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TY DOLLA \$IGN

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Here they come, hippity hoppity! May is proving to be a good month for hip hop in Eugene, beginning with **Ty Dolla \$ign** May 5 at WOW Hall. If unfamiliar, listen to the uber-catchy "Paranoid" off his 2014 EP *Beach House*, produced by Wiz Khalifa's Taylor Gang Records.



SLUM VILLAGE



BIZARRE RIDE LIVE

Next come **Slum Village** and **Bizarre Ride Live** (feat. Slimkid3 and Fatlip) on May 6 for their "Welcome to Dillaville" J Dilla tribute tour. Considered an icon and prolific producer, J Dilla (formerly in Slum Village) began in the belly of Detroit's underground hip-hop scene in the '90s, going on to work with A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul, Erykah Badu and The Pharcyde; he passed from a rare blood disease in 2006. An exhibit featuring never-before-seen J Dilla photos, letters and other ephemera will be at WOW Hall during performances by Slum Village, Bizarre Ride Live and co., who lay claim to some classic hip-hop albums like *LabcabinCalifornia* and *Fantastic, Vol. 1* and 2.

The night after **Childish Gambino** and **Danny Brown** hit the Cuthbert, the Hult Center hosts a hip-hop/dub

explosion for the **Bohemian Dub Ball** May 10 featuring **Medium Troy**, **RJD2**, **Devin the Dude** and more. Devin the Dude will do a second performance that night at WOW Hall.

Eugene Weekly's annual music contest, **Next Big Thing**, swings open the floodgates for submissions May 1. NBT alumni include Sol Seed, Anna Gilbert, Volifonix, Tyler Fortier, Paul Quillen and The Crescendo Show; look for a "Where are they now?" recap in these pages soon. The 2014 contest has made some major changes: There are now three categories — group, solo and youth — and *EW* is partnering with the **Eugene Film Society** for the "72-Hour Music Video Competition," which will pair the 16 finalists with a local film director during a "meet-and-greet" at Hop Valley. For more info or to submit, visit nextbigthingeugene.com. And don't miss the contest's groovy poster art by local illustrator Thomas Hernandez.

Speaking of NBT winners, **Betty and the Boy** have set the date for *The Wreckage* CD release party: 8 pm Saturday, May 24. The party will take place at a "secret downtown location" announced to ticket holders a week before the show. All tickets are pre-sale; to purchase, contact Josh Harvey at bettyandtheboy@live.com with "CD Release Show" in the subject line.



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