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**P**rotechnics, huge video screens, complicated stage lighting and loud, live music will have millions of people in line for their favorite musical act this summer and well into the fall.

Bands of all genres spend more than half the year touring around the world bringing chart-topping albums to life. From Destiny's Child to Aerosmith to 'NSYNC, the normal, run-of-the-mill concert has been transformed into a musical production involving theatrics, special effects and an array of costume changes.

One of the most long-awaited tours of the year is of none other than Madonna. It has been eight years since her extravagant "Girlie Show" tour. Madonna follows up with her "Drowned World Tour 2001" (July 31st to September 22nd) and it is sure to please her fans. The innovative Madonna draws inspiration from the elements of flamenco, martial arts, punk rock, country and western and

the circus to make this a true theatrical event. Unfortunately, she only will be hitting 12 cities in the United States, so not all of her fans will be able to enjoy this thrilling concert.

No matter how annoying everyone thinks they are, the boy bands of the 21st century are back to stake their claim on every teeny-bopper who worships them. The Backstreet Boys (June 8th to August 31st) and 'NSYNC (June 5th to August 24th) will be out on tour to please millions of screaming 12-year-olds. Surprisingly so, it is not only teens who tend to flock to these boy band concerts.

"I love 'NSYNC. I went to their concert last year, and they were so awesome. It's only obvious that I'd go again this year," said Candice Bateria, a Texas A&M graduate.

What better way to promote music than to make a tour dedicated to the teen-based MTV request show, Total Request Live (TRL)? Destiny's Child will be headlining this tour that also fea-

tures hip-hop artists Eve and Nelly, and pop stars Dream, 3LW and Jessica Simpson. The tour (July 18th to September 23rd) will have millions of avid TRL watchers screaming their heads off.

Country superstar Tim McGraw takes his music on his plainly titled tour "Tim McGraw on Tour" (July 10th to August 27th). He will be stopping in many cities around Texas including Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. McGraw definitely will be a crowd pleaser to country lovers everywhere, especially in Texas.

Following her successful "Velvet Rope Tour," Janet Jackson is already on her highly anticipated "All For You Tour" (July 5th to December 17th). The venues and dates of her tour continually change, but one could expect nothing but the best from this pop diva.

"Janet sure can rock the roof off of any arena she performs in," said Mickey Lee, a junior biomedical sciences

major. "I have been waiting for her to go on tour since I went to her 'Velvet Rope' concert. Ever since then, I am totally in love with her."

Many groups and artists tend to collaborate to go on tour together. "The Warped Tour" (June 22nd to August 12th) offers 30 bands per show, giving the tour different acts for each venue. Rock groups such as Rancid, Pennywise, the Rollins Band and the Vandals are just some of the groups joining this tour. Newcomer Nelly Furtado, along with famous DJ, Moby, and hip-hop groups Outkast and The Roots all headline a tour entitled Area: One (July 11th to August 5th). Various other groups such as Incubus are involved.

Ozzfest (June 8th to August 11th) will feature rock acts such as Black Sabbath, Marilyn Manson, Slipknot, Papa Roach, Linkin Park, Crazy Town, Disturbed and Mudvayne. Ozzfest is a definite for those who are looking for a good mosh pit.

Many music artists use their tour as a promotional effort for their latest album. Fun-loving punk band Blink-182 will tour promoting their new album, *Take Off Your Pants and Jacket* (July 4th to July 23rd), while the Dave Matthews Band will be bringing their original sound all over the globe (July 17th to August 28th).

Many music legends such as Stevie Nicks, James Taylor and John Mellencamp will be taking their timeless music on tour. Rock veterans Aerosmith also are touring (July 17th to August 21st). These rock legends show that you do not have to be young and pop to continue making good music and taking it on tour.

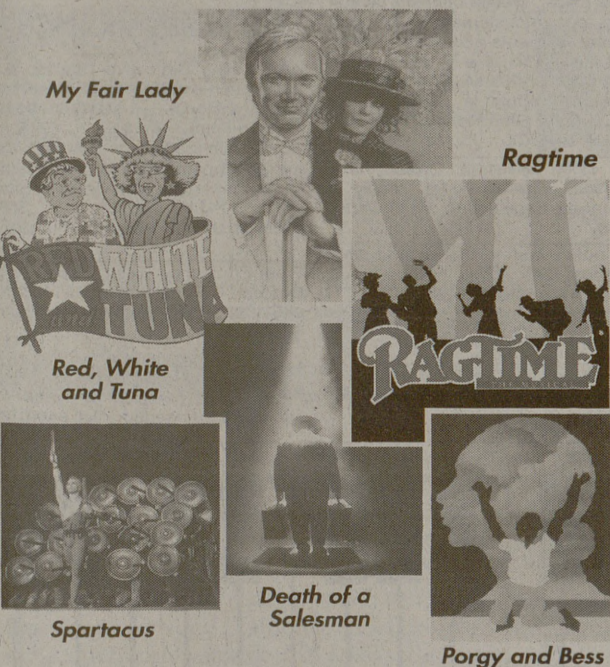
Whether someone's taste in music is hip-hop, pop, country or rock, there is at least one concert this summer that one can enjoy. For information on any concert, surf the net or the local ticket sales office. The summer always brings overbearing heat, but it also brings scorching live music.



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