



THE NICKATINA EXPERIENCE

I noticed a Kickstarter campaign the other day; someone is transcribing the flow of popular rappers into traditional music notation and wants help funding a book about it. I hear you can study “turntablism” at Boston’s Berklee College of Music. Does this mean rap is dead — or that it’s finally part of the establishment? Neither, if San Francisco-based indie rap icon **Andre Nickatina** has anything to say about it.

Formerly known as Dre Dog, Nickatina has released 14 records since 1993 and appeared on a number of mixtapes, compilations, collaborations and film projects — building a devoted fan base (he has more than 276,000 followers on Facebook, if that proves anything) almost entirely outside of the mainstream music business (though MTV did recently rank him number one on its list of top 10 emcees). Nickatina told *Strivin’* magazine that he raps for the love of it and not for popularity. The *San Francisco Bay Guardian* called Nickatina “a quick-witted rapper who spits as hard as Kurupt does.”

Lyrically and musically, Nickatina keeps ‘90s gangsta rap alive; Dr. Dre-esque, gritty and urban cinematic hard funk back up rapid-fire, hard-spit rhymes about bein’ a gansta and how it’s hard out there for a pimp. Part of Nickatina’s success is his tireless touring schedule, and with frequent stops in Eugene, his local following is immense. Nickatina’s shows usually sell out whenever he comes through town.

Andre Nickatina performs the “Nickatina Experience Tour 2013” with Roach Gigz, Mumbis, Black C (from RBL Posse) and TCN 9er at 9 pm Monday, April 22, at WOW Hall; \$22 adv., \$25 door. — *William Kennedy*

MUSIC LISTINGS CONTINUED

TAPATIO DJ & dance music—9pm; n/c

TAYLOR’S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Goldfire Band—9pm; Rock, country, n/c

WESTEND TAVERN Steve Ibach—8pm; Acoustic, rock, n/c

WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Bump in the Road—9pm; \$5

WILD DUCK CAFE Duck-0-aroke—10pm; Karaoke, n/c

WOW HALL Marv Ellis & DJ Dv8, Lynx, Tiger Fresh, Architex, Live Art Battle w/Capsule & Kauz—9pm; Hip-hop, \$10/\$12

SUNDAY 4/21

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke—9pm; n/c

BLACK FOREST Mystery Science Theater—9pm; n/c

DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam Night—6pm; Open mic, n/c

DOC’S PAD T-Bone Weldon Trio—7pm; Blues, n/c

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Missa Gaia Earth Mass—4pm; Choirs, \$10 sug. don.

GRANARY Green Mt. Bluegrass Band—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c

HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—7pm

HULT CENTER Una Noche Encantada—3pm; Spanish opera, \$10-\$20

JAZZ STATION All-Comers Jazz Jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; \$3-\$5 don.; UO Jazz Combos—7:30pm; \$4/\$5

PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE Robert Meade—7pm; R&B, Americana, n/c

SAM BOND’S Screen Porch Dogs, Benyaro—8:30pm; Acoustic, \$1-\$5

SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c

SWEET CHEEKS WINERY Kenji Ota—noon; n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Paul Safar & Nancy Wood—7pm; Jazz piano, n/c

WANDERING GOAT Knife Life, Andrew Weathers—8pm; Electronic, all ages, don.

THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm

MONDAY 4/22

AASEN-HULL HALL Master Class: David T. Fedderly—7pm; Tuba, n/c

ARCADE THEATER Angel Olsen—7:30pm; Folk, \$10

BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm

BREW & CUE DJ Brady—9pm; n/c

BUGSY’S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; All ages, n/c

GRANARY Poetry open mic & jazz w/Kenny Reed—7pm; n/c

PORKY’S PALACE Karaoke—8pm

REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7:30pm; Open mic, n/c

SAM BOND’S Space Cowboy Bingo w/Claire & Olive—9pm; n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c

WANDERING GOAT Songwriter’s Night (originals only)—7pm; All ages, open mic, n/c

WOW HALL Andre Nickatina, Roach Gigz, Mumbis, Black C from RBL Posse, TNC 9er—9pm; Hip-hop, \$22/\$25

TUESDAY 4/23

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Craig Chee—9:30pm; n/c

AASEN-HULL HALL Master Class: David T. Fedderly—1pm; Tuba, n/c

BLACK FOREST Guitaraoke w/ Neriah Hart—9pm; Live band karaoke, n/c

BUGSY’S Karaoke—8pm

THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c

COWFISH School Night Dance Party w/Michael Human—9pm; Electro, blog-house, n/c

DOC’S PAD—Karaoke—9pm

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