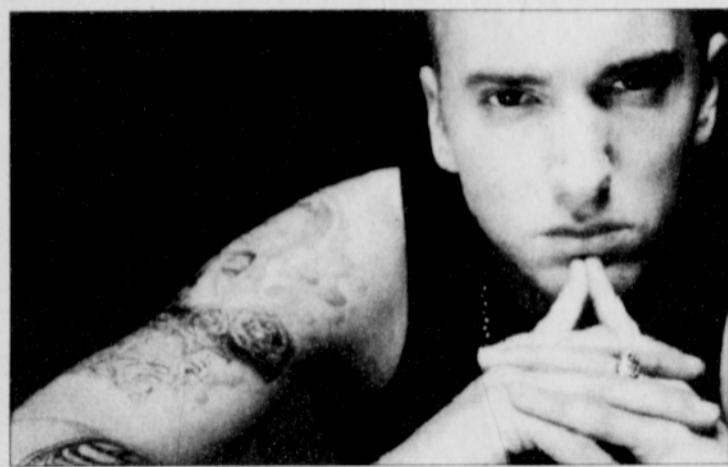


# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Eminem is Back



It's been four long years since Eminem released his last solo album, but associates say the music megastar is getting serious about his long-anticipated return. "Em is excited," says rapper Bishop Lamont, a fellow protégé of Dr. Dre. "He's been quiet too long, and he's got a lot to get off his chest." While no release date has been announced for Eminem's next album, his label says he's currently at

work in the studio. Eminem was reportedly devastated by the 2006 death of his close friend Proof in a shooting, but Lamont says he's heard "some amazing stuff" from the 35-year-old provocateur's recent recording sessions. "He went through what he had to go through, and now he's been able to take all the pain and stress and put it out in his music."

## Natalie Meets Health Challenge with Optimism

(AP) Grammy-winning singer Natalie Cole has been diagnosed with hepatitis C, her publicist said in a statement Wednesday.

Hepatitis C is a liver disease spread through contact with infected blood. The statement said the disease was revealed during a routine examination and was likely caused by her drug use years ago.

"I've been so fortunate to have learned so much from my past experiences," said Cole. "I am embraced by the love and support of my family and friends; I am committed to my belief in myself and in my abiding faith to meet this challenge with a heartfelt optimism and determination. This is how I intend to deal with this current challenge in my life."

Her physician at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Dr. Graham Woolf, said Cole has had a "terrific response to her medication and is now virus negative."

"This gives her an increased chance of cure," he said. Woolf said Cole is recovering from side effects of the medicine she's taking, including fatigue, muscle aches and



Natalie Cole

dehydration. Cole, 58, the daughter of jazz legend Nat King Cole, has sold millions of records over her long career. She is due to release "Still Unforgettable," the follow-up to 1991's Grammy-winning, multi-platinum CD "Unforgettable... With Love," on which she remade some of her father's classics, in September.

**Wooden Nickel Summer Concerts Series** -- July 23, George Thorogood and blue legend Buddy Guy will perform at the Oregon Garden Amphitheater, 879 W. Main St., and Sara Evans will perform on July 31. Gates open at 5 p.m., with shows beginning at 7 p.m.; bring a blanket, for more information visit [oregongarden.org](http://oregongarden.org) or call 503-874-8100.

**Dive-In Movies** -- Friday, July 25, Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center hosts the family fun summer Dive-In Movies featuring "Surf's Up" an animated tale of a surfing penguin and on Aug. 1 swim in for "Ice Age: The Meltdown". For more information, call 503-491-7243.

**Oregon Brewers Festival** -- July 24 thru July 27 from noon to 9 p.m., at the Tom McCall Waterfront Park, beer fans will be able to sample brews from 72 craft breweries.

**Oregon Zoo Concert Series** -- Enjoy live music under the stars at the Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd., the concert series features: Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings on Friday, July 25, Habib Koite on July 30, and on Aug. 1, Matisyahu will perform; for more information visit [oregonzoo.org](http://oregonzoo.org) or call 503-226-1561.

**Norman Sylvester Band** -- Friday July 25 and Saturday, July 26, at 9 p.m., Boogie Cat - Norman Sylvester will get the party started at Tillicum's in Beaverton; for more information call 503-281-5989.

**Spiritual Traditions** -- Sunday, July 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Portland Insight Meditation Center, 6536 S.E. Duke St., will host Matthew Flickstein, distinguished author and teacher lecturing at the fundraiser in support of this inspirational documentary featuring over 30 spiritual leaders from around the globe.

**"Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka"** -- Currently through July 27, Washington Park Amphitheatre will host the theatrical adaptation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Adult performances are scheduled every evening except Mondays, at 6:30 p.m.; and youth performances will be at 10 a.m. and noon on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 503-402-1994.



**Behind the Shoji Art Show** -- July 26 through September 2, the Portland Japanese Gardens, 6115 Kingston Dr., will host the Garden's biggest art event of the year featuring Asian-inspired original artwork and unique gifts; for more information visit [japanesegarden.com](http://japanesegarden.com).

