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Nick Cannon portrays the title character of 'Chi-raq.'

CHICAGO – The Red Carpet in Chicago was rolled out in maximum fashion for the November 22nd, 2015, premiere of director Spike Lee's new film, "Chi-raq." Despite its controversial title, the city has embraced the film's metaphoric plea for sanity, and the premiere took place at the historic Chicago Theatre on State Street. Stars of the film, including Nick Cannon, Teyonah Parris, John Cusack, Jennifer Hudson, Wesley Snipes and director Spike Lee were all in attendance, and HollywoodChicago.com photographer Joe Arce got Exclusive Portraits of them all.

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"Chi-raq" is in theaters now in limited release. See local listings for theaters and show times. Featuring Samuel L. Jackson, John Cusack, Teyonah Parris, Nick Cannon, Wesley Snipes, Angela Bassett, Jennifer Hudson, D.B. Sweeney and Dave Chapelle. Written by Spike Lee and Kevin Willmott. Directed by Spike Lee. Rated "R"



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