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The local hip hop dance crew F.I.O. has won a talent competition to compete in the BET network's music video show 106 and Park. Pictured are the group's members, Brian Toombs, Ryan Toombs, Matthias J Evans Jr., David Dai and Donald Barfield.

Hip Hop Dance Crew NYC Bound

A hip hop dance crew made up of members from Portland and Vancouver has won the right to compete on the popular music video show 106 and Park, a program on the BET (Black Entertainment Television) network.

The group F.I.O., which stands for Future is Ours, got their March 2 invitation to compete on the show after winning a regional talent search completion in Portland on Oct. 9.

Amber Dines, a spokesperson and promoter for the group,

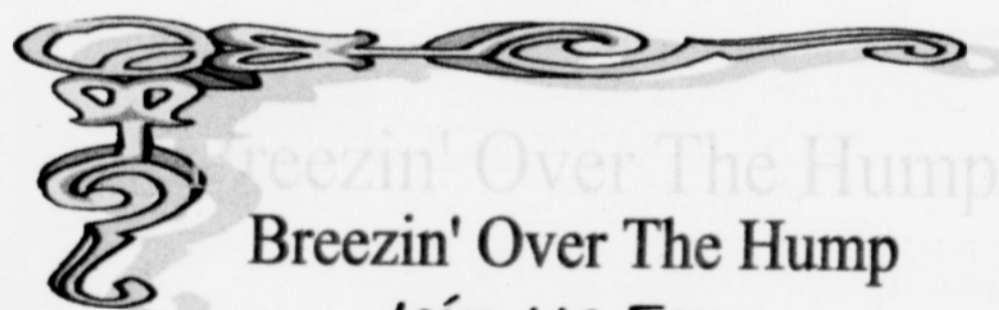
said the audition was made possible when Javonne Shearn, the owner of Jai D'Shea Entertainment, a Portland management and artist development company, reached out to the show's talent scouts Blaze the Stage.

"No one believed a competition like this would come here, but with the hard work and dedication of Javonne Shearn, she made it possible by contacting Pat Charles the senior show writer of BET and together they paved the way making it pos-

sible for our very own hip hop dance crew F.I.O to win the competition as first pick," Dines said.

F.I.O. does need local support to make it to New York. Whether that's voting for them once the show airs or helping fund them with their plane tickets and hotel costs, any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

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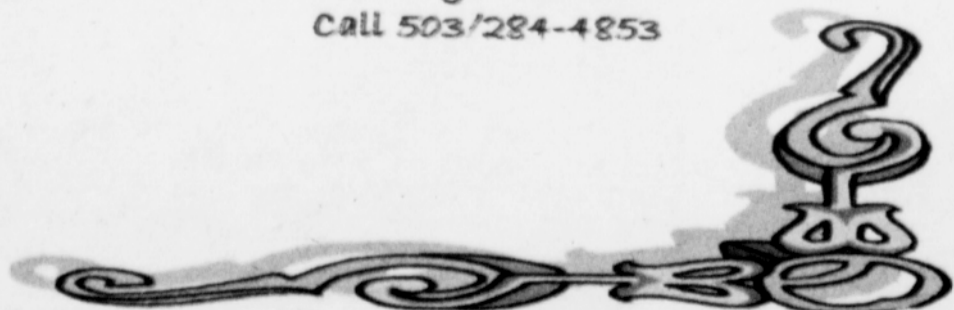
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