

**The Original Harlem World Crew** was established in 1978, many years prior to Mase and P-Diddy's version of Harlem World in the 1990's.

The original members of the Harlem World Crew were Charlie Rock (Charles Leake), Son of Sam (Sam Blocker), DJ Randy (Randy Sanders), and DJ Kool D (Darryl Brown). The group was signed to the Tayster record label, which was operated and owned by its founder Jack Taylor. The Harlem World Crew was affectionately named after the club.

**Harlem World Cultural & Entertainment Complex** hosted many great events with major recording groups, bands, Rappers and singers.

The Club became the Mecca of Hip Hop and R&B for the entire nation, especially New York....everybody that was somebody attended Harlem World.

The group were also promoters, producers and songwriters for the label and other artist. Performing at Harlem World was like performing at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall or Carnegie Hall....every night the club was sold out.

Men and women alike dressed to impress, but Whatever happen in Harlem World Stayed in Harlem World.

Their first hits on the record label include "Positive Life", "Doin the Do", "Rapper's Convention" and "Love Rap" all recorded on Tayster in the 1980's.

I (**Tony Tee of the Ultimate 3MC's**) worked at Harlem World at the restaurant during the day. My aunt was a close friend of Jack's and she ask him to give me a summer job while I was a freshman in High School and he did. After the restaurant closed, the night life began and the freaks came out at night". Everybody from Uptown, Downtown and Across town showed up for a Harlem World Party.

The group was close friends with every artist in the Hip Hop community....and they invited all of their friends to perform every week.

They throw some of the greatest parties known to Hip Hop and R&B during this time. Artist like Dr. Jeckell & Mr. Hyde, The ColdCrush Brothers, The Furious Five, Fantastic Five, The Treacherous Three, Force MD's, Busy Bee, Lovebug Starski & Ronnie G were all close friends of the Harlem World Crew.

In addition, **The Harlem World Crew** hosted local block parties on the weekends (I was like a little brother to them) and they allowed me to bless the mic now and then at block parties. The Harlem World Crew were like the first generation of De La Soul. They could sing, Dance, spit Dope rhymes, dress like entertainers and they had one of the best DJs in the business. (DJ Randy) Not only were they artist but they were athletes too, I would sometimes watch the crew play basketball in King Towers (Foster Projects) and they were good too. During the early 1980's, Harlem World created some of the best years of the Hip Hop Culture and I learned a lot from the Harlem World Crew.

The group was from Harlem and the Club was located on 116th street and Lenox avenue in Harlem, New York. It was previously a Woolworth before Harlem World took over and then it became a Discount Bargain Store. I'm not sure what's become of the Landmark building now, but you can still see it standing on 116th street. The original members of Harlem World Crew remain together until the club closed in 1985. The Harlem World Crew are Pioneers in the Hip Hop Culture and their shows and parties will forever remain Legendary.

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