

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Leads with Hip-Hop Nominations



Kanye West

(AP) — Kanye West hasn't released a solo album since 2010, but the rapper has kept relevant with another strong year.

Now, BET is taking notice.

West received the most nominations with 17 for the seventh annual BET Hip-Hop Awards, which will air Oct. 9. The rapper has had a big year as a producer, performer and director. He also collaborated with Jay-Z on the hit album, "Watch the Throne."

Rapper 2 Chainz scored 13 nominations and Drake earned 11 nods, respectively.

The nominations were announced Wednesday.

The ceremony will be taped Sept. 29 at Atlanta's Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center. Actor and comedian Mike Epps will return as host for the fourth straight year.

Hip-hop mogul Chris Lighty, who committed suicide earlier this month, will be honored during the show.



## Mississippi Studios Hosts Trio

Icky Blossoms brings their dramatic synthesizers, danceable drums, and yearning pop melodies to Mississippi Studios in north Portland on Thursday, Sept. 20. The Omaha group is out with a self-titled album of sharp mechanical grooves and romantic attitude.

## Hot New Rapper at Backspace

A Bay Area rapper who has gone from virtually unknown to one of the hottest acts on the West Coast is coming to Portland for a performance on Monday, Sept. 24 at the Backspace, 115 N.W. Fifth Ave.

Roach Gigz is a 21-year-old San Francisco native who was conceived in Nicaragua during the Contra and

Sandinista war. Named after a combination of the character Roach from the movie Next Friday and his high school dancing skills, he first gained local fame with close friend Lil4Tay and one half of the group Bitch I go (B.I.G.)

Portland rapper and producer Cool Nutz says you will be won over by this

amazing young man.

"The Bugged Out" tour show will also feature Main Attractionz, A-1, Baby E, Yung Mil and Nima Fadavi.

Roach Gigz is getting raves as one of the great new young voices in hip-hop. He will perform Monday, Sept. 24 at the Backspace.



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