



A VERY BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY VALENTINE'S DAY

Sometimes it really is all in a name: **Bone Thugs-N-Harmony**. Since the early '90s Bone Thugs have blended straight-up thuggery with some sweet Temptations-style harmonies, creating one of the most distinctive rap/soul hybrids of the hip-hop era; all the while maintaining a street edge separating them from other '90s neo doo-woppers like Boyz II Men.

The group's best-known hit, '97's gospel-tinged tribute to deceased rapper Eazy-E, "Tha Crossroads," won them a Grammy, and MTV ranked Bone Thugs-N-Harmony number 12 on their list of "25 Best Rap Groups Of All Time," calling them the most melodic hip-hop group ever (they were also featured on *MTV Party to Go Vol. 10* — let's put that in perspective: Los Del Mar's "Macarena" and 2Pac's "California Love" also made the cut that year).

You may also know their collaborations with 2Pac and Notorious B.I.G. — but don't call Bone Thugs a '90s-dead-rapper-bad-luck-charm or washed-up relic of the Clinton years. The group has stayed ridiculously prolific well into the 21st Century; they've released six albums since "Tha Crossroads" brought them widespread fame, fostering a devoted fan-base and spinning off a host of well-known rappers surnamed Bone, notably Krayzie and Wish.

Krayzie and Wish Bone left the group for a time to establish solo careers, but now the reunited Bone Thugs are harmonizing again, prepping a new album for 2013, *The Art of War: World War III*. "I really look forward to getting back out there and reaching our fans and giving them what they been wanting for a very long time, and that's a tour with all five members," Krayzie Bone says.

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony celebrate their 20th anniversary (and Valentine's Day) 9:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 14, at WOW Hall; \$28 adv.; \$32 door. — *William Kennedy*

MUSIC LISTINGS CONTINUED

ELDORADO Hip-hop w/DJ Rez-ur-rect—9pm
EXCELSIOR INN Gus Russell & Laurie Hammond—7pm; Jazz, n/c
HARLEYS & HORSES Karaoke—9pm
JAZZ STATION Mercury's Refrain w/John & Nancy Crider—8pm; Jazz, \$4/\$5
JOHN HENRY'S G.L.A.M.—9pm; Drag show, dance, \$5
LEVEL UP DJ Rock 'n' Roll Damnation—9pm; '70s & '80s rock, heavy metal; n/c
LUCKEY'S Mood Area 52, Insomniac Folklore—10pm; Tango, Americana, \$5
MAC'S The Tommy Hogan Band w/Paul Biondi & Russ Whitlach—9pm; \$5
MOHAWK TAVERN Monolith—9pm; Old school rock, n/c
MULLIGAN'S PHD—9pm; Rock, n/c
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Robert Meade, Scott Austin, & guests—9pm; Acoustic rock, n/c

PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
QUACKERS Karaoke—9pm
RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm
RED LION INN BigFootLane—5pm; n/c
THE ROK Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance
SAM BOND'S Sol Seed—9:30pm; Reggae, \$5
THE SHEDD Juan De Marcos González, Afro-Cuban All Stars—7:30pm; \$24-36
SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm
SONNY'S TAVERN Karaoke—9pm
SPIRITS Michele Lee & the Local Monsters—9pm; Classic rock, n/c
SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c
STRIKE CITY Karaoke—8pm
TAPATIO Karaoke—9pm
TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c
WANDERING GOAT Phil Merwin, Ryan from Psyrrup—9pm; Acoustic, n/c

WESTEND TAVERN Nina Whitney—8pm; Acoustic, n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Rodeo Rose—9pm; \$5
WOW HALL Dead Prez, Rocky Rivera—9pm; Hip-hop

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Karaoke—9pm
BEALL HALL Portland Baroque Chamber Ensemble—3pm; Classical, \$17-\$39
BLACK FOREST Inner Limits, Flapper Dan, Tony Holiday & the Velvet Tones—9pm; n/c
COWFISH Dance Video Flashback—9pm; Service industry night, n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam Night—6pm; Open mic, n/c
DOC'S PAD Open mic—7:30pm; Variety, n/c
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Karaoke—9pm
GRANARY Green Mt. Bluegrass Band—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c
HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—8:30pm
JAZZ STATION All comers jazz jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; All ages, \$3-\$5 don.

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