

"UPRISING: Hip Hop and the L.A. Riots"

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It has been 20 years since the L.A. Riots, the four days of unrest, looting and rage that paralyzed Los Angeles and sent racial shockwaves throughout the country. After decades of racial tension in South Central Los Angeles,

VH1's Emmy

Award-winning "VH1 Rock Docs"

franchise explores the connection between the violence manifested on the streets during the 1992 riots and the rage expressed in Hip Hop by NWA, Dr. Dre, Ice T, and Ice Cube among others with

[VH1's "UPRISING: Hip Hop and the L.A. Riots"](#)

premiering

Tuesday, May 1

at

9PM ET

/PT on VH1.

Executive produced and narrated by Hip Hop legend **Snoop Dogg** and directed by Mark Ford, **"UPRISING: Hip Hop and The L.A. Riots"**

tells the story of the most destructive riot in American history and is scored by some of the most iconic and controversial hip hop tracks of all time, such as NWA's "F Tha Police" and Body Count's "Cop Killer." With definitive first-hand accounts and exclusive rare footage that was locked away and hasn't been seen until now, the documentary gives an inside look at the four fiery days that left 53 people dead and over 12,000 arrested,

"UPRISING"

is told through the diverse perspective of the rappers, musicians, police officers and victims who lived through the landmark L.A. Riots in April, 1992. Viewers will also witness never-before-heard stories from well known figures and Hip Hop artists who were affected by or actual participants in the riots, including:

Rodney King

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Arsenio Hall

, Ice T, Professor

Todd Boyd

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USC

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Connie Rice

(Civil Rights attorney),

John Singleton

, Too Short, KRS-One, Nas and

Henry Watson

(one of the "LA Four" convicted of beating

Reginald Denny

) and many more.

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After making its successful debut and receiving rave reviews at the SXSW Film Festival this past March **"UPRISING: Hip Hop and the L.A. Riots,"** puts a searing spotlight on race relations, revisits Hip Hop's warning of what was to come and documents the turbulent days of the riot with first hand accounts from residents that were caught in the cross hairs.

VH1's Emmy Award-winning Rock Docs are feature-length documentaries that tell unique stories of artists and music from a wide range of genres, styles and musical perspectives. **"UPR**

ISING: Hip Hop and the LA Riots"

is executive produced by Mark Ford and

Kevin Lopez

for Creature Films and executive produced by

Brad Abramson

,
Stephen Mintz

,
Shelly Tatro

and

Jeff Olde

for VH1.