

## The Focus

# R. Kelly Debuts on His New Label

The extraordinary multi-platinum recording-Grammy award winning artist, producer, and songwriter R. Kelly is set to release the second act off of Rockland Records (a joint venture through Interscope), R&B trio Talent.

Riding off the success from R. Kelly's first label platinum act Sparkle, Kansas City's own Talent - Keith Murrell, Marlon Hatch and Earnest "Bishop" Dixon is set to be the next act to carry the torch with their debut single "Celebrity".

"Celebrity" directed by Christopher Erskina and co-directed by R. Kelly is poised to be one of the hottest R&B songs to hit radio and TV hitting both airwaves immediately, and the single tentatively dropping in stores October 17. Musical highlights from their debut *Bulls Eye* in-

clude the angelic "Till The Angels Sing", the slow and pul-



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"Descriptions

Of Love," an apologetic piano-driven "I Belong". *Bulls Eye* also features the Rodney Jerkins produced up-tempo "Every Which Way" originally featured on the Rockland Records platinum soundtrack release to the Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence hit movie *Life* and the tremendous cappella harmonization of "My Heart Will Go On" - Celine Dione's blockbuster hit from the *Titanic* soundtrack.

"We just wanted to show that Talent actually had 'tal-

ent' by singing a capella," says Keith. "When we go into the studio, R. Kelly doesn't hit buttons to make it sound this way," adds Bishop. "What we sing on tape is what you'll get live, no tricks behind this. It's all real."

And it only takes once to listen to Talent's dynamic vocal abilities to understand R. Kelly's immediate reaction to the group and why the world will embrace them.

*Bulls Eye* produced and written primarily by R. Kelly will hit stores tentatively by mid-January 2001.

Marlon, Keith and Bishop took a break from shooting a successful video to their first single "Celebrity" to pose for the camera. "Celebrity," produced by R. Kelly hits stores on October 17. Their debut album called *Bulls Eye* will soon be released January 2001.

## Concourse De Maryhill Car Show and Hill Climb

Maryhill Museum, the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce, Goldendale Motorsports Association, and the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts will hold a car show and hill climb on October 7 and 8.

The hill climb will be held on historic Loops Road, the first paved road in the Pacific Northwest and the car show will be on the grand lawn of Maryhill Museum.

On Saturday, October 7 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., visitors to Maryhill Museum will be able to view *Concourse de Maryhill*, an array of vintage, classic and custom cars displayed throughout the Museum's extensive gardens and lawns.

"This is a magnificent site for a car show," said Heidi Young who attended last year. "All of the wonderful cars look great parked throughout the beautiful gardens."

The car show will also include a

parade of Sovren Hill Climb Racing Cars at noon from Loops Road to the Museum's grand lawn.

Award winner will be announced at the BBQ dinner held in the Museum picnic garden from 4 to 6 p.m. Dinner tickets are available at \$15 per person. At 7 p.m. there will be a dance at the Goldendale Grange Hall featuring 50s and 60s music by the Fabulous Farelans band.

The hill climb, for 1930-60s sports cars, will be held on Sunday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Maryhill Museum's newly refurbished Loops Road. Constructed in 1913 by Sam Hill, founder of Maryhill museum, the road winds up a rural canyon south of Goldendale, Washington just to the east of the juncture of U.S. 97 and WA 14.

In timed runs, the cars will singly traverse the two-mile course of 25 corners, 8 of which are hairpin turns. Rehabilitation of the road was ac-

complished in 1998 through a Federal Transportation grant.

"From 1995 through 1963, several hill climbs were held on Loops Road," said Bob Bush, organizer of the event. "This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual revival of that tradition."

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN), a Pacific Northwest organization with over 350 members, sanctions car events throughout the West. They insure that all participating cars meet technical racing requirements and that drivers are qualified and licensed to compete.

Spectator viewing areas will be located along and overlooking the course. General admission is \$8, seniors and children (6-12) \$5, parking is free. For more information, contact the Museum at 509/773-3733.



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