

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Comic Creators' Release Party

Bridge City Comics, 3725 N. Mississippi Ave., announces air free release party for *Witch Doctor* #1, a medical horror comic, with writer Brandon Seifert and artist Lukas Ketner on Friday, July 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

These two Portland locals tell their amazing story of how, out of all the self-published comics being produced today, they were hand-picked by Robert Kirkman, creator of *The Walking Dead*, to launch his new imprint at Image Comics, the third largest comic publisher in America.

Copies of *Witch Doctor* #1 will be on sale for \$2.99 a copy with free autographs.

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BET Awards All About the Music



Chris Brown accepts the best male R&B artist award Sunday at the 2011 BET Awards in Los Angeles.

Chris Brown big winner

(AP) -- The BET Awards honor various arts, but Sunday's ceremony was all about the music.

There were more performances than awards during the 3 1/2-hour show at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, where singer Chris Brown and rappers Lil Wayne, Rick Ross and DJ Khaled did double-duty, each taking the stage twice to perform.

Brown made a few extra trips to the stage as the night's big winner. The 21-year-old won four awards, adding momentum to a comeback that began with his Michael Jackson tribute at the BET Awards last year and continued with his album, "F.A.M.E."

Brown has been working to repair his image since he pleaded guilty

to assaulting then-girlfriend Rihanna in 2009. He hit a stumbling block this year when he tore up his dressing room after an appearance on "Good Morning America."

He was named best male R&B artist and won best collaboration for his song "Look At Me Now" with Lil Wayne and Busta Rhymes. The three performed together Sunday as part of a medley of Brown's songs.

Brown was back on stage to join Big Sean on his song, "My Last," and again to close the show, which he did on a bicycle alongside host Kevin Hart, who was on a Segway scooter.

Lil Wayne did lots of stage time. He performed with Brown and Drake, et al, and was on stage again when

Nicki Minaj won her award for best female hip-hop artist.

Mary J. Blige set the tone for the performance-filled program when she opened the show with a pair of hits: "All Night Long" and "Real Love." Surprise guest Anita Baker joined her on stage, and it was a diva duet as the two sang Baker's classic, "Caught Up in the Rapture."

Steve Harvey's acceptance of the Humanitarian Award was punctuated by a gospel celebration, as Donnie McClurkin, Deitrick Haddon and gospel artist winners Mary Mary gathered to perform "Thank You."

Following a musical tribute that included Cee Lo Green wearing a Patti LaBelle-inspired headdress and blouse, LaBelle punctuated her own Lifetime Achievement Award win by performing a couple of classics, including her breakthrough hit, "Lady Marmalade."

Alicia Keys unveiled a brand new song and performed two hits: "Fallin'" and "A Woman's Worth," for which she was joined by Bruno Mars.

Queen Latifah and Snoop Dogg delivered heartfelt performances as part of a memorial segment that recognized Nate Dogg, Teena Marie, Clarence Clemons and Gil Scott Heron, among others.

The final performance of the night came from across the pond: Beyonce's headlining set at the Glastonbury Music Festival was beamed into the Shrine Auditorium from England

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