

# FOCUS

## Mashonda Debuts with 'January Joy'



Songwriter's lead single 'Blackout' keeps climbing charts

Soulful singer/songwriter Mashonda will make her album debut with "January Joy" on Oct. 18. With a discography that would make any R&B debutante blush, Mashonda has remained mostly a behind-the-scenes force until now.

Mashonda is established as a well-known, respected songwriter within music industry circles as the driving force behind hooks in Eve's "Gotta Man" and Jay-Z's "Girl's Best Friend."

Her album's lead single, "Blackout," featuring Snoop Dogg, is a bouncy, dance-floor rattling track set to become a party anthem. Mashonda embraces her fellow music contemporaries by collaborating on the album with Grammy-award winners Kanye West and Raphael Saadiq, as well as hip-hop stars Jadakiss and Nas.

## Tillamook Hosts Seafood Festival

Has it been awhile since you've eaten some delectable seafood?

The North Coast Seafood Festival is coming up on Oct. 1 and 2 at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds, in a celebration of cultural diversity featuring styles of music, food and art from all over the world.

Most than 20 upscale restaurants and caterers will be on hand with jambalaya, crab cakes, seafood fettuccine, shrimp cocktail, scampi, sushi, smoked oysters and salmon, and clam chowder. Desserts and Tillamook ice cream, along with Oregon microbrews and wineries, will



Marimba band Eurimba

help top off the feast.

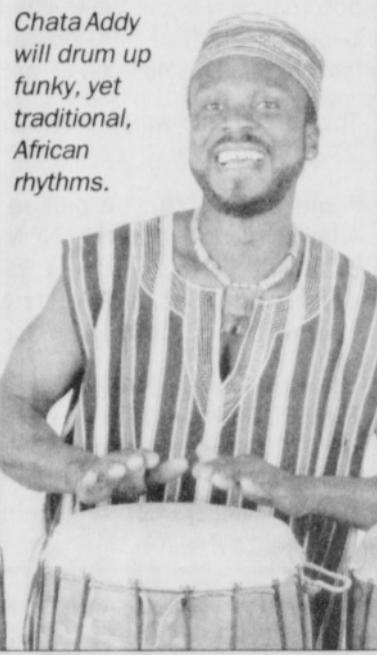
Listen to lively music showcasing Afro-reggae, Irish stepdancing, Japanese taiko drumming, Hawaiian sounds, Latin salsa, Dixieland, Native American

dance, swing, and hip-hop.

A variety of Oregon artists will also showcase stained glass, woodcarvings, ceramics, glass floats, jewelry, paintings, sculptures, fiber arts and baskets.

The festival runs Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults on Saturday, \$5 on Sunday and \$4 for seniors and children ages 6 to 12. All admission proceeds will benefit art literacy programs in Tillamook County Elementary Schools. For information, visit [northcoastseafoodfestival.com](http://northcoastseafoodfestival.com).

Chata Addy will drum up funky, yet traditional, African rhythms.



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## Hip-Hop Pioneers Celebrated by VH1

Show's performers include LL Cool J, Salt 'N Pepa

(AP) - LL Cool J wore his Kangol hat, Big Daddy Kane broke out the old-school rhymes and dance moves, and Salt 'N Pepa rapped and sashayed like back in the day as VH1 celebrated rap's pioneers at the second annual "Hip-Hop Honors."

"It's something that documents hip-hop history, and I'm glad to be a part of it," said Big Daddy Kane of the evening.

He received the night's biggest ovation Thursday with his sizzling performance of his classic hit "Warm It Up."

The show feted Kane, Ice-T, LL Cool J, Salt 'N Pepa, Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, the late Notorious B.I.G. and the movie "Boyz n the Hood."

Hip-hop's new generation came out to honor the elders: Nelly, wearing early LL Cool J gear, rapped "I'm Bad," then performed with Ciara on LL Cool J's sexy smash, "Doin' It"; Kanye West and Ludacris recited Notorious B.I.G.'s hits as his widow, Faith Evans, sang.

But it was old school-meets-old school when Salt 'N Pepa reunited to perform their hit "Whatta Man." They were joined onstage by En Vogue, the '90s R&B quartet who hadn't performed together in years.



LL Cool J arrives at the VH1 Hip Hop Honors show in New York last Thursday. (AP Photo)

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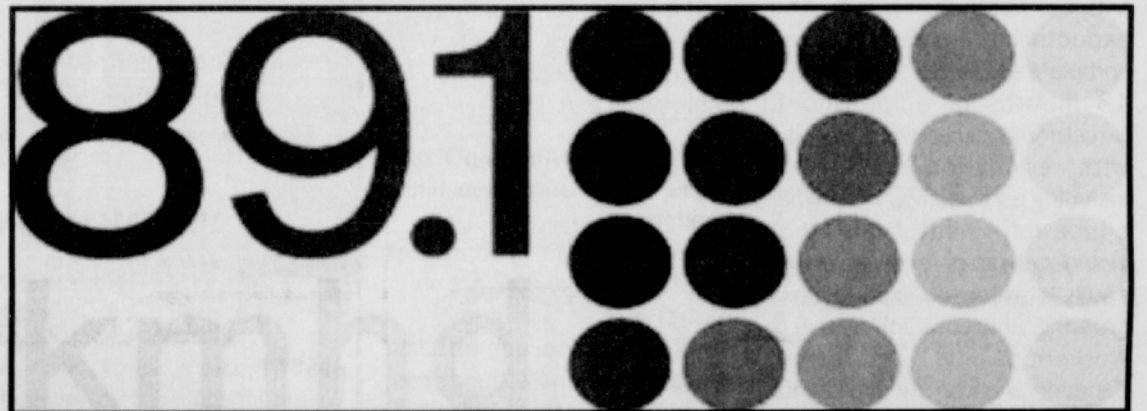
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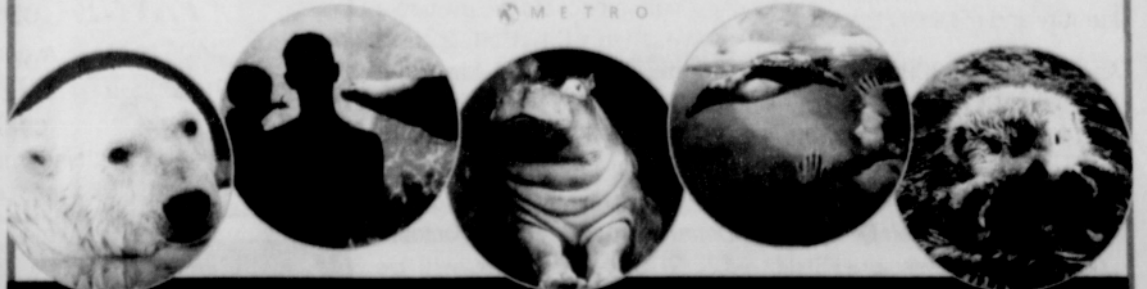
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