

FOCUS

'Miami Vice' Ascends to New Heights

Jamie Foxx stars in feature film

Miami's Casablanca allure, the undercover cops and the appeal of the former television series have been enhanced with "Miami Vice," a large-scale feature film, starring Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx as Ricardo Tubbs and Colin Farrell as Sonny Crockett. Universal Pictures will release the picture nationwide on Friday, July 28th.

Miami Vice liberates what is adult, dangerous and seductive about working deep undercover, especially when Crockett and Tubbs go on their own with no backup. They find themselves with a case that pushes them to the edge where identity and fabrication become blurred, where cop and player become one.

Foxx's Ricardo Tubbs is suave



Colin Farrell (left) and Jamie Foxx go deep undercover in the feature film 'Miami Vice' opening nationwide Friday, July 28.

and dead smart. He lives with a gorgeous Bronx-born intel-analyst Trudy, played by British actress

Naomie Harris, currently starring in "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

Farrell's Sonny Crockett seems to the untrained eye to be unorthodox. But procedurally he is

sound, charismatic and flirtatious. However, he finds himself in dangerous territory when he gets romantically entangled with Isabella, the beautiful Chinese-Cuban business partner of the arms and drugs trafficker he is investigating. Isabella is played by the Chinese actress Gong Li, best known for her starring role in "Memoirs of a Geisha."

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Ambassador of the Bay

On the heels of his recent success with his latest album "My Ghetto Report Card," Bay Area hip-hop mogul E-40 will be performing live at Portland's Roseland Theater on Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m.

Also on the bill are Portland's own Super Producer Bosko, Maniac Lok, Pricy, Chef Boy R Bangerz, Six & Mikey Vegaz, Majr D, and Tacoma's Mr. D.O.G.

E-40, "The Ambassador of the Bay," has recorded 12 albums over the past 15 years, three of them gold and one of them platinum. With his latest album, he once again reinvents himself by introducing the nation to a movement that has been bubbling in his native Bay Area for the past few years - Hyphy. Like Crunk in Atlanta or Screw music in Houston, Hyphy music brings a



Bay Area hip-hop legend E-40 will be performing live at the Roseland Theater on Friday, July 28.

sonic component of the energy of Bay Area youth and dancers who compete with each other for dominance of the crowd.

Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at all Ticketwest locations or at ticketwest.com.

50th Birthdays Invitation

'Old School Jam' for 70s Generation

The graduating Classes of 1974 are turning 50 years old this year. To celebrate this milestone, classmates from Jefferson, Grant, Adams and Washington have planned a tri-fold event to include a celebration, and homecoming "Old School Jam" and recognition on Saturday, Aug. 12.

Entertainment will be provided by the Kirk Green Band with a special appearance by the Beyons.

The "celebration" is an event to

appreciate this stage of our life, organizers said. "We are 50 years old and with this decade comes more community expectations, wisdom, transformation, growth, as well as ends and beginnings. And we're ready for the challenge!"

The "homecoming" is an invitation to classmates near and far, families and friends of the Classes of the '70's to take a trip down memory lane, to revisit the many places and events that molded and shaped who they are today.

The event will also publicly ac-

knowledge the folks who cared about this generation and made a significant difference to the youth of Portland, Oregon.

"The messages that we want to share with all of the classes is that you can always come back home to the place where you started... we'll be here... you can always come home! And that we're ready to accept the challenges that 50s will bring."

The event will be held at the Sheraton Airport. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 or \$60 a couple at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Geneva's, Reflections, Me'Raes, and the Portland Observer or from any committee member.

For more information, call Michael Donaldson at 503-309-6556 or email JeffClass74@msn.com.

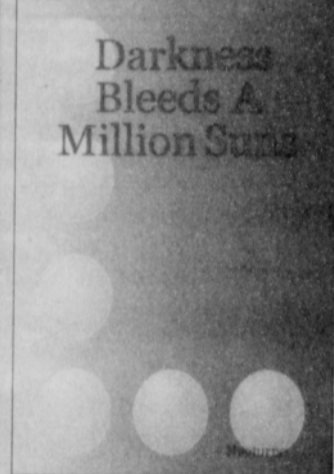
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Hip Hop Lit 101
Rap weaves into sci-fi

Hailing from the Bronx, New York, hip-hop culture rap artist Nocturne breaks new ground with his first graphic science fantasy book, "Darkness Bleeds A Million Suns". Nocturne's book follows several successful books recently released by well-known hip-hop and rap artists.

Nocturne uses musically rich prose and poetry in a nonlinear journey through the 21st and 22nd centuries, accompanied by gripping photos and drawings inspired by hip-hop, video games, film, Eastern philosophy, mystical architecture and contemporary street life.

He joins literary hip-hop and rap artists Chuck D of Public Enemy, rap artist-activist Sister Souljah and the founder of the hip-hop click the Wu Tang Clan group, "The RZA," in turning to the medium of writing to express their creative vision.

Ronn Davis, who produces hip-hop rap groups No False Lyrics (NFL), God Aku and Golden Child, says, "Nocturne's book is 'dope.' It's like one continuous rap with many science fiction movies in it. Wow!"

Organized in "tapestries" instead of in chapters, "Darkness Bleeds A Million Suns" presents syncopated concepts in prose, poetry, photographs and illustrations to convey operatic perspectives on the human condition. Nocturne says, "Every time I write a rhyme I push it to de-limit, cerebral motivator my soul doesn't limit." He draws a comparison between today's rap art and bebop jazz in the late 1950s. "Back then, John Coltrane, Charles Mingus and Sun Ra broke musical limits with new musical vocabularies and took 'Giant Steps' (Coltrane) that expanded the entire jazz arena."

By day, Nocturne works in Manhattan as a financial editor. "Darkness Bleeds A Million Suns" is available at www.lulu.com/tongman13.