

# AN APOLLO NIGHT IN LAS VEGAS

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Although there wasn't a Sandman escorting disappearing contestants off the stage or an array of boos in the air. A capacity crowd of more than 1,000 persons were enthusiastically entertained as local talent performed in the Las Vegas version of the "Apollo Showcase".

The event, sponsored by KCEP FM 88.1, gave 28 groups the opportunity to showcase their various

talents upon the stage of the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Theater. Local and celebrity judges awarded trophies, cash prizes, and gifts to winners in the dance, vocal, comedy, and creative expression categories.

"The event and the turnout was a real success" said Galaxy Glen, event coordinator, host and station personality. "Everyone involved with the production were truly appreciative of the crowd's

conduct and supportive embrace of all the performers."

All participants won a star on the shows program by beating out more than 128 qualified contestants during a week long audition process. "Each person and group that auditioned could have made the show if time permitted" said Glen.

The event winners were Diva's of Tomorrow (overall first place and dance), Brown Sugar (overall

second place), DNI (overall third place and vocal group), Bruce Allen (male vocalist), Ebony Shandrell (female vocalist), Michael Brown (comedy), MK420 (rap) and Mary Scaffy (creative expression).

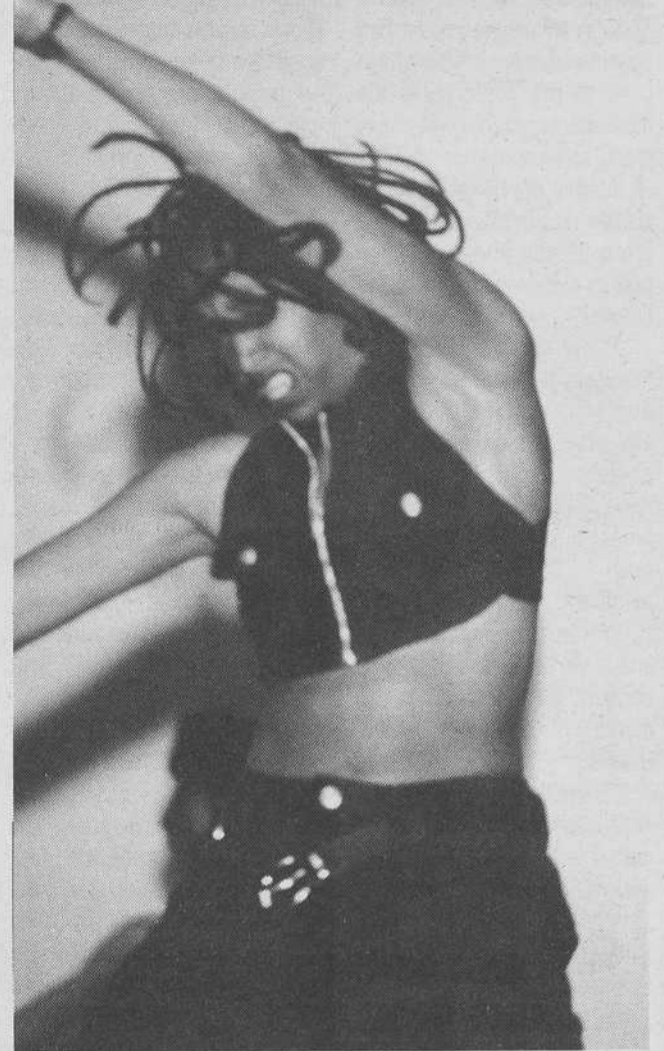
The event concluded KCEP's "Radio-Thon" fund-raiser drive and is scheduled to occur on a semi-annual basis to give other artists the opportunity to showcase their talent.



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