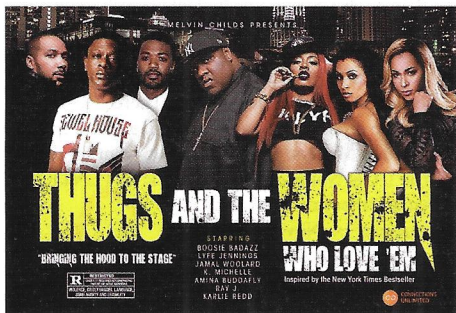
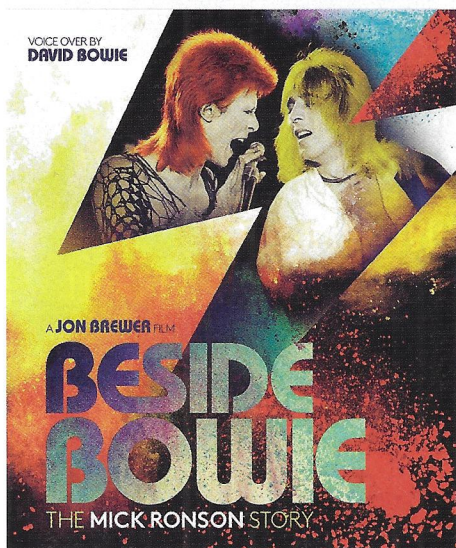


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Thugs And The Women Who Love Em, a hip-hop musical inspired by New York Times bestselling author **Wahida Clark's** 2005 book, kicked off a fall tour in Oakland, CA, on Oct. 3. The stage production includes an all-star cast of R&B and hip-hop artists including **Ray J, K. Michelle, Sevyn Streeter, Jamal Woolard, Boosie Badazz, Lyfe Jennings** and **Karlie Redd**. Produced by veteran theater producer **Melvin Childs** and directed by **Zadia Ife**, the production features songs from each of the artists. For a list of tour stops and to purchase tickets, visit MelvinChildsPresents.com. Contact Simone Smalls at info@strategieheights.com for more information.



After a string of September theater showings, **Beside Bowie: The Mick Ronson Story**, will be released on DVD and Blu-ray on Oct. 27. The **Jon Brewer**-directed documentary special captures the collaboration between mega-star **David Bowie** and the less-celebrated but equally talented guitar virtuoso **Mick Ronson**, who died in 1993 while working on a solo album. Ronson's musical resume includes contributions to **The Man Who Sold the World, Aladdin Sane, Hunky Dory** and **The Jean Genie**. The film includes exclusive voiceover contributions from Bowie, who first initiated what would become a key working relationship with Ronson. For more information, contact **Clint Weiler** at Clint@mvd2b.com.



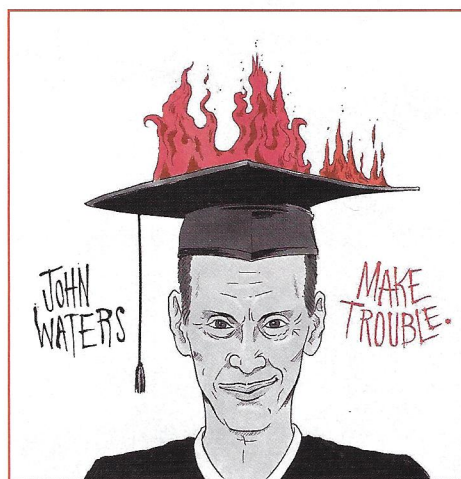
Step Up: High Water, YouTube Red's first major big-budget original drama series, will debut this December featuring **Ne-Yo, Naya Rivera** and **Faizon Love** as well as newcomers **Jade Chynoweth, Lauryn McClain, Petrice Jones, Marcus Mitchell, Carlito Olivero, Terrence**

Green, Eric Graise and **R. Marcos Taylor**. Based on the hugely successful *Step Up* film franchise, the drama revolves around ambitious young dancers enrolled in a contemporary performing arts school in Atlanta. Co-stars **Channing Tatum** and **Jenna Dewan Tatum** are reuniting with **Adam Shankman** as executive producers, and viewers will hear songs from **2 Chainz** and Grammy-winning singer-songwriter **Jason "PooBear" Boyd** and **"Jingle" Jared Gutstadt**. For more info, contact **Shae Dewaal** at SDewaal@RogersAndCowan.com.

Following a September digital release, "king of cult" **John Waters' audio album Make Trouble** was released Oct. 6 as a 7" vinyl single via **Third Man Records**. The album features Waters reading his commencement speech delivered at **Rhode Island School of Design** and published earlier this year by **Algonquin Books**. The recordings are produced by Grammy winner **Ian Brennan (Tinariwen, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Zomba Prison Project)**. Contact **Ken Weinstein** at Weinstein@BigHassle.com for more details.

Three new television series are in the works as part of a collaboration between **Universal Music Group** and entertainment production company **Grace/Beyond**, led by **Beat Bugs** creator **Josh Wakely, Mikael Borglund** and **Trevor Roy**. The series titles include **27, Melody Island** and **Mixtape**. Inspired by the legendary

figures who died tragically at this young age, **27** explores the lives of a variety of fictional characters who come to a crossroads at age 27 and features songs from artists spanning the UMG publishing catalogs. **Melody Island** is a children's series with each episode inspired by a classic UMG master or composition. **Mixtape** is a drama mirroring the way a mixtape works—fast-forwarding, pausing and rewinding on the pivotal moments that define the characters' lives. Contact **Adrianna Paidas** at Adrianna.Paidas@beckmedia.com for more info.



Just in time for Halloween, a special edition DVD of **Alice Cooper's Welcome to My Nightmare** concert film is out now, including the first-ever DVD release of the 1975 television special **Alice Cooper: The Nightmare**, also starring the late horror film actor **Vincent Price**. For further

details, contact **Shanna Wynn-Shirreffs** at Shanna@KayosProductions.com.

Music from the television series **This Is Us** is out now via **UMe** as well as the complete first season on DVD. The hit show features a 20-song soundtrack curated by show creator and executive producer **Dan Fogelman**, music supervisor **Jennifer Pyken** and composer/musician **Siddhartha Khosla**. The soundtrack features songs by **Wilco, Paul Simon, This Is Us** star **Mandy Moore, Sufjan Stevens, Gene Clark, Jackson C. Frank** and more. Contact **Sujata Murthy** at Sujata.Murthy@UMusic.com for details.