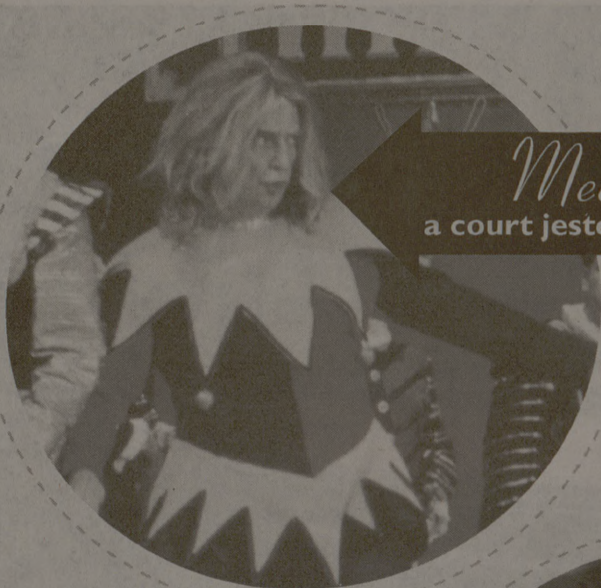


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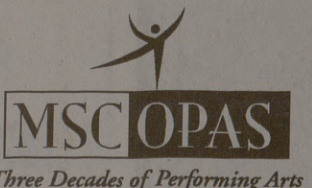
MSC OPAS continues the Main Stage season by presenting an Italian-style tragedy on a grand scale with RIGOLETTO. To be performed by the distinguished Opera Verdi Europa, RIGOLETTO tells a touching story between a devoted father and a loving daughter. Only - their story turns tragic when she falls in love with the Duke and under the curse of a mysterious Count.

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Dave Matthews Band stages free concert in NYC's Central Park

By Madison J. Gray
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Dave Matthews band kept tens of thousands of fans on their feet at a free concert in Central Park as part of a fund-raiser for music programs in the nation's largest public school system.

The concert was sponsored by America Online, which has held other fund-raisers and donated \$1 million to New York City schools. AOL handed out 70,000 free tickets before the concert through its Web site and on the streets.

With its brand of funk, jazz and worldbeat fusion, the band entertained the crowd with hits like "Where are You Going" and "Two Step." The concert Wednesday followed in the tradition of Diana Ross, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, Barbara Streisand and Garth Brooks, who also

performed for free at the park.

The band opened with "Don't Drink the Water," a 10 top hit in 1998. The group has released a dozen albums and has had 10 top 10 singles.

"So nice to run into you in the park here, the greatest park in the world, and the greatest city in the world," Matthews said to wild applause.

For Joe Bruno, 18, of Brick, N.J., Wednesday's concert marked his 28th time seeing the band — and his 13th time this year.

"They're my favorite band by far," he said. "It's all happy, it's all friendly, and unlike other concerts there are different kinds of people here and nobody's fighting."

The money given by AOL is the second major private donation to the city's public school system in the past two weeks.

Microsoft Corp. chairman Bill Gates last week donated \$51.2 million to develop 67 new high schools.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

AFI honors Charlton Heston

LOS ANGELES (AP) — And the first-ever Charlton Heston award goes to ... Charlton Heston.

The American Film Institute announced Wednesday it has presented Heston with the new award named in his honor, intended to acknowledge people who have made distinguished contributions to movies and television and the AFI itself.

Heston, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, received the award at his home Tuesday.

"For decades, he has been a major presence in movies and television around the world, and his strong spirit of commitment to AFI lives on through this honor," said Howard Stringer, AFI board chairman.

Heston, who turns 80 next week, was AFI board chairman from 1971-82 and AFI president from 1983-2002. He also was president of the Screen Actors Guild from 1965-71.

Heston won the best actor Academy Award for 1959's "Ben-Hur" and received an honorary Oscar in 1978 for his humanitarian efforts.

Last year, Heston became an unwitting cast member in another Oscar winner, Michael Moore's gun-control critique "Bowling for Columbine." Heston allowed Moore into his home for an interview, curtly walking off when Moore began confronting him with blunt questions about gun violence.

'N Sync's Lance Bass supports World Space Week in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — While his plans to fly to the international space station were canceled last year, 'N Sync singer Lance Bass remains an avid supporter of space travel.

He'll return to Houston, to promote space math and science to students as part of World Space Week.

"I'm very excited about flying in space one day," Bass said Wednesday. "What excites me even more is the possibility that eventually nearly anyone will be able to travel in space just as easily as taking a plane from L.A. to Houston. But that day will only arrive if today's young people choose to build an extraordinary future for themselves."

During World Space Week, from Oct. 4-10, Bass will visit several Houston elementary and middle schools and review design proposals for "Lance's Lab," a competition in which students will create a hypothetical space station module in which the singer could live.

Bass, 24, would have been the youngest person ever in space. He had to cancel plans to fly to the space station aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft last October because he failed to raise the estimated \$20 million fare.

World Space Week, which the United Nations General Assembly established in 1999, is a celebration with events around the world.

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