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Big Lineup for Inaugural Gig

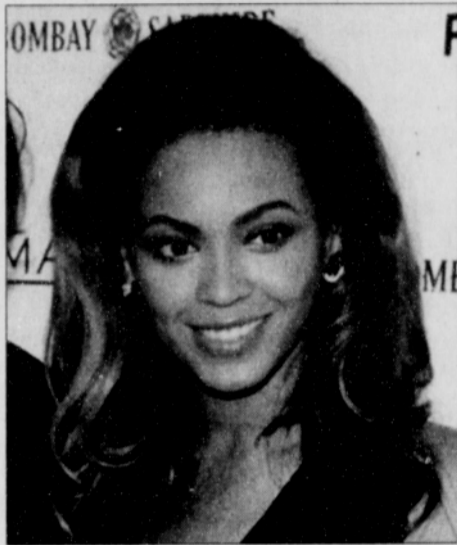
Coveted spot for music's top names

(AP) -- Judging by the lineup, Sunday's inaugural celebration for Barack Obama at the Lincoln Memorial is a coveted gig for music's top names.

Beyonce, Bono, Bruce Springsteen, John Mellencamp, Usher, Shakira, Sheryl Crow, Josh Groban and James Taylor are among the musicians scheduled to perform Sunday afternoon. The president-elect and his family are due to attend, with Obama expected to speak.

Other performers include Stevie Wonder, Renee Fleming, Garth Brooks, Mary J. Blige, Herbie Hancock, Heather Headley, John Legend and Jennifer Nettles. Historical passages will be read by Jamie Foxx, Martin Luther King III, Queen Latifah and Denzel Washington, with other celebrities expected to join them.

HBO will televise the show at 7 p.m. EST.



Beyonce Knowles

After getting the go-ahead from the Presidential Inaugural Committee two and a half weeks ago to put the show together, executive producer George Stevens Jr. said he

quickly learned it would not be like any other special event he's tried to book.

"On that first day, we asked Springsteen, Bono and Garth Brooks within a period of 45 minutes and got three 'yeses,'" Stevens said. "We said, 'This is going to be fun.'"

Stevens said he tried to reach out to a diversity of artists. The theme for the show, titled "We Are One: The Obama Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial," is less about celebration than national unification.

The artists won't be performing their big hits, but will be asked to perform material appropriate to the occasion. One musician will be asked to perform "A Change Is Gonna Come," the song made famous by Sam Cooke.

HBO will be offering an open feed to its cable and satellite distributors on Sunday, meaning the pay cable network will be given free to anyone who wants to watch it.

Comcast in Portland said it will carry the broadcast on channel 551 for non-HBO subscribers but will require a digital converter box.

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Spider-Man's New Sidekick: The President-Elect



Barack Obama collected Spider-Man comics as a child, so Marvel Comics wanted to give him a "shout-out back" by featuring him in a bonus story, said Joe Quesada, Marvel's editor-in-chief.

"How great is that? The commander in chief to be is actually a nerd in chief," Quesada said. "It was really, really cool to see that we had a geek in the White House. We're all thrilled with that."

The comic starts with Spider-Man's alter-ego Peter Parker taking photographs at the inauguration, before spotting two identical Obamas.

Parker decides "the future president's

gonna need Spider-Man," and springs into action, using basketball to determine the real Obama and punching out the impostor.

Obama thanks him with a fist-bump.

Marvel comics have featured most presidents, but generally in walk-on roles, Quesada said.

"I think President Nixon might have appeared on the cover, but not in a good way," he said.

Obama has said that as a child, he collected Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. His Senate Web site used to have a photo of him posing in front of a Superman statue.

The Obama story is a bonus in Marvel Comic's Amazing Spider-Man #583, available in comic book shops nationwide on Jan. 14 for \$3.99 and is expected to sell out, with half the covers devoted to Obama.

Marvel Comics shows the cover of The Amazing Spider-Man featuring President-elect Barack Obama.

Motown Records Turns 50

The year of Motown memories has begun.

Monday officially started the 50th anniversary of Motown Records.

That's the date in 1959 that Berry Gordy Jr. secured an \$800 loan to start the company that soon would spin out chart-topping hits by Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye, the Four Tops,

the Temptations and many others.

Monday was declared "Motown Day" by local, state and national politicians at the Motown Historical Museum, the former studio.

They gathered with numerous label veterans including the Four Tops' Abdul "Duke" Fakir, and members of the Miracles, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas and Rare Earth.



Maxine Powell, former artist developer, speaks Monday in Detroit as Motown Museum Chief Executive Officer Robin Terry looks on at a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Motown Records. (AP photo)

Oregon Zoo Honors MLK

After suffering through a blustery two months, the Oregon Zoo invites families to venture out of their homes and enjoy a free day on Monday, Jan. 19.



El Ultimo: A Bilingual Eco-Drama -- Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St., presents a story that unfolds at the edge of the world: An eco-feminist and a soul-searching logger face a power struggle determined by ecology, nature and greed. Plays through Saturday, Jan. 17.

What's Race Got to Do with It? -- Beginning Friday, Jan. 16, thru Friday, Jan. 23, Mt. Hood Community College will take a closer look at race through a symposium of lectures. For a complete list of topics and information, contact Janet Campbell at 503-491-7430.

Bad Boys of Dance -- Thursday, Jan. 15 thru Saturday, Jan. 17, Rasta Thomas leads the all-male dance troupe at the Newmark Theatre; tickets available through ticketmasters.com.

Fat Pig -- This month, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., presents "Fat Pig," the story of a man who falls for a plus sized beauty and boldly questions the importance of conventional good looks. For tickets, call 503-205-0715 or visit ifccarts.org.

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Norman Sylvester Band

Friday, Jan. 16 at 9 p.m., the Norman Sylvester Band takes the stage at Tillicum's in Beaverton, and on Friday, Jan. 30, at Domenic's in Milwaukie at 9 p.m. For more information, call 503-281-5989.

ChocolateFest -- Currently thru Feb. 1, the World Forestry Center. Enjoy cascading chocolate fountains, delicious samples, wine, sake chocolate pairings, and more.

The Magdalene Sisters -- Screening on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., at In Other Words Bookstore, 8 NE Killingsworth. A thought provoking film about teenage girls sent to Magdalene Asylums, labeled as "fallen" by their families and society.



Irish Culture -- Friday, Jan. 16, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., celebrate Irish culture by enjoying the beautiful Irish Ceili Dance with Crumac, 618 S.E. Alder, and on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m., the festival features the enchanting Sean-nos Northwest Concert.

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 the Portland Children's Museum. The 2,000-square-foot, multimedia exhibit invites exploration and teamwork for children and families. The show has been extended through until June 7.

OMSI After Dark -- OMSI After Dark is a night at the museum for the 21 and over crowd filled with food, drink and science fun; \$10 fee. For more information call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

Open Mic Night -- Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., ProperEatsMarket and Café, 8638 N. Lombard St., host open mic night.

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