

Public Enemy's Chuck D Explains Why He Declined To Perform At Made In America

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Chuck D says he declined Jay-Z's invite for political reasons.

This past weekend's Made in America Festival went off without a hitch, touting performances from **Run-DMC**, **Drake** and event organizer **Jay-Z**. But Public Enemy, which was offered a slot on the lineup, was missing from the roster.

During an interview with **CBC.ca**, Chuck D, who said he was inspired by **Run-DMC's performance** at the festival, explained why the group decided not to perform during the festival, stating that he respects Hov but declined the invite because of political reasons.

“I know I’m made in America but I’m really made on the planet,” he said. “I’m not made by America, or in it. So, we like to protest and be difficult. But I salute them for bringing Rap music to the forefront and being able to have Run-DMC to get that slot.”

Public Enemy is currently gearing up for the release of its new album *The Evil Empire of Everything*, dropping October 1st and featuring guest appearances from **Ziggy Marley**, Henry Rollins and Rage Against the Machine's **Tom Morello**, among others.

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