

# Entertainment Outlook

## Watch for these summer concerts

### VIDEO BEAT



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It's not long until summer. So, the major outdoor-concert sites are gearing up for national tour time.

The big guns this season on the stadium circuit will be Madonna, David Bowie, Paul McCartney and teen phenomenon New Kids on the Block.

Janet Jackson still has to complete her Rhythm Nation dates, and Aerosmith, Motley Crue and Depeche Mode will be doing abbreviated road treks.

Also, look for stadium appearances by Phil Collins, Robert Plant, Don Henley, Chicago, Heart, the B-52s and Bonnie Raitt.

And, of course, no concert season would be complete without ... yes, a tour from the Grateful Dead.

The band often called "The Grateful Dead of Punk" is celebrating its (believe it or not) 16th anniversary. The Ramones are marking the occasion by releasing their entire catalog on compact disc at special two-for-one prices.

The collection is called "Ramones: All the Stuff Plus More," and also in-

cludes a home video with footage from the bandmates' personal archives. It all hits the stores in June.

U2, Fine Young Cannibals, Lou Reed, Jody Watley and Sinead O'Connor are only some of the artists involved in "Red Hot and Blue," a multimedia special planned for World AIDS Day (Dec. 1, 1990).

Also involved in the huge benefit broadcast will be top directors Jonathan Demme, Wim Wenders, Derek Jarman and John Sayles, as well as visual artists including David Hockney and Robert Longo.

The most unusual hook for this international television broadcast/album release is that all the music will be compositions by Cole Porter. The proceeds will benefit AIDS research and relief.

Watch for an uncredited young actor who bears a striking resemblance to Donovan playing the part of the flower-power singer in Oliver Stone's upcoming Doors flick. The young actor: Donovan Leitch Jr.

Profile records is having a small problem setting up press interviews with its hot new rap act, Ron "C." It seems that in between his album's recording sessions and its release date, Ron "C" found himself in a Texas penitentiary, serving up to 20 years on a drug charge.

"He has limited access to the telephone," says the record company, which adds that it had no idea the artist was in trouble when they signed him.

Richard Marx is going to donate the royalties from his new single, "Children of the Night," to the Hollywood charity of the same name. The organization, which helps teen-age runaways, actually inspired the song; some of the ex-prostitutes and recovering addicts helped by Children of the Night also sing backup on the track.

Meat Loaf, who made his name (literally) as an extra-large-economy-size rocker, has slimmed down from 380 pounds to a mere 260 on one of those liquid meal diets. Now he plans to become a commercial-spokesperson for the company.

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THE GRATEFUL DEAD is planning a concert tour this summer. So are Madonna, David Bowie, Paul McCartney and the New Kids on the Block.

## Check for Vital Signs

Three years ago, well-known British TV reporter Glyn Worsnip was told he had cerebellar ataxia...a rare brain disease affecting both movement and speech. Like many thousands of people suffering from similar, little-known diseases, he wanted to know what kind of research is going on, and what the chances are for finding cures for these diseases. *Vital Signs: In My Lifetime?*, Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 p.m., is one man's journey to find out how medical research happens.

While everyone can understand the intoxicating and compelling promise of a major breakthrough in finding cures for diseases, such breakthroughs are rare. Often a breakthrough is a step forward in knowledge that may not change treatment for many years. This program is a unique and personal voyage that starts in the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London. Worsnip sets out to discover what, if anything, is holding back research to help patients with untreatable conditions like his. The answers are not simple, but they do seem to start with money.

While celebrities help fund-raising efforts for widely known diseases, little is done for the rarer ones...nor is there much chance of government funding for research on these diseases. What is the solution? Will Worsnip receive news of a cure for cerebellar ataxia in his lifetime?

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