

## **BORN AND RAISED IN THE ROC: TIMELINE 2011**

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### **WITH**

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### **Cast**

Seventeen Student / Inmates

### **Directed by**

David Shakes

### **DJ**

Douglas Moore

### **Setting**

4North, Monroe County Jail

## **Track 12 "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised"**

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*The world's seeing me looking in the mirror,  
Images of me getting much clearer.  
Dear Self I wrote a letter just to better my soul.  
If I don't express it, then forever I'll hold it inside  
I'm from a side where we're out of control.  
My story's like yours, yo it gotta be told.*

*Common, "A Dream"*

#### *January*

January 1, 2011 - Thomas S. Richards sworn in as Mayor of Rochester

Rochester's first homicide

January 8 - In Tucson, Arizona a gunman opened fire at a constituent meeting led by US Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Fourteen were injured, including Giffords, and six were killed

January 10 - Former Republican United States House of Representatives Majority Leader Tom DeLay sentenced to three years in prison for money laundering

*Student / Inmate One*   **Track 2, Beat 2**

2011, how do I make sense of it all?  
I do what I do to keep myself out of all the bull.  
It's too much out in the world right now.  
Everybody is dying or in jail.  
I don't do anything.  
I keep to myself.

The world won't stop, but the crime just has to stop. I want to stop waking up with my mom telling me one of my best mans got shot.

It hurts every night to keep myself off the whole idea that I am back in jail. I told myself that during the summer of 2011 I was going to inspire my brothers and stay out of jail.

*February*

Former New York Governor David Paterson Paid The Price For His 2009 World Series Tickets

For the rap categories of the 2011 Grammy Awards, Eminem won two Grammy Awards for Best Rap Solo Performance and Best Rap Album while Jay-Z won Best Rap/Sung Collaboration, Best Rap Performance by a Duo or a Group, and Best Rap Song

Demolition of B. Forman Building, Midtown Plaza

*Student / Inmate Two*   **Track 3, Beat 3**

I made the biggest mistake of my life in 2011. I did not listen to my mother. That mistake cost me my freedom. Now I know freedom is the most important thing in life.

I worry about my little cousin going down the same route I followed.  
I worry about my mother  
not being able to handle me being away from her.  
I worry that life is filled with so many lies instead of the truth  
and no one seems to hear or care.  
People avoid the truth.  
Do we hurt others when we do not listen?

I worry about my life.  
I worry about how I can move on.

*February*

Green Bay Packers defeat Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl LXV

Eminem paired up with auto manufacturer Chrysler to star in a 2 minute long advertisement that aired during the 2011 Super Bowl, which was hailed by critics as being "authentic" and "rousing", and which is reported to have contributed to the boost in Chrysler's first quarter profits

*Student / Inmate Three*

**Track 4, Beat 4**

Me, pain is something that  
runs deep inside me like family roots.  
I don't know my family.  
My mom was adopted.  
My dad walked out on me when I was four,  
so I never got to know my dad's side of the family.

I'm stuck in the world alone.  
I don't know where I come from.  
I don't know  
my family line or the roots.  
I wish I did.  
It's so hard  
not knowing who is your cousin, or your uncle, or your aunt.  
Could I have met some  
of my family, and I just didn't know?

Who am I?

What I do know is on Halloween of 09 my best friend was walking down the street to go home. I was at his house waiting for him. When he got around the corner from his house, an all Black F-150 truck hit and ran over my best friend and killed him. I had heard the big "BANG." It almost sounded like a gunshot. Then I heard another little "BANG" that sounded like a firecracker. I didn't think anything of it though, and I just thought it was some kids playing around with firecrackers on Halloween.

It was November 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 the day that my best friend passed. I remember that day like it was yesterday. This is a day in all my years of living that I will never forget.

I miss him. I will never forget him.

I'm moving too fast.  
I hope that I won't crash.  
I look at my demons in the face.  
My heart has no more space.

### *March*

March 11 – A 9.1-magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit the east of Japan, killing over 15,000 and leaving another 8,000 missing. Tsunami warnings issued in 50 countries and territories. Emergencies are declared at four nuclear power plants affected by the quake.<sup>[14]</sup>

Nate Dogg died March 15, 2011 in Long Beach, California. On March 17, Nate's attorney Mark Geragos confirmed that the cause of the death was from complications of multiple strokes.

