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## The Players of Rigoletto



Meet **RIGOLETTO**, a court jester and star of our show.



Meet **THE DUKE**, admirer of Rigoletto's daughter.



Meet **THE COUNTESS**, admirer of The Duke.



Meet **GILDA**, Rigoletto's daughter.

It's an opera. But don't let that scare you. The storyline is easy to follow. The costumes are vibrant and colorful. The singing...well these opera voices are some of the best you'll ever hear. Plus, it's presented by MSC OPAS, the same organization that brought you RENT last year.

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.

**RIGOLETTO**  
Opera Verdi Europa  
A Company of 100 With a Live Symphony Orchestra  
Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 PM  
Rudder Auditorium

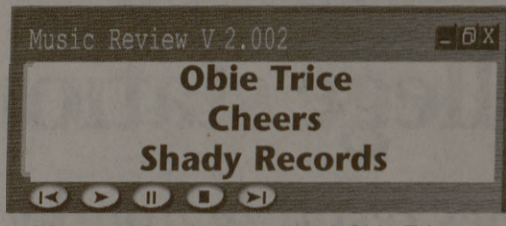
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# FEEL THE BEAT



Most people who have heard Obie Trice recognize him from his work on Eminem's Marshall Mather's LP, but due to the overwhelming success of 50 Cent and Eminem's shameless promotion of him, Obie has seemingly been lost in the mix.

But make no mistake, with "Cheers," Obie has officially arrived.

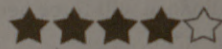
His first solo album is a perfect example of the abundance of talent at Shady/Aftermath records. Sure, the CD has its share of obligatory sex, drug and gun references, but unlike most rappers, Obie sets himself apart with his personality, wit and an uncanny ability to call it like he sees it, especially in regards to women.

For example, on "Lady," with Eminem, the two lament over their trouble dealing with the opposite sex, with Eminem finally telling Kim (his on-again, off-again wife) that the next time she misses her Eminem-imposed curfew, he'll kill her. Literally. Obie struggles more with finding women who aren't just interested in his fame and public persona, but as his song "Bad Bitch" details, he rarely has such luck. It must be hard being a rap star.

Guest appearances abound on "Cheers," with 50 Cent, Eminem, Lloyd Banks, Kon Artis, Busta Rhymes and Nate Dogg all have solid verses on various songs. "We All Die One Day," with Busta Rhymes and Eminem is a particularly violent song with Obie admitting, "I got issues. I got no love. I got guns that mourn (peoples') minds. I shoot clubs and destroy (peoples') vibes. Everybody's running for their (expletive) lives."

Clearly, this isn't a CD to listen to with headphones around, but "Don't Come Down" and "Lovers in My Eyes" help round out a solid fresh album from Obie.

This CD is a must-have for anyone who is a hardcore Shady/Aftermath fan, just don't expect your parents to appreciate it when you're home the weekends.



--George Deane

Make it stop, my ears are bleeding  
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### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### New ballgame for Strawberry

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Former baseball slugger Darryl Strawberry's new purpose in life is to bring the message of recovery from alcohol and drug abuse to as many people as possible.

"A lot of people don't understand recovery and the nature of the disease and how it affects families," Strawberry said. "More people need to look at it face to face. Some people have to know there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Strawberry, 41, appeared at the "Stepping to Recovery" three-mile walk in Tampa's Lowry Park.

Strawberry, an eight-time All-Star was released from Gainesville Correctional Institution in Florida in April after serving 11 months of an 18-month prison sentence for violating probation on cocaine possession charges.

"Being through everything from addiction through incarceration, you see that it not only

affects you," he said. "Your family suffers through your addiction."

#### Drew Carey performs in Saddam's hometown

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Comedian Drew Carey performed at an American base in Saddam Hussein's hometown, staging the show for the troops in front of a bomb-damaged palace.

Carey entertained hundreds of soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division for more than an hour on a stage in front of Saddam's main Tikrit palace. Flanked by two tanks, Carey showed up on stage in a desert camouflage uniform.

"We just came here to tell you that we appreciate you and that we support you completely," Carey said Sunday.

Carey is the star of "The Drew Carey Show" and hosts the improvisational comedy show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

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