



## Video Music Box's Ralph McDaniels to be Honored

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Before MTV paid any attention to hip-hop or BET even existed, there was *Video Music Box*, one of television's first programs to ever feature hip-hop videos primarily. Broadcast on public television in New York, the show was the brainchild of visionary Ralph "Uncle Ralph" McDaniels, who will be honored this Friday (Feb. 19) by Angela McKenzie of Initiative Radio.

Founded in 1983 *Video Music Box* [Watch Below] premiered videos from various hip-hop acts that wouldn't get airplay elsewhere and was responsible for breaking many new artists during its run. Uncle Ralph will be honored by dozens of performers, including Homeboy Sandman, Children of the Night, and Eric Sosa.

The tribute will take place at Bowery Poetry Club in New York City. All are invited to attend. For more information visit host [Angela McKenzie's Web site](#).—*Brooklyne Gipson*