### *Student / Inmate Four*   **Track 6, Beat 6**

Somebody came up and started shooting. I didn't notice I was shot until I heard ringing in my ears. My body got heavy, and I looked down at my side and I saw blood. I limped back to where I got shot and called my sister. I told her I was shot. She told me to stop playing. She came, but by the time she got there I was in the ambulance on my way to the hospital.

### *Student / Inmate Five*   **Track 13, Lord Give Me A Sign Instrumental**

It is lonely in this darkness,  
looking for a friend,  
looking for something to eat.  
I ask why me?  
No one responds.

I'm cold.  
I feel like an animal that got released to the wild  
with no way to go but straight.  
It there's a way out,  
give me a sign.  
I beg for a sign.

### *April*

April 25 - 28 – The most active tornado outbreak in United States history killed 339 people across the Southeastern United States, becoming the 2nd deadliest tornado outbreak in United States history

April 29 – An estimated two billion people watched the wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey in London

### *Student / Inmate Six*   **Track 1, Beat 1**

On April 1st I was locked up for not going to probation. I was sick and depressed. I knew I would miss my birthday and the summer because this was the second time I got locked up for a violation.

Demotion of Citizen's Bank Building and start of demolition of McCurdy Building, Midtown Plaza

*Student / Inmate Seven*

Me, my life isn't easy. Tell me is it easy when your parents have drink after drink? How does it get easy when you know there's going to be a fight, and all you can think of is making sure you and your family survive that one night.

People don't care about us in these cells. People don't care we are going through hell. It seems like no one cares what happens to us.

I went to school and never fit in. It seemed right when I gave up in the end. Then my world stopped spinning and I just wanted to make it spin.

I have a child on the outside.

How do I fix this?

How do I find my way?

This is one question I ask everyday.

*Student / Inmate Eight* **Track 5, Beat 5**

I miss my two children. I miss them so, so much only God knows. I wish I didn't make our situation like this. I promise I'm going to make our lives better. I want the best for you, my children.

Having to be away from my kids  
is a real burden on my heart.  
Will they remember daddy  
when he comes home?

*Most Watched TV. Programs of the 2010 – 2011 Season*

*Sunday Night Football*  
*Dancing with the Stars*  
*NCIS Los Angeles*  
*Criminal Minds*  
*The Mentalist*  
*American Idol*

*Student / Inmate Nine* **Track 4, Beat 4**

Life is a shadow,  
reacting to every reflection we make.  
It can destroy us if we let it.  
Then after the damage

the shadow starts  
and our human face  
stares from the wilderness with confusion,  
which path.  
Blindsided by a flashy life,  
we guess this is the only life to live.  
Suddenly  
the shadow starts to seep into our pores,  
and we become what others see on the outside,  
instead of realizing that we have made what they see.  
Once we understand  
can we change?

### *May*

May 1 – President Barack Obama announced that Osama bin Laden, the founder and leader of the militant group Al-Qaeda, has been killed during an American military operation in Pakistan

Forbes.com ranked Rochester as the best place in the United States to buy a home. In the past Rochester been placed among the most creative places in the country and also among the least stressful

Dr. Bolgen Vargas Named Rochester City School District Interim Superintendent

### *Student / Inmate Ten*    **Track 11, Beat 10**

I came in here March 1<sup>st</sup> and left April 1<sup>st</sup>. I came back May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a couple of hours after it was announced that Osama Bin Laden had been killed.

On July 21<sup>st</sup> my brother comes home from prison.

Mississippi River flooded

Continued demolition of McCurdy's Building, Midtown Plaza

### *Student / Inmate Eleven*    **Track 3, Beat 3**

In 01 my father died in a drug related murder. He left a beautiful wife and two sons. Some saw him as a druggie. I saw him as my angel. The world let him dangle. I followed his steps. A man with a heart, shackled from the world.

I am apart now,  
nothing in life,  
my soul is not in sight.

I'm in here every day,  
and I still dream every night.

I'm judged by this orange  
you could care less to see.  
This makes me stronger.  
Please remember  
I am here.  
I won't fade away.

