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Hip Hop Dreams

Female trio Rose Bent will keep you movin'

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Blooming in our own City of Roses backyard is the lady hip-hop trio, Rose Bent, featuring musical artists Kheoshi, a.k.a. Lady Trinity; Jacque; a.k.a. J-Kronic; and Rose City Miss Chief.

Refusing to let bent-necked pasts hinder their dreams, these strong-minded and educated ladies have made it their mission to represent the silenced voices of women in hip-hop.

The three Portland locals united last February after discovering each other's talents during various solo performances in venues around town.

With shared musical influences like Tupac, Kanye West, Foxy Brown, Nas, and Mary J. Blige, Rose Bent offers an alternative to the male-dominated industry, with a woman's self respect being a significant theme for their songs.

With their energizing beats, catchy lyrics, and a party-thumping stage pres-



ence, the female rappers are celebrating their debut self-titled album, "Rose Bent." An official release party will take place on Friday, Dec. 3 at the Backspace. Lucky listeners just scoped out the group's new jams at the pre-listening party earlier this month at Ash Street Saloon.

"The album is very diverse...it has something for everyone," said Jacque, "It's fun and full of energy, it'll get you moving and even hardcore underground hip-hop fans will enjoy dissecting some of the metaphors and lyrical word play."

Growing up, the members of Rose Bent weathered their own troubles; losing loved ones to gang violence, teen pregnancy, friends or family going to prison, and the list goes on. Yet like the bent rose, each woman made room to flourish and on top of devoting countless hours every week to musical collaboration, rehearsals and performances.

Rose Bent now juggles a full-time work schedule as community advocates, single motherhood, and personal pursuits of higher education.

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◀ Three Portland locals, Jacque, a.k.a. J-Kronic (from left); Kheoshi, a.k.a. Lady Trinity; and Rose City Miss Chief, are on their way to making a impact in Portland's urban music scene with their hip hop group Rose Bent.

City Assembles Youth Division

Kicking off a new effort to positively engage local youth in a new Youth Services Division of the Portland Police Bureau are Antoinette Edwards, director of Public Safety and Peacekeeping for Mayor Sam Adams; Joe Marziello, Portland executive director of the Boys and Girls Club; Police Capt. Kevin Modica and local Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Joshua John Delorenzo.

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North Precinct Capt. Modica to lead effort

Police Chief Michael Reese announced the formation of the Youth Services Division of the Portland Police Bureau at a news conference on Monday at the Blazer Boys and Girls Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Bou-

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