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February 5, 2008

It has been a while since we've heard from **Missy Elliott**, but now she is giving fans the opportunity to name her new album, which is due out on **Goldmind/Atlantic** in late Spring. CD-naming hopefuls can enter the contest via missy-elliott.com. The contest closes on February 20 and the winner will be announced on March 2. The lucky winner will receive credit on Missy's new album and a \$500 "Respect Me" adidas gift card. Meanwhile, fans have already gotten a sneak peek of what Elliott has been working on with "Ching-A-Ling," a new song which, along with Elliott's "Shake Your Pom Pom," will appear on both the *Step Up 2 The Streets* soundtrack (released today, 2/5) as well as on Elliott's forthcoming seventh album.



Missy Elliott

It has been determined that **UGK** rapper **Pimp C's** death was the result of an accidental overdose that was triggered by a large consumption of codeine medication combined with sleep apnea, according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office. Pimp C was found dead December 4 in a Los Angeles hotel after headlining a few shows in California with **Too Short**. According to *MTV News*, Pimp C had prescription promethazine/codeine in his system when he died. The assistant chief coroner in the L.A. County coroner's office, **Ed Winter**, said the effects of codeine, when combined with sleep apnea, are deadly. "He had prescription medication in him when he passed away, and the levels were elevated but not real high, so it wasn't an overdose from [the codeine], but we think it was a result of taking the cough medication with his sleeping problems," Winter told *MTV News*.

Amy Winehouse is still mulling a trip to Los Angeles for the Grammy Awards on Sunday, despite being checked into a London rehab facility. The singer recently visited the U.S. Embassy in London to discuss obtaining a visa so that she can travel to the States, where she is nominated for six Grammys. She was accompanied by her father, **Mitch Winehouse**, and a nurse from her treatment program. A rep for the singer said "no decision" has been made as to whether Winehouse will appear at the awards, according to *E!* "The appointment at the U.S. Embassy was made some time ago and was part of the process for obtaining a visa," the rep said. "Amy was accompanied by a nurse, as the appointment was under supervision. She has not left rehab and remains under the care of the clinic."

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In other Grammy news, a number of duets and collaborations have been announced for Sunday's broadcast. **John Fogerty**, **Little Richard** and **Jerry Lee Lewis** will play together as 'Cornerstones of Rock,' while **Fergie** and **John Legend** will team up for her hit "Big Girls Don't Cry." Also, **Josh Groban** and **Andrea Bocelli** will duet for the first time.

This year's **NBA** All-Star festivities will feature a musical lineup that will pay homage to the rebirth of New Orleans, where the game will be held. Led by **Harry Connick Jr.** and **Branford Marsalis**, the weekend will also feature performances by **Dr. John**, **Art Neville**, **Ivan Neville**, **Ellis Marsalis**, **Kermit Ruffins**, **Rebirth Brass Band**, **Trombone Shorty**, **Allen Toussaint**, **Amanda Shaw** and more. *American Idol* winner **Jordin Sparks** also will sing the track "Tattoo" from her self-titled debut album. Performances on all three nights (February 15 to 17) will air live on **TNT**. "New Orleans is a vibrant music Mecca and I'm proud to call this great city my home," said Harry Connick Jr. "Branford and I are truly grateful to the NBA for its commitment to put New Orleans and our extraordinary musicians on a global stage for the whole world to see."

Three surviving members of the **Grateful Dead** reunited at San Francisco's Warfield Theater on Monday for the first time in four years to perform in support of presidential candidate **Barack Obama**. "Every few generations a guy like this comes along," drummer **Mickey Hart** told a news conference, according to *Reuters*. "It seems like desperate times and we're desperate people." Hart then performed with **Bob Weir** and **Phil Lesh** in front of 2,400 fans who lined up for hours to attend the *Deadheads for Obama '08* event, which started with a short video from Obama in which he thanked the band.

Coldplay have updated fans on their progress on the band's fourth album. On *Coldplay.com*, they write, "Mixing has been slow and painstaking but that's just the nature of the beast. So... give us another month or so and we might just have an album worthy of your patience." The album had been rumored to be titled *Prospekt*, but the band debunks that rumor on the site as well. The new Coldplay record is due out sometime this spring.



Coldplay

The **Foo Fighters** have announced make-up dates for two gigs postponed due to illness. They will return to Fayetteville, AR on February 29 and to Oklahoma City on July 17. The Foes will also headline the *Stockholm Festival* in Sweden on June 14.

More bands have been added to the *Bamboozle* Festivals in California and New Jersey. **My Chemical Romance** and **Jimmy Eat World** will both play the *Bamboozle Left* fest on April 5 and 6. The reunited **Mighty Mighty Bosstones** and **Cobra Starship** have been added to the east coast *Bamboozle Festival* on May 3 and 4.

Rock The Earth, the environmental advocacy and defense organization that draws support from musicians and their fans, has received a grant from **Incubus** for its promotion of environmental awareness at concerts and festivals. The \$10,000 donation from Incubus's **Make Yourself Foundation** is the largest single donation the organization has received to

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date. The grant will help Rock The Earth reach their goal of a 50 percent increase in education, advocacy and outreach at concerts and events within the next year.

Beastie Boy Adam "MCA" Yauch is launching **Oscilloscope Pictures**, an independent film distribution and international sales company. Former **ThinkFilm** VP **David Fenkel** will run the unit, which is an arm of Yauch's music and film production outfit Oscilloscope Laboratories, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*. The company plans to acquire narrative and documentary features from festivals for release in the U.S. and provide funds to complete and release unfinished films. Its first theatrical release, set to be announced within the next month, will hit theaters by the summer.

Jack Johnson and **Dave Matthews** will headline the fifth annual *Kokua Festival* in Hawaii. The pair will perform at the Waikiki Shell in Honolulu on April 19 and 20, which is Earth Day weekend. Matthews will perform an acoustic set with **Tim Reynolds**. Proceeds from the event go to the **Kokua Hawaii Foundation**, a non-profit organization founded by Jack and Kim Johnson to support environmental education programs in the schools and communities of Hawaii.


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