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Chris Brown

The accolades keep coming for Chris Brown — this time, he's been named Billboard's top artist of 2008.

"It's bigger than what I can ever imagine. It's unexpected totally, so it's a surprise," Brown said in an interview Thursday.

It shouldn't be too much of a surprise for Brown. He not only nabbed the Billboard

honor in 2006, he had a great '08, with solo hits like "With You" and "Forever" as well as successful collaborations, like the Jordin Sparks duet "No Air." Last month, he won three awards at the American Music Awards, including artist of the year.

But the 18-year-old Brown says he's still not used to all the

accolades.

"I've had a good year but I still feel like a little insecure in those parts. I'm like, 'There's little ol' me getting an award' — that's incredible," he said.

The artist's rankings are determined by album sales as well as digital downloads, radio airplay and Internet streams.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



The Color Purple

-- Portland will host the Broadway smash hit *The Color Purple*, the Musical about Love, Dec. 30 -- Jan. 4 at the Keller Auditorium. The stage production is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the moving film by Steven Spielberg. Tickets can be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet or portlandopera.org.

Kids for Community Concert

-- The Gunner Roads Band will headline this second annual show,



Northwest Breakout Show

-- Friday, Dec. 26, at 9 p.m., enjoy featured artists such as Liv Warf MyG, Soul P and many other hip-hop performers at the Doug Fir, 830 E. Burnside.

Poetry at Miracles -- Local and national artists and musicians share an evening of spoken word and music at the Miracles Club, 4069 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, each Tuesday, between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.



Bob the Builder

-- TVs Bob the Builder and his Can-Do Crew invite aspiring young builders to help get the job done in a hands-on traveling exhibit at Portland Children's Museum, 1,000 square-foot, multimedia exhibit invites exploration and teamwork for children and families. The show runs through Jan. 19.

OMSI Holiday Magic Laser Show

Currently through Wednesday, Dec. 31. Performances are at 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. weekends and holidays.

Holiday Dive-in Movie Night

Fred Claus will delight children Friday, Dec. 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center-Gresham Campus. For more information, call 503-491-7243.

Holiday Guide

delights with amazing holiday vignettes. PIR is located at 1940 N Victory Blvd.

Fruitcake

Sundays, currently through Dec. 21, enjoy the deliciously improvised holiday treat for the entire family at Curious Comedy Theater, the new venue in Vanport Square, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, visit curiouscomedy.org or call, 503-477-9477.

Holiday Triple Play

Currently thru Dec. 21, Gresham Little Theater, 30639 SE Bluff Rd., presents: Gift of the Magi, The Elves Musical Revue, and The Nutcracker. Performance schedules are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.; for more information, call 503-267-1750.

Heavenly Holidays

Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Dec. 21, the Portland Gay Men's Chorus presents Heavenly Holidays, at Kaul Auditorium on the Reed College Campus, an eclectic collection honoring many traditions of the season such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and more. For more information, call 503-226-2588.

Christmas Ship Parades

The Christmas Ship Fleets sail the Columbia and Willamette rivers every night through Dec. 21. For more information, visit christmasships.org.

Jacks & Jills New Year's Eve Dance

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport. \$20 per person. Featuring a silent auction and music provided by DJ Ricky Pettifore. Semi-formal attire required. Tickets can be purchased from any Jacks and Jills club member. For more information, call 503-249-6902.

DO JUMP! Home for the Holidays

Acrobatics, aerial dance, live original music,

an evening of pure Do Jump fun! Currently through Jan. 4, at the Echo Theatre, 1515 S.E. 37 Ave. For more information, call 503-231-1232.



Zoolights

The Portland Oregon Zoo, 4001 Southwest Canyon Rd., is transformed into a winter wonderland, decorated with nearly a million lights. Animated animal silhouettes swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected. For more information, call 503-220-2786.

The Wizard of Oz:

There's no place like home!

Through Jan. 4, the Northwest Children's Theatre and School, 1819 N.W. Everett St., invites everyone to follow Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road all the way to the Emerald City in this Technicolor masterpiece brought to life! For more information, call 503-222-4480 or visit nwcts.org.

Oregon Ballet Theatre Presents:

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

The sparkling lights of a towering tree, a sweeping crescendo from the full orchestra, and a magical journey to the candy-coated realm of the Sugarplum Fairy, will delight children of all ages. For more information, call 503-222-5538 or visit obt.org.

New Year's Eve Celebration

Dec. 31, the Tom Grant Band, featuring vocalist Shelly Rudolph, will headline the New Year's Eve celebration at the University Place Hotel Ballroom, 310 SW Lincoln St.; for more information, call 503-221-0140 or 503-224-0532.



New Year's Eve Dance

Jacks and Jills Social Club invites the public to attend the semi-formal dance and silent auction on, Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd.; for more information, call 503-281-2919.

Christmas at Pittock Mansion

Currently to Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Pittock Mansion, 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, is transformed into a holiday masterpiece filled with vintage toys and decorations.



Portland International Raceway's Winter Wonderland

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**'Toyz N the Hood'
Hip-Hop Show**

A great lineup of talent and an amazing amount of donations will benefit local kids when the Toyz N The Hood toy drive takes place during a hip hop show on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Roseland, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave.

Featured performances include Big B, The Jacka, Cool Nutz, The Dirtball, Tragedy, Laroo and more. Admission is free with a donation of two toys.

Organizers are hoping to raise 1,000 plus toys to benefit the Salvation Army and show that through hip-hop music, people can come together to help those who otherwise might go without.



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