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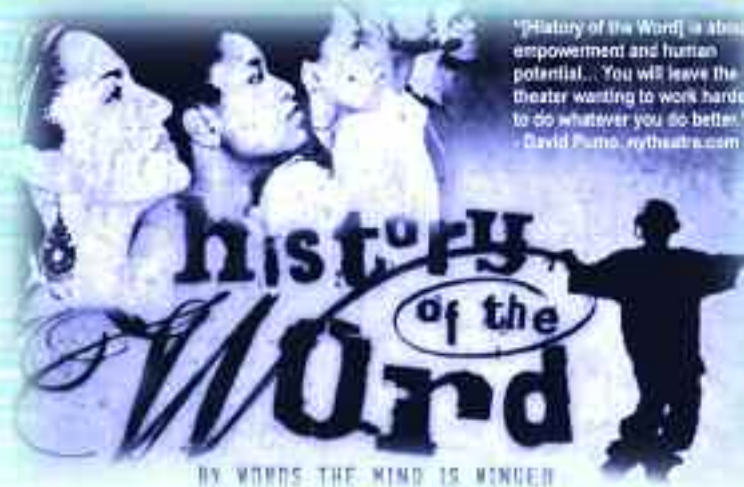
# GOOD STUFF

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## History of the Word: A New Hip-Hop Musical

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts presents the ultimate in spoken word events on Saturday, February 16 at 7 p.m.

The evening brings together national artist **Saul Williams**, the touring play **History of the Word**, and select local high school students for what is sure to be a memorable mixture of ideas and opinions about life today.



"History of the Word is about empowerment and human potential... You will leave the theater wanting to work harder to do whatever you do better."  
- David Pumo, nytheatre.com

traces the lives of six high school students learning to navigate a world filled with dreams, fears and a constant need to be accepted. ♦ Their stories – based on real-life experiences of five of the country's most talented spoken word poets – make the play resemble a hip-

hop high school version of **A Chorus Line**.

By exploring the relationship between our history, our lives and our language, **History of the Word** challenges young people to explore the life-changing decisions they make each day.

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The event is hosted by local performers from the **Mahogany Revue: Fluent, DJ Invisible** and **Cen**. ♦ Metro-Detroit students were selected to star in a segment of the **History of the Word** show entitled **History of the Word: Words and Rhythms of the "D."** ♦ Tickets are \$7-\$12 and are on sale now at **Ticketmaster** and the **Music Hall** box office.

**Saul Williams** is a gifted young poet who is opening up this literary art form to a new generation of readers. ♦ Like his writing – a fearless mix of connecting rhythms and vibrant images – **Williams** is unstoppable, and he will share the stage on **Feb. 16** with up-and-coming young, talented Detroit-area high school poets. ♦ A perfect occasion for both student and teacher!

**History of the Word** has been billed as the new hip-hop musical. ♦ The story

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