

Animal Farm Releases Video, Single from Upcoming ‘Culture Shock’

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They might blow up but they’ll never go pop, at least according to Portland’s Animal Farm, who just released a dope – and spot-on satirical — new video for their single “Pop Music.”

Find the video featured on *The Skanner’s*



YouTube Channel, under our “New Entertainment” playlist.

While this picture still from the video might fool you into thinking that the group has hit an all-time low by resorting to flashy jewelry and fast money to lure gullible listeners — you’d be wrong. The song – featuring Fury, Serge Severe, Gen.Erik and Hanif Wondir – is a tongue-in-cheek look at a star’s rise to the top and fall from glory.

Filmed on location in Rose City – you’ll no doubt recognize many of the landmarks

and participants – the video makes fun of all the crass materialism that has over-saturated so much of mainstream hip hop for the last decade or more. Directed by Phil Haleen, the video’s a follow-up to Animal Farm’s single, “Test of Time,” which featured Talib Kweli. Both songs are featured on their new album, “Culture Shock” which is set to be released on May 17.

Listen to that tune – and watch their video — on their website, [www.focusednoise.blogspot.com](http://www.focusednoise.blogspot.com).

Catch them in town while you can. They’ve already shared the stage with the likes of Common, Method Man and Redman, and Wiz Khalifa. With “Culture Shock,” the boys at the Farm are making a serious move to make the nation listen to what they have to say. And it is definitely worth listening to.

Upcoming Shows:  
5/13- 330 Ritch w/ Foreign Legion, DJ Swamp (San Francisco,

- CA)
- 5/14- Crown Room Open Bar Party w/ Heiroglyphics (Portland, OR)
- 5/20- Ike Box CD Release Party (Salem, OR)
- 5/21- WOW Hall CD Release Party (Eugene, OR)
- 5/23- Capitol Club CD Release Party at Jet Set (Seattle,WA)
- 5/27- Mt. Tabor CD Release Party (Portland, OR)

Cool Nutz Celebrates Birthday With Stellar Line-Up at May 10 Show

It’s hard to beat a three day music fest that included a bracketed Connect Four tournament. But what this year’s annual Cool Nutz Birthday Party lacks in originality (sadly no Connect Four), it makes up for in droves in pure style and substance.

The 9 p.m. Tuesday May 10 show at Ash Street Saloon features not only the birthday boy himself, but a lineup of many of Cool Nutz’ frequent JusFamily Records collaborators and colleagues. Cool Nutz is extending the invite to anyone in Portland who appreciates the talent that he’s brought to the table.

The line-up for “A Birthday To Remember” includes: Maniac Lok, Illmaculate, Mikey Vegaz, Dubble OO, Arjay, Spark Diggz and J-Ritz & Saywords. DJ Fatboy and official Portland Trail Blazer DJ OG One will be hosting.



During these tough economic times, we need to do everything we can to protect the middle class.

Right now, the Oregon legislature is considering deep budget cuts to our local schools, senior care, children’s services and public safety.

The proposed state budget in Salem will close schools and eliminate school days, reduce in-home care and skilled nursing for 30,000 seniors, cut lifelines for the unemployed and slash funding for youth corrections by 25%.

But at the same time, the legislature voted to give nearly \$100 million away in tax breaks to corporations, and they’re even considering more tax breaks aimed at those who could most afford to share.

It’s unfair and irresponsible to give away more tax breaks to the rich, especially when it means deeper cuts to the services that middle-class families depend on.

How we respond to this crisis is a test of who we are as a people.

Now, some legislators in Salem want to hold on to more than \$440 million—all while we’re facing cuts to school days and seniors being denied critical care.

This is about priorities. Whose priorities will our legislators protect? Will lawmakers protect those who’ve been hurt most by the recession, or will they only protect those who are still doing well even in this recession?

Make Your Voice Heard.

We need to make sure that our legislators are making decisions based on the right priorities. Call your legislators now and ask them to stand up for middle-class families by using every available dollar to protect our schools, health care, and public safety.

To be connected to your legislators, call 1-800-332-2313. >> For more information, visit: [www.OregonMiddleClass.org](http://www.OregonMiddleClass.org).