**Young Artists Camp** -- July 28 thru Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., children ages 10 to 13, will experience the fun, games, exercises, writing and performances to build confidence and creativity at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. For more information and to register, call 503-823-4322.

**Paintings at Reflections** -- Reflections Coffee House, 446 N.E. Killingsworth St., is hosting an exhibit of acrylic paintings of portraits, outdoor scenes and animals by Gabriella Steele.

**Country Gospel Concert** -- Saturday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m., and Saturday, Aug 9 at 11 a.m., Riny Horst will perform county gospel at the 2008

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Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Rd., in Ridgefield, WA; for more information call 503-335-3132 or 360-397-6180.

**"Crawfish of the Caribbean"** -- Friday, Aug. 8 and Saturday, Aug. 9, the family-friendly Tualatin Crawfish Festival, 8325 NW Nyberg St., offers a wide variety of food, entertainment and fun for everyone; for more information call 503-692-0780.

**Bite of Oregon** -- Friday, Aug. 8 thru Sunday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., the Tom McCall Waterfront Park, at SW Natio Parkway and Columbia St., the outdoor festival showcases: Iron Chef Oregon- top professionals competing for honors in wine and food, live music and more; \$7 at the gate, for more information call 503-248-0600.

**"The Three Musketeers"** -- Currently thru Aug. 24, the Lakewood Theatre Company presents the fresh, fast-paced funny adaptation of the swashbuckling trio. Performed at the Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego; for tickets call 503-635-3901.

**Free "Recess Monkey" Concert** -- Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Recess Monkey the critically acclaimed trio of Seattle schoolteachers, will bring their undeniably hip kid-friendly music and humor to the Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St; for more information call 503-988-5391.

**Poetry in Motion Poetry Slam** -- Featuring Rodeezy and Portland's most prominent Spoken word artist in the NW, Blacque Butterfly. Also featuring Rodeezy. The M.A.C.E. Center 126 NE Alberta July 25th doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission \$10. For more information call 503-995-0272.

**Summer Concerts in the Parks** -- Portland Parks and Recreation sponsors free concerts in neighborhood parks throughout the city during July and August. Concert schedules are posted on [portlandparks.org](http://portlandparks.org) or call 503-823-5466.

**Community in Motion** -- Portland people and landscapes of public transit become the stars in print works by F. X. Fosica currently on display in a fee solo exhibit at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

**Dinosaurs!** -- Prehistoric roars reverberate over lush rain forest canopies as the Oregon Zoo takes visitors back millions of years with its summer blockbuster exhibit, "Donosaurs!" The life-size animatronic beasts roar, snarl and move with realistic ferocity. Admission is \$4 plus regular zoo admission.

**Kids Live Large** -- Kids can grab on, push off and glide through the Jurassic in the Dinosaur Revolution exhibit at the Portland Children's Museum. The traveling show runs through Sept. 1 with dinosaur-themed mazes, vivid murals and hands-on, interactive fun.

**Car Show and Festival** -- Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Walgreen's on Lombard and

Greeley, with food, music, cars, games, door prizes, rock climbing, face painting, and lots of fun.

**Festa Italiana 'Piazza Italia'** -- Aug. 21 thru Aug. 24, Pioneer Square will come to life with the rich culture of Italy at the family-friendly Italian celebration of good food and music featuring the Carter Family Marionettes, competitions in pizza tossing, grape stomping, dancing, vino and more.

**Oregon Zoo Buck Tuesdays** -- On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, the zoo hosts 2-Buck Tuesdays when guests can tour the zoo during regular zoo hours for the discounted price of \$2 per person!

**Live Jazz** -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way, will host the ongoing weekend series featuring Portland's rich jazz scene with no cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit [pdxjazz.com](http://pdxjazz.com).



**OMSI \$2 Days** -- The first Sunday of every month can spark your

passion for science at the OMSI when admission is just \$2. Exhibits and over 200 hands-on; also offered on \$2 days is a special reduced admissions of \$5 each for the Planetarium, OMNIMAX, and the USS Blueback submarine tours. For more information, visit [OMSI.edu](http://OMSI.edu).

**Portland Police Museum** -- This spring the Portland Police Museum, 1111 S.W. Second Ave. offers a hands-on exhibit on crime scene investigation specifically geared toward school-age children. Visitors will be able to operate an actual fingerprint scanning machine and examine evidence, and receive a free child safety kit. Free admission. For more information, call 503-823-0019.

**First Thursday Art Gallery Opening** -- Every first Thursday in the Pearl, meet the artists and join the street party for gallery receptions and openings introducing the works of many artists; this is a free event.

**Music Millennium Free Shows** -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E Burnside, host many in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet local artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

**Free First Friday Nights** -- The Portland Children's Museum has partnered with Target to provide free admission to everyone on the first Friday of each month from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Hip-Hop Dance Classes** -- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation is hosting family friendly hip-hop dance classes for ages 5 to 18. Various lessons teach rhythm, technique, coordination, agility and teamwork through urban dance moves. For more information, call 360-696-8236.

**Sunday Night Jazz** -- Jazz enthusiasts can enjoy listening to the cool sounds of Mel Brown, in the Rogue River Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. No cover charge.

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