



GATEWAYS ON LOCATION

For gifted Year 5 and 6 children with a
love of reading and creative writing

'CHANGE IT UP!!'

at Writers Victoria, Level 3, The Wheeler Centre, 176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent organisation offering challenging and enriching activities and experiences to develop and extend highly able children. This *ON LOCATION* program will run over two full days.

What would you say if you thought the world was listening? This is your chance to change the world! Ever since its earliest beginnings, Hip-Hop music has been an inspiring, empowering and world-changing artform. There are no rules, no need for fancy tools, just your voice, your brain and what you want to say! The only thing you need to do? Be yourself!

In this 2-day workshop you will learn how to create and perform your very own Hip-Hop track, with one of Australia's most renowned rap artists. With so much going on in the world today, it is more important than ever to stand up and speak your mind. And Hip-Hop is the perfect way to do it!

Day 1 – Find Your Voice

Every good song starts with one idea. And every good rap song starts with the perfect beat! In our first session we'll dive head first into what it takes to come up with an original song idea, using instrumental backing tracks to inspire our imaginations. We will perk our ears, flex our vocabs, tap into our souls and let fly with our voices until we hit the mark with a song idea that truly speaks to us. We'll work our ideas into big, exciting stories, learning a bag-full of tricks to help our songs make a huge impact, no matter what they're about! A few fun rap games and activities will awaken our word-brains and get us ready to rap!

Day 2 – Time to Rhyme

Now it's go-time! A song is only a song once we perform it out loud, so our second session is all about getting ready to rock the mic. We will tweak, refine, practise, polish and perfect our songs until they are feeling absolutely unstoppable! We'll take our songs from the page to the stage, learning all about how to "spit" our raps with style and confidence. Once our songs are finished, it's time to choose our own backing tracks and work with Mantra to hone our performance skills, before delivering our masterpieces to family and friends!

What to bring – Writing materials (A4 notebook or notepad, pens, pencils), lunch and a snack (plus something to drink), a USB stick (so you can take your backing tracks home to keep!). Parents are invited to attend the performance at the end of Day 2 at 3.15, so please bring a phone or recording device and feel free to film your child's song!

About the artist:

Mantra is one of Australia's most respected Hip-Hop artists. His latest album, *Telling Scenes*, debuted at #1 on the AIR Album Chart, #1 on the ARIA Urban Chart and #3 on the ARIA Australian Album Chart. *Telling Scenes* was a hit with fans and critics alike, *Rolling Stone* naming it "one of the Hip-Hop records of the year" in a glowing 4-star review. In addition to a busy touring and recording schedule, Mantra devotes much of his creative energy to working with young people, facilitating Hip Hop workshops and mentorship programs for the disadvantaged and at-risk.