

STREET SCENE

Rush will play The Palace without opening band



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Last week Rush started pre-tour rehearsals for its "Test For Echo" (Atlantic) touring through the United States nestled in the Adirondack mountains in upstate New York, and drummer Neal Peart reports that everything is going just fine.

The 2 1/2-hour show, which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, Oct. 25, marks plenty of first-times for the band. First, there will be no opening band.

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"This time we figured after all these years and all the material we have, we wanted more time for our shows. It's a really long show - 2 1/2 hours of music alone with an intermission. It gives us a lot of freedom to do old and new songs, old stuff that we've never played live before. That's a treat for us and for our fans."

Peart explained that one of the songs will be "2112," from the 1976 album of the same name. Rush has played abridged versions of "2112" but "it had never been played in its entirety." The

set will also include "Natural Science" from 1981's "Moving Pictures."

Rush performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at The Palace. Tickets are \$40 and \$27.50. For more information, call (810) 377-0100.

• The Cleveland band Dink has never been too thrilled about the constrictive title of "industrial band." But it's sure to go away with the recent release of the "Blame It On Tito" EP. Hip-hop flavored interludes and roughed up pop passages are still there, but the album is

much more guitar driven.

"Most of the writing started on guitar rather than on machines," said guitarist/singer/programmer Sean Carlin. "I find our thing much more akin to bands like the Sex Pistols. I see ourselves as a garage band with a computer. We are very, very low-fi, high tech."

The five-song EP features the original version of Dink's hit single "Green Mind," as well as the band's reinvention of Neil Young's "Ohio," an account of the disturbances at Kent State University.

"We all kind of live in the Kent area. We all went to Kent State. There's still some weirdness about it here in Kent."

"Blame It On Tito" is a teaser to an as-of-yet unnamed full-length debut due out in February or March. The album may include remixes by members of Consolidated and Download, and David Ogilvie.

"We're going to balance the record out with machine-driven and guitar stuff."

• Those went to Hootie and the Blowfish's show Friday, Oct. 18, at the Breslin Center on Michigan State University's campus and were thoroughly entertained may want to consider getting a wedding gift for drummer Jim Sonefield, who married Deborah Mason Saturday, Sept. 28, in Birmingham.

According to their gift registry at Hudson's, the couple is still in need of a Cuisinart/Conair stockpot (\$129), natural-colored Polo bath towels (\$14.99), hand towels (\$5.99) and washcloths (\$9.99); and white Polo bath towels for the second bathroom.

• Misc.: Grammy Award-winning producer and songwriter Glen Ballard has formed Java Records with Capitol Records. Ballard, the producer and co-writer behind Alanis Morissette's multi-platinum debut "Jagged Little Pill" (Maverick), will serve

as producer, songwriter and A&R rep for the joint venture. Capitol Records will distribute the label and work with Java staff in the marketing and promotion of upcoming releases. ... Detroit rappers I.C.P. play hometown shows Wednesday, Oct. 30; Thursday, Oct. 31, at The Palladium, 17680 Frazee; Roseville. Among the material in their set will be songs from the duo's upcoming album "The Great Milenko" (Hollywood), due out in early 1997. White Zombie singer Rob Zombie will direct the video for the as-of-yet undecided debut single. For more information about the shows, call (810) 778-6404.

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