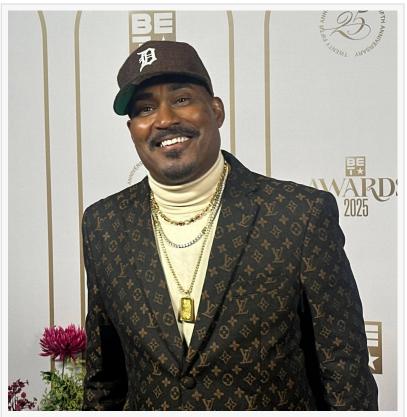
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About the Hip Hop Film Festival
The Hip Hop Film Festival was founded
to celebrate and preserve hip-hop
culture through film, shining a spotlight
on storytellers from the global hip-hop
community. Now in its 10th year, the
festival showcases a curated mix of
films, Master Cyphers, and special
events across venues in New York City,
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