

GOOD NEWS BRIEFS

Sonny Bonoho

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Seattle-based hip hop artist, Sonny Bonoho has released four songs from his latest album, *Phonephreak*, as a free download. *Phonephreak* is the follow-up to his debut "Life of a Back-up Singer."

Phonephreak was released in April of 2010 with minimal promotion, Bonoho says.

"I had a lot of stuff going on after I finished *Phonephreak*. I learned a lot, met a lot of people and saw a lot of things that only make me more excited about being in the music industry," says Bonoho, fresh from his gig with the Shootin' For Stars Tour, featuring B.o.B.

"Now I want to share with the world what I'm capable of and if anything, give people hope that good things do happen."

Four songs make up the *Phonephreak* EP. "Phonephreak (intro)," "Judge Brown," "Dark Every Day," "In the Jar," and "I know," featuring Playboy Tre, who opened for B.o.B on tour,

Download them for free on his website. www.bonoho.com.

Known to be one of the most eccentric MCs in Seattle's hip-hop scene – the *Seattle Weekly*

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said he makes other MC's look like "sputtering 10-watt light-bulbs."

"Life isn't a joke, but if you

don't learn to laugh at yourself, it can be very unpleasant for you and the ones around you," says Bonoho.

Right before touring Sonny was in surgery for an unexpected health issue. He came out smiling and thankful for his family and those that have supported him in his music career.

Since his first album, Sonny has toured artists such as Bohagon, Grayskul, Nappy Roots, and most recently Playboy Tre. He's also collaborated on tracks with Money B of Digital Underground, Dylan Dilinjah and Bizarre of D12.

This year he will be working on music videos to accompany the songs on *Phonephreak*.

"It's gonna get personal. People will see the light bulb inside my brain," says Bonoho. "If you think I'm weird now, you ain't seen nothing yet."

Sonny Bonoho will perform at the Mt. Tabor Theater on May 13.



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Saturday April 30

SEATTLE METRO RETILE EXPO! Thousands of captive-bred reptiles, amphibians, tarantulas, books, cages, supplies, educational tables and more! Admission is adults \$7.00, Kids 6-12 \$3 and children under 5 are free. Renton Community Center, 1715 Maple Valley Highway 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday May 1

MAY DAY, MAY DAY! A NEW MUSIC MARATHON! For our second annual May Day Marathon, a 10-hour performer-driven celebration of contemporary, American music. Tickets are \$5. Music starts at noon. Town hall please enter on eighth Ave. Seattle.

Tuesday May 3

USE OF FORCE BY THE POLICE AND THE INFLUENCE

OF THE MEDIA! Presented by the Conversations about Race and Culture Series. Hosted by the Bellevue Police Dept. and the City of Bellevue Parks & Community services Cultural Diversity Program. 5:30 – 8 p.m. Circle of Friends, 121 107th Ave NE, Bellevue.

FAMILY CONCERT WITH JOSE LUIS OROZCO: The whole family is invited to a bilingual concert featuring musician Jose Luis Orozco from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Park Community Center, 8319 8th Ave. S. For more info call 206-615-1688.

Thursday May 5

CELEBRATE CINO DE MAYO AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY! All ages are invited to create masks with South Park artist Amaranta Ibarra-Sandys in celebration of Cinco De Mayo from 4 – 6 p.m. The Seattle Public Library, Douglas-Truth Branch, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

Friday May 6

BEATWALK KICKS-OFF 16TH SEASON OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: The rhythms and sounds of Columbia City's monthly musical event are starting again. 7 – 10 p.m. \$7 entrance fee to all venues for adults. Children 14

and under are free. Columbia City's Historic District (South Seattle).

Saturday May 7

THE 10TH ANNUAL FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: This event spotlights the wonderful and diverse entertainment. Local free Comic Book Day events will be held in several locations. Please check www.comicspro.org for the closest location to you.

Sunday May 8

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

