

Born For This

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positive way, it doesn't matter what type of lifestyle you come from," he says.

This outlook is something the woman that birthed him almost surely appreciates; she also has a whole song dedicated to her. "I Wish" is a heartfelt son-to-mother track of gratitude in the way of the 2pac classic "Dear Mama."

"Someone once told me that on my birthday I should say happy birthday to my Mom, cause it's actually her birthday, I ain't do nothing," he says on the track's opening.

Additional features of the album include signees to his label imprint "Realizm" or "RLM", Sky Divine, Louchie Vega, J-Bo and. Other ap-

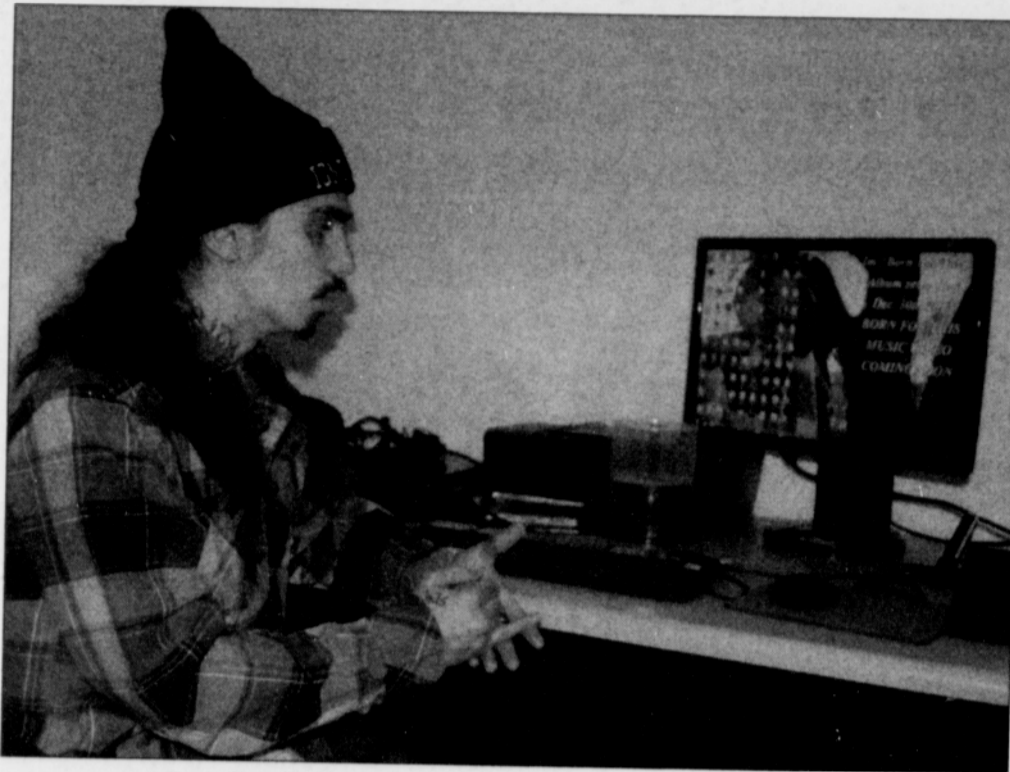


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On his debut album "Born for This," Portland rapper Talilo Marfil chooses to take the positive route, detailing the downfalls of a gang life he was once entrenched in and encouraging others to find their own purpose.

pearances also include Taryn, For This head to Thatkidcry and Kheoshi, among others. For a free download of Born for this.

Love, Jealousy, Betrayal and



Regret -- Othello, Shakespeare's tragic tale of the esteemed general destroyed by jealousy and betrayal. Opens on Thursday, April 11 at Portland Center Stage. Starring Daver Morrison in his PCS debut and directed by Chris Coleman, Othello will run through May 11 on the Main Stage. Regular tickets start at \$38. Visit pcs.org or call 503-445-3700.

Grumpy Old (Black) Men -- George Hendrix and Jerry Foster star as Abe and Henry in "Two Old Black Guys Just Sitting Around Talking, a funny play about rivalry, friendship, and aging. Portland's African American theater company PassinArt presents the play at the Ethos/Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate. Now playing through Sunday, April 13.

Crimes of the Heart -- A Pulitzer Prize winning dramatic comedy about three Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passions. Now playing through Sunday, April 13 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. Fortickets, call 503-635-3901 or visit lakewood-center.org.



A Trickster of Native American Lore -- Tears of Joy Theatre presents an all new production based on that trickster of Native American lore, Raven. He may be sneaky but his tricks have given us the sun, fire, and

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more! Raven Stories is written by Shoshone-Bannock poet and storyteller Ed Edmo. Shows Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 at Imago Theatre, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for youth. Visit tojt.org or call 503-248-0557.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, April 11 at the Rogue Pub in North Plains; Friday, April 18 at Finnegan's Mill in Newberg; Saturday, April 19 at Halibut's II, Friday, April 25 at Gemini Bar and Grill in Lake Oswego; and Saturday, April 26 at Clyde's Prime Rib.

The Soulful Showcase -- Blacque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

Traveling Lantern on Sundays -- Creating opportunity for young audiences, Artists Rep continues its partnership with the long-established and well-reputed Traveling Lantern Theatre Company to present \$5 performances for children in its Alder Lobby. The interactive theatre performances are now being performed every Sunday morning at 11 a.m., a change from the Saturday morning shows held last fall and winter. For more information, visit artistsrep.org.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

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