

## 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](http://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 Dilynjah 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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**Thursday April 28**

EXPLORE A CAREER IN NURSING AT CARRINGTON COLLEGE! Open house gives prospective students first-hand look at classroom experience and job opportunities. 1 – 4 p.m. Carrington College – Portland, 2004 Lloyd Center, 3rd Floor. For more info call 888-720-5014.

**Friday April 29**

HOUSE PARTY TO BENEFIT THE FOURTH ANNUAL NO FEST MUSIC AND ARTS FAIR! We've decided to keep it real and in the streets of St. Johns. 9:30 p.m. The Yellow House, 9114 N. Lombard \$1 donation to go for the InterArts.

PORTLAND LAST BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS EXHIBIT! Come enjoy an evening with former Vanport residents and younger generational members of the Black Community who will share their stories and poems. 6 – 8 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, 501 N. Graham

**Saturday April 30**

82ND AVE. OF ROSES PARADE & CARNIVAL DAY 2011! Cruise-in, community fair, carnival, live music and much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Eastport Plaza Shopping Center, 4000 SE 82nd Ave.

BHAKTISHOPS THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY! All ages Bhangra & Bollywood dance party with DJ Anjali & The Incredible kid. \$8.00 for adults, kids are free (no shoes, no booze, but lots of cupcakes) 7 – 10 p.m. The Bhaktishop, 2500 SE 26th Ave. For more info call 503-244-0108.

5TH ANNUAL ALL DAY SINGING & DINNER-ON-THE-GROUNDS! Anyone who loves to sing, regardless of musical experience or ability, is invited to add their voice to Portland Sacred Harp. 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Village Ballroom, 700 N. Dekum St. The event is free (donations accepted) and open to all ages.

**Sunday May 1**

MAYDAY RALLY AND MARCH! International Workers

Day: Jobs for All! Immigrant's rights are workers rights! 2 p.m. Activist Fair, 3 p.m. Rally, 4 p.m. March, 5:30 p.m. Post march rally at south park blocks. SW Park and Salmon, Portland.

**Wednesday March 4**

CAREER & JOB FAIR! Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) and Worksource Portland Metro East are hosting a career and job fair. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the MHCC Gymnasium at 26000 SE Stark St in Gresham.

**Thursday May 5**

FREE GREEN JOB TRAINING FOR WOMEN! Free, 6-week classes prepare women for green jobs in blue collar fields. Attend orientation on May 5 for classes starting May 24. Call 503-335-8200 ext 21 or email [info@tradeswomen.net](mailto:info@tradeswomen.net), or sign online at [www.tradeswomen.net](http://www.tradeswomen.net).

**Sunday May 8**

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

TAKE MOM TO THE TULIP FESTIVAL! All vendors, services, and attraction will be in full operation at the farm near Woodburn. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. 33814 S. Meridian Rd, Woodburn \$10 per vehicle.