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Hip Hop imposters highlighted at Bedford Film Festival

Get rich or lie trying

The story of Hip Hop imposters, Californian hip-hop duo Silibil n' Brains, who were really students from Scotland with fake American accents and made up identities, is coming to Bedford as part of the town's new film festival.

The festival will run from over the weekend of 27-28 September 2013, with **The Great Hip Hop Hoax** being shown at The Higgins Bedford on Saturday 28 September at 5pm.

Spokesperson for Bedford Film Festival, Paul Hutchinson, said: "We were looking for a way to bring films to Bedford that aren't always available to see. Rather than wait for someone else to give us what we want, we decided to do it ourselves.

"We've got a varied range of feature films, documentaries, and workshops for film students across the festival weekend and we're very excited to be showing the true story of **The Great Hip Hop Hoax** as part of our programme."

The Great Hip Hop Hoax is a film about truth, lies and the legacy of faking everything in the desperate pursuit of fame. The American dream, told by people who'd never even been to America.

When this promising Scottish rap act was laughed off the stage by hysterical A&R people, Billy and Gavin re-invented themselves as West Coast Homeboys. Sony signed them and over two years they lived the dream, touring with D12, hanging back stage at the Brits, playing Brixton Academy, writing, recording and living up to the image of the loud mouth rap stars they told everyone they were.

No-one knew or even suspected that they were in fact just a couple of college boys from Dundee with fake American accents they had learnt from MTV - they had never even been to America.

To get tickets and view the full programme for Bedford Film Festival visit www.bedfordfilmfestival.org.

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Note to editors



- For further information or interviews, please contact: Paul Hutchinson on 07834 238 316 or info@bedfordfilmfestival.org
- Attached picture of Silibil n' Brains, more available upon request
- Bedford Film Festival was founded by Paul Hutchinson, Stephen Judge and Bedfordshire based film director Richard Jobson with the aim of supporting film variety in Bedford. Our aim is to build a festival that will become a long standing annual event in Bedford and will help support and inspire young filmmakers in the town as well as attract film makers to use Bedford as a location for future projects. You can read more about Bedford Film Festival's objectives at <http://bedfordfilmfestival.org/about-bedford-film-festival/objectives/#.UiYKyl1wbDc>
- Bedford Film Festival is a not for profit organisation.