

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

The Controllers Take Control At Malaco



R&B's classic, million-selling Controllers perform songs from their new album, *Clear View*, in their new "home" at Malaco Records studios in Jackson, MS. *Clear View*'s 11 innovative cuts include the first spinoff single, *When I'm Away*, a wildly romantic ballad about deep, total love not diminished by distance. The famed Controllers are (from left) tenor Larry McArthur, baritone LeNard Brown, lead singer Reginald McArthur and tenor Ricky Lewis.

One of R&B's classic groups, the Controllers, signed with Malaco Records. The million-selling quartet is rolling out its Malaco debut album, *Clear View*, a cutting-edge disc with 11 potential hits.

Clear View packs nine new songs that aim to continue The Controllers' chart-topping tradition. Its first spinoff single, the richly romantic ballad *When I'm Away*, captures deep and total love not diminished

by distance. The single and the album mix the vocal group's solid, straight-ahead R&B harmonies with electrifying, contemporary message.

Malaco founder/president Tommy Couch Sr. said he signed The Controllers for a myriad of reasons. "They're one of the most seasoned original groups still working and recording today. They haven't lost their sound -- which is still as fresh as it was when they started," Couch said.

Vanessa Williams

"My life has been an interesting series of events and circumstances. This album is simply what's...next."

Indeed, Next, Vanessa Williams' fourth Mercury disc, is more than just another album; it is a musical landmark in a brilliant, multifaceted career that continues to unfold with the verve and grace that made the Grammy-nominated artist and entertainer an international superstar.

The 12-song collection, for which Vanessa serves as Executive Producer, along with Mercury Sr. Vice President of A&R, Bruce Carbone and Vanessa's management team of John Dukakis and Qadree El-Amin, was created by a stellar group of songwriters/producers, such as Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, who produced the delightfully funky "Happiness," the album's first single, and including, among others, hitmakers R. Kelly, Barry Eastmond and Vanessa's longtime collaborator, Keith Thomas.

During Next, Vanessa moves effortlessly between the sultry hip-hop of "Surrender," the breezy, pointed almost theatrical "Who Were You Thinkin' Bout" and the melodic, hook-laden "First Thing on Your Mind" with equal grace. The album takes some flavorful, moody turns, such as the stark, insistent "And My Heart Goes" and the introspective "The Easiest Thing," while tender melodies such as "Crazy 'Bout You," "Oh How the Years Go By," "Lost Without You" and "And If I Ever" are the kind of airy love ballads, almost autobiographical in nature, that have established Vanessa as one of modern pop's most compelling interpreters of a great song.



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Concordia University Will Hold Open Auditions for Antigone

Concordia University will open its Fall theater season with Anouilh's modern version of *Antigone*. *Antigone* will be a Concordia University student production open to community actors. Auditions will be held September 15 at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Building, 27th and Highland on the Concordia Campus.

Local singers Sought For Vocal Talent Competition

A free community event on October 2, from 6:00pm to 9:30pm, will showcase Northwest singing talent of all ages. The Second Annual In the Spotlight Vocal Talent Competition will light up the stage at the Royal Durst theater, Shumway Campus, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, 3101 Main St.

There will be \$1,000 in cash and prizes with \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third. In addition, there will be a People's Choice award of \$100 and a Special Judges Award of a two-hour recording session at Cozy Dog Recording Studio in Vancouver.

Presented by Hidden House Restaurant and Paradise Cafe, the competition is also sponsored by the City Of Vancouver, Northwest National Bank, Pepsi, Boyd's Coffee and Beacock's Music.

The event features local artist Darcy Schmitt.

Vocal soloists, duets and groups can compete in three age categories: 6 to 12; 13 to 17; and 18 and older. Performers of all abilities and talent levels from southwest Washington and the Portland area are invited to apply.

Registration deadline is Friday, September 26.



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