



MIC CHECKS AND PROTEST

AN INTERVIEW WITH **IMMORTAL TECHNIQUE**

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His albums are often laden with original work by his supporters, people like Cornel West, Mumia Abu Jamal and Chuck D of Public Enemy. Steeped in the cultural marinade of Harlem, he can recount its story with ease. He's used the proceeds from his independently produced albums to build an orphanage in Afghanistan and to bring relief support to Haiti. An Afro-Latin hip-hop heavyweight and political activist who refused to sign with the major labels that courted him, Immortal Technique may be the most important emcee of his time. *EW* caught up with Tech Tuesday, Nov. 29, at his packed WOW Hall show, shortly after he spoke at UO on political activism and hip hop.