



It's official!

As of Friday April 4, South Africa's top Hip Hop MC, Jabu Tsambo aka Hip Hop Pantsula, joins e.tv's prime time drama, Rhythm City, in a starring role – as himself – for 11 episodes.

This is the rapper (and dancer of note) HHP's acting debut in a daily TV series, so he is understandably nervous. "It's absolutely amazing to be integrated into a show I watch on a regular basis. I like the free flow of characters on the show, and the dialogue freedom they are given. It just seems so natural. My role on Rhythm City is challenging because I have to act myself, but I am looking forward to the experience," says HHP.

Here's how it all begins: New rival venue, The Hotplate, launches its opening night with HHP as the headline act. KO Sports Palace owner, Fats (Mpho Molepo), claims to know the star from back in the day – and proves it by leading our star to home territory, namely, The Kilowatt Club, for an after party.

Suffocate (Mduduzi Mabaso) saves the day – and HHP – when an attempt is made to steal the star's swanky car. The former gangster, now owner of The Kilowatt, sends the carjackers packing, leaving HHP extremely impressed with our thug-made-good's street sharps.

The band of boys begins a series of peculiar adventures when Suffocate and Fats take HHP on a private township tour – a visit that would never, ever, be legally available to your average sightseer. They introduce him to shady characters (like Special and Toolkit), and their favourite hangouts. HHP is so inspired by these escapades that he will attempt to record an album reflecting Soweto's hardcore city image. Suffocate and Fats start having secret dreams of changing their careers.

Enter HHP's irate manager, played by Zolisa Xaluva. A deal will be struck and there'll be cause for celebrations. Until the incident that threatens to put everybody's music career on hold.

Most of the episodes HHP appears in will be filmed in Soweto, where The Kilowatt and The Hotplate are situated. The drama's cast members include some of South Africa's top entertainers, such as Kelly Khumalo, KB, and Pam Andrews.

"We are very excited to have HHP in Rhythm City. His appearance illustrates a storyline that will provide viewers with an intimate glimpse of the unpredictable side of the music industry. There was no one more suitable for this role than HHP. As an artist he has brought new meaning to creative resilience," says Rhythm City's Creative Producer, Roli Nikiwe.

Feel the Rhythm - that includes HHP – from Friday April 4, weekdays, at 6.30pm. Only on e.