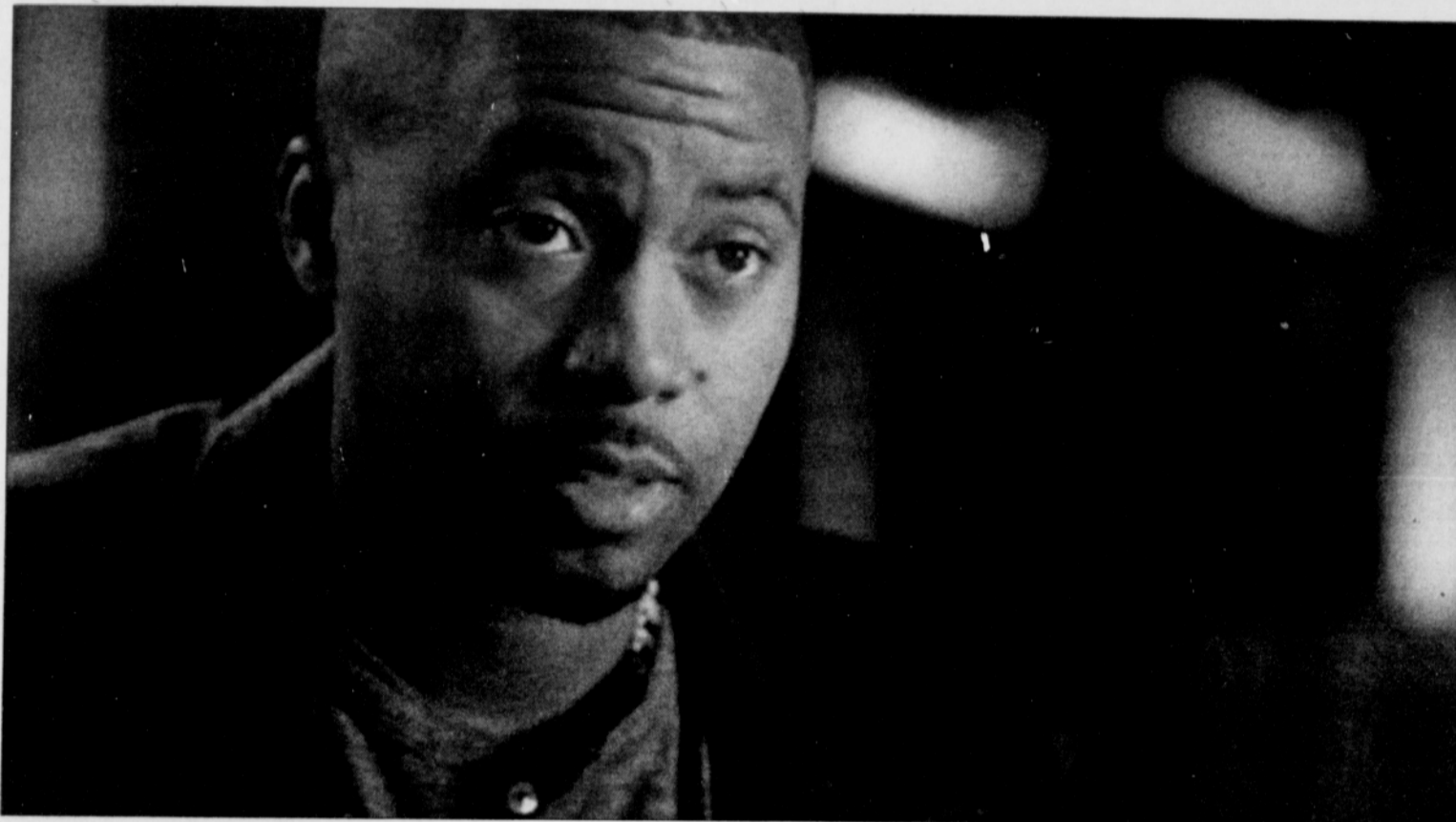


# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Hip-Hop Superstar Nas will star in second season of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. on PBS.

## Finding Your Roots

### PBS show gets into the DNA of American culture

As fall arrives and new shows debut on the small screen, one television show in particular will allow viewers to learn more about the heritage and ancestries of 30 of today's leading entertainers, athletes, chefs and media personalities, including hip-hop superstar Nas and author Stephen King.

