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Valentine Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Elk's Lodge
6 North Tillamook St.
Portland, Oregon

9 PM – 1 AM

Good Music ♥ 50/50 Split Raffle ♥ Fun for All

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Music By DJ Papa Chuck

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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Opposites Do Attract

BY DIEZEL P

It was a cold night where an epic and highly anticipated grind time battle was about to take place, "the Backspace" between world rap champions Illmaculate and his frequent counterpart The Saurus.

But beneath the hype of the Oct. 21 event was the emergence of a brand new dynamic Northwest Duo by the name of "T&E," a title that



Portland rappers Tope and Epp Saheed have formed T&E.

mutual admiration of each other's music and we had been talking about doing a project for maybe 3 years, so when we linked up with G_Force in August we knew the time was right to finally make an album together."

So I'm curious..... do you still make music as Living Proof?

"Living Proof is definitely still making new music, we're actually 14 songs into our follow up album to 'Roots To Branches.' Prem has been in Seattle pursuing a Master's Degree in Education, so in the meantime I've had a chance to work on a solo project and now the T&E project."

What do you plan to accomplish as an artist or group?

"I think the goal with my music is to be able to live, eat, and travel from it. As of right now I'm still working a 40+ hour job, but hopefully someday I'll be able to do music as my main occupation and tour to bring my music to new audiences."

As you may know, whatshappeningpdx.com is taking a sustainable and environmental approach towards the urban culture of the Rose City. How do you feel about eco hip-hop – music that is beneficial to the environment and addresses issues within it?

"I'm definitely a fan of music and musicians that can deliver a positive message to their audience."

familiar with each other through past concerts at the Hawthorne Theater and discussed a possible collaboration for years, but wouldn't transform talk into reality until last when they linked up with the multi-talented DJ and producer "G-Force."

I got a chance to further elaborate with Tope on his crew's development, future plans and perception of the rapidly evolving hip hop scene:

First off, why did you guys decide to form T&E?

"I think Epp and I always had a

simply uses the first letters of the already recognized Portland alias' Tope & Epp Saheed.

Tope is a smooth spoken wordsmith, whose style thrives off rapid word play, while Epp Saheed demands attention by venturing various lyrical deliveries with highly energetic stage presence. This is a hip hop team that's living proof (no pun intended) that opposites do attract.

A northeast Portland native, Tope has been a fan of hip hop since a child, but didn't decide to personally pursue a career in the musical genre until his early high school years. He later established himself within the local hip hop scene alongside his friend and future crew member Prem, forming the unique and talented group "Living Proof."

The song writing and producing duo would gain popularity throughout the Northwest after releasing their 2007 debut album "Roots to Branches," but found their second project at a halt when Prem moved to Seattle to attend graduate school.

Though Living Proof is still a solidified group, they found the long distance and hectic schedules made

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