Pinkett Smith, Lewis enjoy jammi

CONN. (AP) - Jada Pinkett Smith, Juliette Lewis and their respective bands -Pinkett's Wicked Wisdom and Lewis' Juliette and the Licks — literally brought hard rock to the opening of the Hard Rock Cafe inside Foxwoods Resort and Casino.

"I'm about to unleash some serious energy," Lewis told The Associated Press on Thursday as she descended into the cafe via the massive stairway entrance, just steps away from the bells and whistles of the casino's slots.

The actresses and their newborn rock ensembles performed (Jada first, Juliette second) for hundreds of invitees and a handful of Hollywood celebs.

"I'm surprised," actress Chloe Sevigny ("Boys Don't Cry," "The Brown Bunny")



Actress/singer Jada Pinkett Smith performs during the opening of The Hard Rock Cafe at Foxwoods Resort Casino, in Mashantucket, Conn. on Thursday.

said of Pinkett Smith's performance. "She's quite good. I like her hair.'

Before wailing into the the AP. "It's nice." microphone and shaking her long locks onstage, Pinkett Smith christened the new Hard Rock location by smashing a guitar on the red

obliterate the instrument.

"I've never been to a Hard Rock before," Sevigny told

Lewis made her presence known when she jumped on the Hard Rock stage clad in a purple getup more suitable for Catwoman. Throughout carpet. It took three thrusts to the punk-rock set, Lewis' intensely physical performance seemed to channel the likes of her musical inspirations Iggy Pop and Grace Jones.

"I put all my sexual energy into music," said Lewis, who called the Foxwoods gig "one little step" for Juliette and the Licks.

The band can be seen next at the Voodoo Music Experience in New Orleans in Octo-

Frequent Foxwoods player Michael Imperioli (Chris Moltisanti in "The Sopranos") was hounded by female fans while Pinkett Smith was flanked by burly bodyguards.

With the fifth season of "The Sopranos" in the bag and the next season not premiering until sometime in 2006, what's on Imperioli's to-do list? "Hopefully get a job," he mused.

Petrie also served in a

Petrie was born in Glace

number of leadership posi-

tions with the Directors Guild

Bay, Nova Scotia. He began

a television career in 1960

with NBC and over the next

five decades directed dozens

Sidney Poitier in 1961's "A

Raisin in the Sun," Petrie's

movie work included 1980's

"Resurrection," starring Ellen

Burstyn, 1981's "Fort

In addition to directing

of series and specials.

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'Raisin in the Sun' director Petrie dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) Daniel Petrie, who directed "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Fort Apache, The Bronx" and won Emmy awards during a half-century career in movies and television, has died. He was 83.

Petrie died of cancer Sunday at his Los Angeles home, said his son, Daniel Petrie Jr.

Petrie won directing Emmys for 1976's "Eleanor and Franklin" and for "Eleanor and Franklin: The White House Years" in 1977.

"There's a common thread



Sidney Poitier, right, acts in a "Raisin in the Sun."

Jay-Z, R. Kelly to tour

NEW YORK (AP) - Jay-Z and R. Kelly are going back in time. Their planned 2002 tour never materialized because of child pornography charges against Kelly. Now they're set to open "The Best of Both Worlds" tour Sept. 30 in Chicago.

The U.S. tour, which takes its name from their 2002 album, will travel to more than 40 cities before ending in Phoenix on Nov. 28.

They appeared together last year at Jay-Z's concert at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Kelly, whose real name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, faces 14 counts of child pornography in Chicago and has pleaded innocent.

In March, prosecutors in Florida dropped all 12 child pornography charges against Kelly, 37, after a judge ruled that photos allegedly showing the R&B singer having sex with an underage girl were illegally seized.

Kelly's new album, "Happy People/U Saved Me," was released Tuesday. His hits include "Ignition," "Step in the Name of Love" and the Grammy-winning "I Believe I Can Fly."

Jay-Z, 34, is the leading nominee for the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards with six nominations for his jarring video for "99 Problems," which depicts his own murder as a metaphor for his retirement from rapping. The awards will be presented Sunday in Miami.

in all of his work of a real concern for the human condition," his son told the trade paper Hollywood Reporter. "He explored difficult subjects, often ahead of his time," including "A Raisin in the Sun," which dealt with racism, and "The Dollmaker," starring Jane Fonda, which

dealt with women as bread-

Apache, The Bronx," with Paul Newman, and 1978's "The Betsy." Petrie also wrote and directed a 1984 autobiographical movie, "The Bay Boy," that won Genie awards, Canada's equivalent of the Oscar, for best picture and best screenplay.