Ford has joined forces with Public Television to bring the second season of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. back this season. The 10-part series finds Gates continuing on his quest to — as he puts it — "get into the DNA of American culture."

By weaving a group of celebrity stories together, each episode takes viewers on a journey through

layers of ancestral history, uncovering familial secrets and showing how all Americans are connected.

With the help of a team of genealogists, Gates travels thousands of years into the past to discover the origins of today's game changers.

In addition, each episode will feature a 30-second spot that looks back at the history of Henry Ford and his visionary, family-owned company. For Gates, one of Henry Ford's lasting contributions was his willingness to pay a fair wage to African American workers employed in his factories, which led Southern sharecroppers to Detroit as part of the early 20th century's great migration.

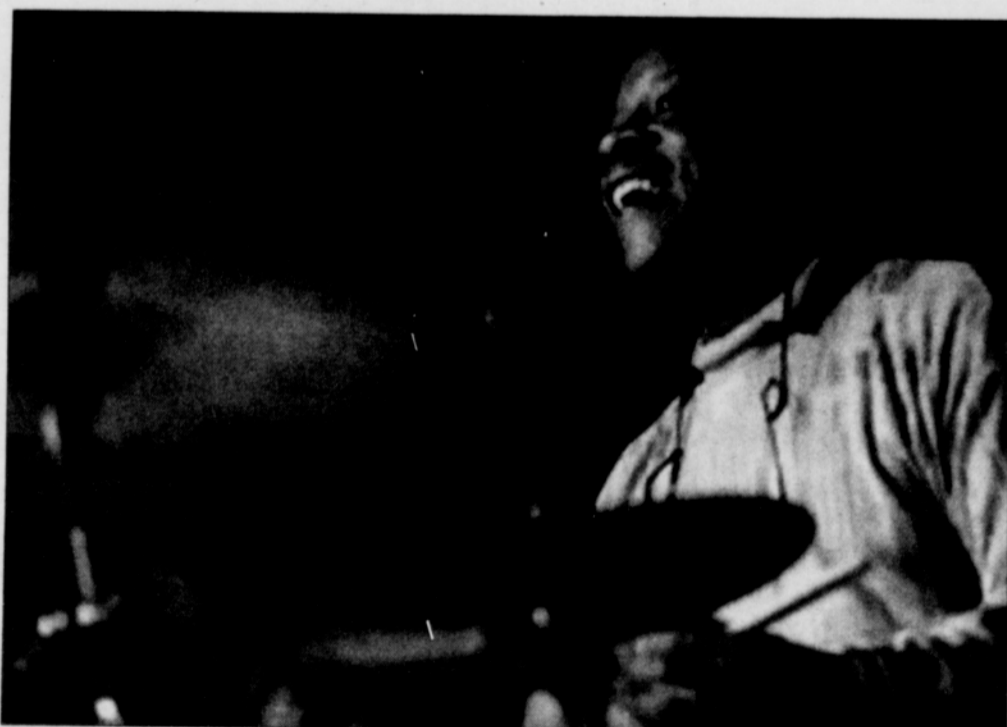
Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. and will run until Tuesday, Nov. 25.

## Mel Brown CD Release Party

Since 1998, pianist Gordon Lee has been a mainstay with drummer Mel Brown's hardswinging sextet as they've played to packed rooms every Tuesday night at Jimmy Mak's in downtown Portland for over 17 years, which may be some kind of modern day record for a 7 piece jazz band.

Known for its adherence to the "hard bop" sounds of Art Blakey, Horace Silver and Wayne Shorter, Lee's compositions follow in that style, but with new 21st-century twists.

His first recording with the band, "Gordon Bleu," led to them winning the 1989 Hennessy Jazz Search, where they beat out 700 other groups from around the world. "Tuesday Night" on OA2 records is the long-overdue second recording of this inspired, soulful band and a



Mel Brown and the Mel Brown Septet will celebrate with an album release party on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Jimmy Mak's, downtown.

tribute to the enduring legacy of drummer and bandleader, Mel Brown.

The Septet will have a CD release party for "Tuesday Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Jimmy Mak's, Northwest 10th and Everett, at 8 p.m. \$10 cover or \$22 for admission and a CD.

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