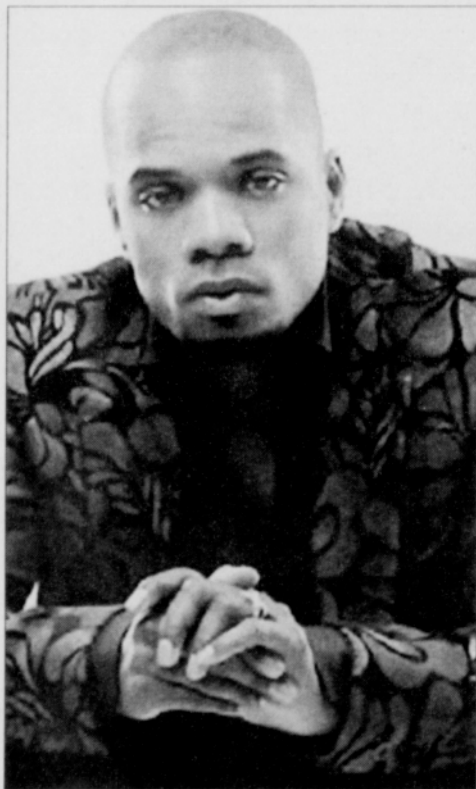


## TV Search for Gospel Star



Kirk Franklin

The BET cable TV network has tapped multi-platinum recording artist Kirk Franklin to host the new original series "Sunday Best" along with Grammy Award-winning gospel superstars Bebe Winans and Mary Mary who will serve as judges and mentors in the channel's nationwide search for the next best gospel artist.

Sunday Best premieres Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.

From one of the executive producers of the hit series "American Idol," Sunday Best will scour the country's storefront churches, parishes and mega-churches to find the best undiscovered singers in America.

The top five finalists will be coached by artists from the gospel and secular worlds as they strive to win the Sunday Best title. The winner will receive a recording contract, a Toyota Camry, as well as cash and prizes for their home church.



## Returning to His Roots

Soul-blues superstar Bobby Rush is known for his elaborate stage shows and sexy dancers, but on his new solo outing "Raw," he returns to his rural-blues roots and showcases his skills on guitar and harmonica.

Rush, known as the "king of the chitlin circuit," tackles new subjects. On the civil rights commentary "How Long," for example, he employs his restrained but authoritative approach to address the unfulfilled promise of forty acres and a mule.

A native of Homer, La., he performed across the deep South as a young man before settling in Chicago, where he played with artists including Earl Hooker prior to striking out on his own. He developed his unique brand of "folk funk" through singles on the Checker, Galaxy, Jewel, Philadelphia International, and double entendre hits including "Chicken Heads" and "Sue."



## 'Haunting' at Kennedy School

You are encouraged to hiss the villain, pity the hapless heroine and ooh and aah every time there is a particularly pleasing view of Pittock Mansion.

"The Haunting of Sarah Hardy," a movie filmed at one of Portland's most popular tourist destinations, will be back by popular demand at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave., on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

McMenamins has donated use of the school theater, with proceeds from \$10 ticket sales to help upkeep and restore the mansion.

No-host social hours begin at 6 p.m. in the Kennedy School theater bar and the movie will be shown at 9 p.m.

Filmed in 1989, the movie has some wonderful and strange views of both the interior and exterior of Pittock Mansion.

A true Gothic horror, the cast includes Polly Bergen, Morgan Fairchild and Sela Ward.

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