Positive Celebration of Hip-Hop Culture

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From the print ads of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to the visual barrage of MTV, television commercials, the influence of hip-hop culture has slowly, but steadily moved from the east coast to the west coast, and from the inner city to the mass media.

Check out the Arts in San Francisco celebration of hip-hop culture with its multimedia exhibition of “Hip-Hop Nation” that will be on display until Aug. 15.

Visual and performing arts, film, video, fashion, hip-hop dance, music, and visual art will be on display in five different galleries.

“Roots, Rhymes and Rags” will be held by Capital Rage at the Bay Area Art & Culture Center. It explores the hip-hop revolution and its impact on contemporary culture and politics.

The exhibition of “Hip-Hop Culture” will be held at the University of California, Berkeley, and will feature a wide range of hip-hop-related art and music. The show also includes a screening of the documentary “What's the Word” about the history and evolution of hip-hop culture.

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Admission to the exhibitions is free to the viewing public.

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