



LIFE AND DEF: Brooklyn gets props as Beastie Boys (left, in a vintage photo) get feted by VH1 and the Rock Steady Crew (right) play the New Victory Theater.



Original hip-sters

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ever Hip-Hop Week, beginning Thursday.

It's seven days of performances, exhibits, events, workshops and retail specials that explore the four tenets of hip-hop: graffiti, breaking, deejaying and MC-ing.

For a crash course in getting hippity to da hip hip hop, check out the multitude of events taking place in the days leading up to the "Hip Hop Honors" show — coincidentally, the same day Diddy's new album, "Play," hits stores.

drummer Peter Rabbit (of "Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk"), deejays GI Joe, DPl and Evil Tracy, and beatboxers Kenny "the Human Orchestra" Muhammad, Yo Yo Beats and D. Cross.

Tickets are \$12.50 to \$35. For information, call (212) 239-6200.

3 Most New Yorkers have no use for sightseeing tours, but **HuSH Tours' "Hip Hop Tours"** are definitely worth a looksee. Although it runs regular hip-hop-themed tours throughout the city on a regular basis, Thursday through Oct. 15 begins

4 A musician is without a god. With that in mind, out the New

6 There's no better place to learn how to scratch a record (on purpose) than at the **Scratch DJ Academy**, founded by Run-D.M.C.'s late Jam Master Jay. Thursday at 7 p.m., Grandwizzard Theodore hosts a free 60-minute workshop on DJ basics.

For info, call (212) 529-1599, ext. 5, or visit scratch.com

week mini-boutique featuring nostalgic sporting goods apparel from Mitchell & Ness, and Hot 97 spinning the best in hip-hop.