

Arts ENTERTAINMENT

La Face Records Superstar Usher to Kick Off Fall Tour

Puff Daddy & The Family, Busta Rhymes, Foxy Brown, And Kid Capri

Six Week Tour to Come to Portland, Oregon on December 18, 1997 at the Rose Garden.

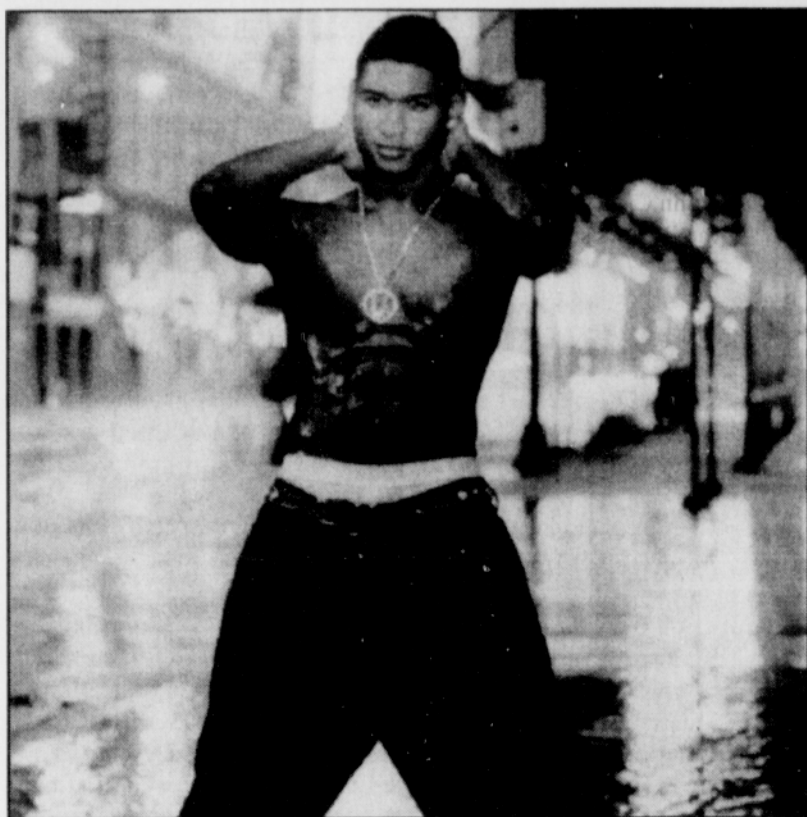
La Face Records newest superstar Usher, began a six week, 31 city tour November 7, in Albany with Hip Hop chart toppers Puff Daddy & The Family, Busta Rhymes, Jay-z, Foxy Brown, and Kid Capri.

The tour is in support of Usher's gold plus sophomore album "My Way" and his #1 platinum hit "You Make Me Wanna."

This single has topped Billboard's R&B Singles Chart for 8 consecutive weeks, has broken the records for the most number of times an R&B song was played in one week, and kept powerhouse singles from Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men from reaching #1. The audience for this single is now over 50 million.

Usher's single has also leaped over Boyz II Men's single on the Billboard Hot 100 Singles Chart. It is now bulletted at #2 following Elton John's #1 Princess Diana tribute.

Usher's live show promises to be visually spectacular. Like the breakthrough video for "You Make Me Wanna," it will feature



Usher

the cutting edge, sexy, dance routines that have rocketed him to the top of the charts.

Accompanied by a troop of

four dancers, Usher will entertain audiences with tracks from his current set and his gold selling eponymous debut album.



Mase

Usher's next single is "Nice & Slow" a music video was lensed in Paris, France by innovator Hype Williams.

Also appearing at the Puff Daddy & The Family Tour Coming to the Rose Garden is Mase, a superstar in his own right.

Since his auspicious arrival, attached to 112's certified gold single "Only You," Bad Boy Entertainment's Mase has been an attention-grabbing rapper -- reflecting both the simplicity of true hip-hop and the grabby savvy of chart-topping pop.

In just a few short months the mellow-voiced MC has easily leap-frogged from relative obscurity to become a poetic powerhouse attached to more hits than a little bit.

Before dropping a single of his own, Mase was already a familiar face -- having been a featured artist in more than six high-rotation, chart topping music videos.

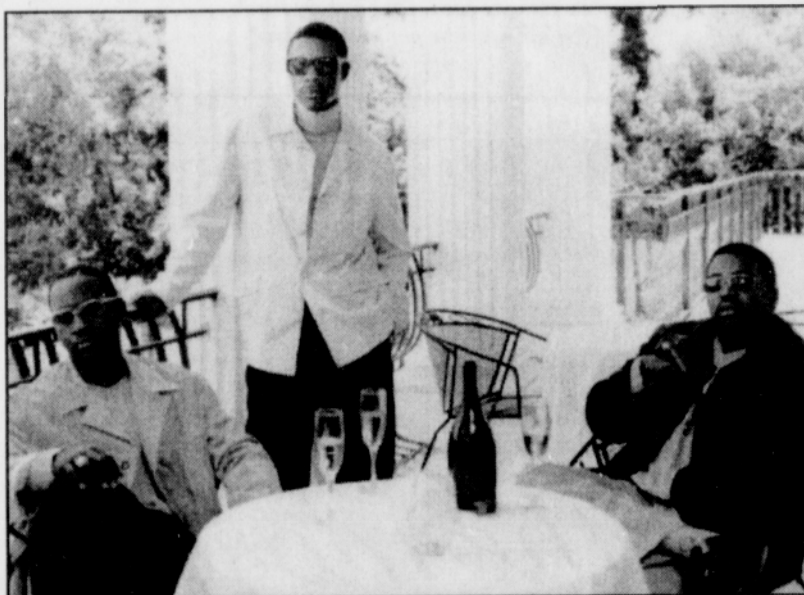
And on the 1997 MTV Video Music Awards, Mase joined the entire Bad Boy family in a stellar live performance of the night's winning single "I'll Be Missing You" along side rock legend Sting.

"The way I look at it," Mase says, "everything that has happened to me so far is a blessing from God."

I can't take credit for any of it. I've always just kept my head straight, doing what was right, and it's like God's finally telling me, "Yo, I appreciate how you've been livin'."

Levert - Sweat - Gill

Superstar Trio LSG unites for Album Event of Fall



L-R: Johnny Gill, Keith Sweat, Gerald Levert

In one of the most spectacular musical unions in contemporary R&B history, superstars Gerald Levert, Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill (LSG) are combining their immense talents to deliver the album of the year, scheduled to hit stores this fall. With more than 20 million albums sold between them and a list of performing/writing/and production credits that already read like a hall of fame plaque - this superstar trio has upped the ante even more, joining forces with some of the biggest producers in the industry to helm this groundbreaking disk. It's a colossal effort from three R&B giants, a once in a lifetime happening destined to alter the landscape of black music forever.

Producers for the album include Puffy Combs, ("You Got Me"), Jermaine Dupree, ("Where Did I Go Wrong"), and Delite, who produced the first single from the LP, "My Body." Keith and Gerald also take on some writing and production chores, with Gerald overseeing the tracks "Door #1," and "All The Times," featuring Faith, Co Co from SWV, and label mate Missy Elliott, and Keith producing two cuts: "Round & Round," and "Love Can't Hurt."

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