

"These are the sort of things that push you on in music—the curiosity, a passion for new ideas."
Elvis Costello



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Cinco De Mayo Bomb



Chicago's Twista has been laying down mobsta rap since his collaboration with Do Or Die in 1996.



Coming from Atlanta, Dem Franchise Boyz hit the scene hard with their breakout single 'White Tees.'

Rap performers to blast Rose Garden

Jammin' 95.5 is bringing some of the most talented rap and R&B performers to the Rose Garden as part of their "Cinco de Mayo Bomb" presented by Scion on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Slated performers include Bow Wow, Twista, Ne-Yo, E-40, Dem Franchise Boyz, Ray J, Lil' Rob, Chamillionaire, T-Pain, Bubba Sparxxx, and Rihanna. Most of these artists are topping the charts in all categories, and will bring their latest hits to Portland.

Tickets are priced at \$55, \$35, \$30 and \$15 and can be purchased at the Rose Quarter Box Office and all participating Safeway outlets.

Bow Wow is presently reaping the success of his latest CD "Wanted" and his new single "Fresh Azimiz." He has transformed from a child rap star into mature film and television actor, making him a triple threat in the industry.



Bow Wow

Twista can be called the fastest MC in hip-hop history, the man with the flawless flow or simply the Chi-Town legend. Twista's 2005 album features his hit single "Girl Tonite."

At the tender age of twenty-two, the lyrical and musical talent that Ne-Yo possess are far beyond his years, he currently has the #5 single

on Billboard's Hip Hop airplay chart with "So Sick."

Dubbed "the Mixtape Messiah," Houston's Chamillionaire arrived late as a major-label artist but his 2005 album "Sound of Revenge" is certified gold.

After 12 albums and 15 years, three gold and one platinum album E-40 re-invents himself with his latest album "My Ghetto Report Card."

"Lean Wit It, Rock Wit It" is currently at Billboard's #3 position on the hip hop chart giving Dem Franchise Boyz a definitive hit off their latest CD "On Top of Our Game."

Rihanna hails from Barbados and has brought with her a fresh new edge to super sweet R&B with her first single, "Pon De Replay," which gets people dancing all over the world.

Arriving on the heels of big sister/R&B star Brandy, rapper Ray J parlayed his success on television into a music career at the age of 14 and currently has a hit with "One Wish" getting lots of airplay.

Concert for Human Rights at Roseland

Gives needed attention to crisis in Darfur

Members of Incubus, Collective Soul, The Nightwatchman (Tom Morello) and Suzanne Vega will perform at Amnesty International USA's "Make Some Noise for Darfur! A Concert for Human Rights" at Portland's Roseland Theater on Saturday, April 29.



Tom Morello

Academy Award-winning actress and concert co-host Mira Sorvino will emcee the event.

Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com.

The concert is a part of Amnesty International USA's annual General Meeting, which takes place this weekend at the Hilton Portland & Executive.

Collective Soul, with 21 chart-topping hits and a history of supporting domestic causes, is ready to turn its attention to international issues. With hundreds of thousands of lives lost, the armed conflict continuing, and mass starvation on the horizon, the

band encourages area residents to join them in making some noise for human rights.

Other confirmed acts include the March Fourth Marching Band, a 30-person Portland performance group that mixes diverse musical styles with acts such as flame throwing and stilt-walking, and artists from Youth Movement Records, an Oakland-based non-profit recording agency that develops talent in urban youth who perform hip hop, Reggaeton and spoken word.

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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

"Clean" at the Milagro -- Miracle Theatre Group comes "Clean" with audiences, telling the tale of an inquiry into the power of faith with a Puerto Rican family living in the United States. Performances are May 12 through June 3 at the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets are \$16 to \$20 and are available by calling 503-236-7253.

A Killer Musical -- "Assassins" explores the history and fascination of presidential assassination in America, from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley. The winner of five 2004 Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical appears through June 4 at the Artists Repertory Theatre, 1516 S.W. Alder St. Tickets are \$15 to \$40, for more information call 503-241-1278 or visit www.artistsrep.org.

Ice Cube -- Notorious gangsta rapper Ice Cube comes to the Roseland Theater on Friday, April 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the all ages show are \$30 advance and \$35 at the door, plus service fees, available at TicketsWest.com or 503-224-8499.

Ardiente Paciencia (Burning Patience) -- The all-Spanish language Bellas Artes Production concludes its run at the Milagro Theatre, 525 SE Stark St., Thursday, April 27, Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13 to \$18 and can be purchased at the box office, 503-236-7253 or www.milagro.org.

Northwest Hip-Hop with Cool Nutz -- Join the "Cool Nutz Celebration of Life: A Birthday 2 Remember" on Thursday, May 11 at Berbat's Pan, featuring Bosko, Sirens Echo, Boom Bap Project, Maniac Lok and more. Show starts at 9 p.m., and is

open to 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 advance/\$12 at the door, available at www.JusFamilyRecords.com and www.Ticketweb.com.

Menopause The Musical -- "Menopause The Musical" opens May 31 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The hilarious celebration of women and "the change" features four women who have nothing in common but hot flashes, night sweats, memory loss, chocolate binges and not enough, or too much, sex. Tickets are \$44.50 plus fees, available at Ticketmaster, 503-224-4400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com, or by visiting the box office at 1111 SW Broadway.

Black Eyed Peas -- Catch the hip-hop global phenomenon Black Eyed Peas, plus the Pussycat Dolls & Flip Syde, at the Rose Garden's Theater of the Clouds on Sunday, May 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 plus include service charges.

African Music Benefit -- Master drummer Obo Addy will perform with his traditional group Okropong in a benefit performance for the Toguna Cultural Center in Mali, Africa, on Thursday May 25 at 7 p.m. at Jackson Middle School, 10625 S.W. 35th Ave. Admission is \$5, for more information call 503-916-3411.

Animation at OMSI -- Explore how art, math, science, and technology come together in the exciting world of animation at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Experiment with storyboarding, character design, movement, timing, filming, sound, editing and more as you explore the

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process of animation and create your own animated sequences. For admission and tickets, call 503-797-4000.

Innovation Station -- Kids will have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more information, visit www.omsidu.

On the Radio -- Groove to soul and hip-hop with Kevin Berry from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at 90.7 FM/KBOO. Check out the Community Potpourri talk show from 7 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 1480 AM/KBMS. Count your blessings with Melodies from Heaven from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at 1290 AM/KKSL. Tune in to African American Health Radio Wednesday nights on 1290 AM/KKSL.

Call to Artists -- Local artists are encouraged to show off their talent by becoming a Portland Open Studios Artist. Each year, 96 artists are chosen from the metro area to open their studios and become part of an exciting regional art event. Visit portlandopenstudios.com for more information.

Trippin' through Town -- Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and soul influencing Portland on Wednesday at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

Belly Dance Classes -- Caravan Studios offers belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsyscaravan.us.

Time to Jam -- Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy and variety show is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

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