

Ice-T on stage at BFI Southbank for Sonic Cinema: Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap



Friday 29 June, London. The hugely successful **Sonic Cinema** will return to **BFI Southbank** on **Friday 20 July** with a special screening of **Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap** followed by an **onstage Q&A** with director and Hip-Hop legend **Ice-T**.

Ice T's debut album *Rhyme Pays* (1987) helped define the gangsta rap genre, and he went on to have not only a hugely successful music career, but a TV and film career also (he has been a regular on *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit* for over a decade). As one of the most influential figures in Hip-Hop and rap culture, the **BFI** is thrilled to welcome **Ice-T** to the Southbank stage following the screening of his directorial debut. Through his documentary Ice-T will take audiences on a deeply personal journey, interviewing a who's who of Hip-Hop talent, including KRS-One, Nas, Eminem, Dr Dre, Chuck D, Snoop Dogg and Kanye West. **Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap** reveals the roots and history of Rap and then, through meeting many of its most influential protagonists reveals 'The Art of Rap'. This extraordinary documentary features unique performances, without resorting to archive footage. What emerges is a mighty tribute to an American art form that brought poetry to a new generation. Following on from the screening and **Q&A**, audiences will also be able to enjoy a night of the finest hip-hop beats in the *benugo* lounge courtesy of **Sonic Cinema DJ Tayo Popoola**.

Event Details:

Sonic Cinema: *Something from Nothing: The Art of Rap* + Ice-T in Conversation

USA 2012. Dir Ice-T. 111min.

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