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**Usher's Date at Rose Garden**

Multi-platinum recording artist Usher brings his acclaimed "OMG Tour," to Portland with a stop at Rose Garden on Thursday, May 26.

Presented by AEG Live's Concerts West and Atlanta Worldwide Touring, the concert will feature Usher's signature brand of hit-filled R&B-infused pop as well as special guest superstar Akon.

Usher rose to fame in the late 1990s with the release of his second album My Way, which spawned his first Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 hit, "Nice and Slow". His



follow-up album 8701 (2001) produced the Billboard Hot 100 No. 1 hits "U Remind Me" and "U Got It Bad". Both albums sold over 8 million copies worldwide, establishing Usher as one of the biggest selling R&B artists of the 1990s.

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Rose Quarter Box Office, all participating Safeway/TicketsWest outlets, or by calling 877-789-ROSE (7673).

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**Houston Back in Rehab**

Whitney Houston is back in rehab.

A representative for the superstar singer confirmed Monday that Houston is undergoing outpatient treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. The spokeswoman says it is a voluntary measure and part of Houston's "long-standing" recovery process.

The 47-year-old has battled drug abuse in the past. She released a comeback album in 2009, but her 2010 tour was troubled: Houston canceled some dates due to illness and received negative reviews from fans who were disappointed in the quality of her voice and performance.