

Tickets for Black Eyed Peas concert to go on sale

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Tickets for the April 16 concert at Alfred University's McLane Center by Grammy Award-nominees Black-Eyed Peas, will be available to the public beginning March 2, at a cost of \$25 each. Tickets for students at Alfred University and Alfred State College will go on sale Friday, Feb. 20, at a cost of \$20 each. They will be available at the Powell Campus Center on the AU campus and at Orvis Activities Center on the ASC campus. Additional information about the ticket sales and the concert may be obtained by calling the AU Student Activities Board, 607 871 2230. Dan Napolitano, director of Student Activities for Alfred University, noted that contests to give away free tickets will be held in conjunction with local radio stations, including WKPQ in Hornell and WALF, the AU radio station. Portions of the performances may contain explicit lyrics, according to Napolitano, and parental guidance is encouraged for those younger than college age. Musician Cee-Lo Green has been added as a co-headliner for the April 16 concert, which is being sponsored by the Alfred University Student Activities Board, in conjunction with Umoja, Poder Latino, ALANA Affairs and the Higher Education Opportunities Program office. The Black Eyed Peas received national radio exposure this summer with the hit song "Where is the Love" from their new album "Elephunk." The group will also be performing at the 2004 Grammy Awards where they are up for three Grammy awards including Record of the Year. The members of Black Eyed Peas are will.i.am, apl.de.ap, Taboo and newcomer Fergie. They say they named their album "Elephunk" to conjure up a big, deep funk sound. Produced in its entirety by will.i.am and apl, the album boasts a mix of live instruments and traditional hip-hop samples and beats. mixes the group's breathless verbal acrobatics with a very conscious view of the world. Cee-Lo Green is preparing for the release of his second solo album entitled "Cee-Lo Green is the Soul Machine" debuting this March. The album contains collaboration with such Hip Hop talents as Ludacris, Timbaland, and The Neptunes. Cee-Lo's sound has been called a fusion of "blues, r&b, funk, rock, gospel, and hip hop." Cee-Lo first broke into the music scene as a founding member and driving force behind the band Goodie Mob, a group that disbanded in 1999. His 2002 solo debut, "Cee-Lo Green and His Perfect Imperfections," which featured the hit song "Closet Freak," was critically praised with both a Grammy nomination and included on the Shortlist Award's top ten most innovative works of the year. Cee-Lo has been credited many times as being the inspiration for much of the sound and style of recent Grammy-champs, Outkast. Cee-Lo and Outkast are frequent collaborators and both part of a hip-hop collective called The Dungeon Family.