### **Track 12 "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised"**

May 28 – Gil Scott-Heron, poet, musician, and important early voice on hip-hop died

Seabreeze closed for Memorial Day

#### *Student / Inmate Twelve*

Rochester, among the least stressful places in the country. Not in my world. Come to the ghetto where there are shootings every night and you can't walk down the street without looking behind your back every second thinking someone is going to get up on you.

Rochester, where some kids have nothing to lose. Rochester, where kids have to hustle because parents do nothing for them. Rochester, where your friends can turn on you at any second. Rochester, where young people have babies. Rochester, where young people call gangs their families because they don't have any real families.

I want to blank out what is going on around me, arguing with my mom, money problems. I am in pain. I just want to feel good.

#### *June*

Ja Rule begins his 2-year prison sentence for gun charges stemming from a 2007 arrest in New York City.

The late Tupac Shakur's 40th birthday was celebrated on June 16 at a venue in Atlanta, hosted by his mother, Afeni Shakur and comedian Mike Epps. Notable performing acts included Erykah Badu and Rick Ross, among others.

Dallas Mavericks win NBA championship

#### *Student / Inmate Thirteen*

#### **Track 9, Beat 9**

I want a life  
I can say I was proud of,  
not a normal one,

an extraordinary one,  
one  
somebody will remember.

Missy Elliott is suffering from Grave's disease, the primary reason she is on a music hiatus.

Anthony Weiner resigned from Congress

Continued demolition of McCurdy's Building and Removal of top floors of the Seneca Building

June 24 – New York became the sixth state to allow same-sex marriage

*Student / Inmate Fourteen*      **Track 9, Beat 9**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> I was sentenced. What did it feel like? It felt like I was a bad dog put into a kennel. Life is a haze to me now.

*July*

Emmy Nomination Drama Series

*Boardwalk Empire*  
*Dexter*  
*Friday Night Lights*  
*Game of Thrones*  
*The Good Wife*  
*Mad Men*

Rochester Mayor Tom Richards named Leonard Redon Deputy Mayor

Abby Wambach wins ESPY for best play of 2011

Tentative trial date set for early October for former U.S. senator and presidential candidate John Edwards on charges he violated campaign finance laws to cover up an affair.

July 19 - 14 homicides in Rochester since January (There were twenty homicides by this time last year)

July 24 – Little Wayne at Darien Lake Performing Arts Center

*Student / Inmate Fifteen*      **Track 2, Beat 2**



Are jails and prisons  
the only places  
you can see us.  
Why  
can't you see us?

Is this the reason we kill each other?

*Student / Inmate Sixteen*

I ask you Rochester  
why are the streets eating us?  
If we feed the streets, we won't make it.

The streets were swallowing me.  
I felt I was not going to make it.

Late at night on the streets  
mothers cry because they are addicts.  
Fathers die because of the drug life.  
Kids left with no mother or no father  
end up in jail or dead.

See this is the life of a lot of kids in Rochester.  
We grow up lonely so girls sell their bodies and  
boys hustle and rob to support their bodies.  
Is there any help for us?

I walked the streets and saw someone  
lying in an alley or I saw them on the corners.  
I was scared someone would kill me.  
Growing up, people saw me as nothing.

Can I make myself into something?

*August*

*Tha Carter IV* is the upcoming ninth studio album by rapper Lil Wayne. The album was originally intended to be released on May 16, 2011, but had its release date rescheduled several times. The current release date is now set to be on August 29, 2011.

*Student / Inmate Seventeen*      **Track 4, Beat 4**

I don't know what's going to happen because I'm in jail. I am eating and sleeping and getting ready to go upstate. I am missing out on my teenage years. When I come home, I will be a grown man. Will I know then what's wrong and what's right? I want to put my past behind me. I want to start a new life.

*In search of brighter days, I ride through the maze of the madness,  
Struggle is my address, where pain and crack lives,  
Gunshots coming from sounds of Blackness,  
Given this game with no time to practice,  
Born on the Black list, told I'm below average,  
A life with no cabbage,  
That's no money if you from where I'm from,  
Funny, I just want some of your sun  
Dark clouds seem to follow me,*

*In between Lean and the fiends, hustle and the schemes,  
I put together pieces of a Dream  
I still have one*

*Common, "A Dream"*

**Track 13, Lord Give Me A Sign Instrumental**

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