

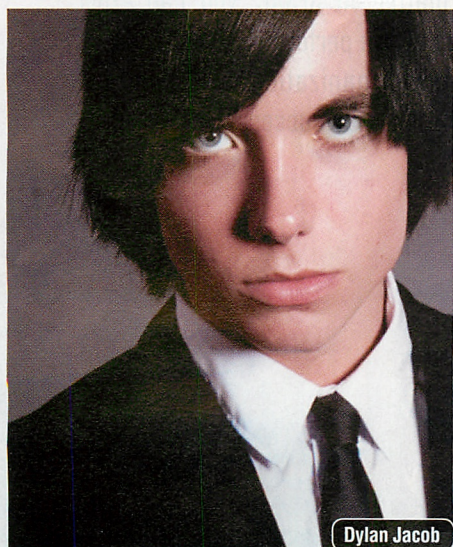


AKB48

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➤ **New People Entertainment**, a film division of **New People, Inc.** that focuses on the licensing and distribution of Japanese films and media, has just released **Documentary of AKB48**. The all-girl **AKB48** was conceived in 2005 by **Yasushi Akimoto**, one of Japan's most respected music producers. Beginning as a small singing group based in the Akihabara district of Tokyo—the city's bustling electronics and anime/pop culture shopping mecca—AKB48 has grown to 60 members and topped Japan's **Oricon** music charts. The new music biopic follows the Japanese pop idol group on their rise to fame. The release is available exclusively online for \$19.99 through the **NEW PEOPLE** store at <http://store.newpeopleworld.com>.

The **Doughboys'** new film **Rock n' Raw** recently premiered in New York. The group first formed in 1965 and came back together with a bang in 2000. **Little Steven Van Zandt** has chosen a slew of tunes from their two CDs, **Act Your Rage** and **Is It Now?**, as "coolest songs in the world" on his **Sirius/XM Underground Garage** show. For more information, visit <http://thedoughboysnj.com>.



Dylan Jacob

Fresh off their opening number at the **2011 Soul Train Awards**, the **Original 7ven**, the band known as **the Time** when they appeared in **Prince's Purple Rain** film, are out pumping their new album, **Condensate**. The first single, "#Trendin'," was the No. 1 most-added song in the adult urban radio format in its first week out. A major force in the Minneapolis sound phenomenon, each of the seven musicians—**Morris Day**, **Jesse Johnson**, **Jimmy Jam**, **Terry Lewis**, **Jellybean Johnson**, **Monte Moir** and **Jerome Benton**—went on to successful individual careers with each scoring No. 1 chart toppers before coming back together for the first time in 21 years to record **Condensate**. For more information, contact Shelly Mullins at Webster & Associates, shelly@websterpr.com.

➤ New music artist **Dylan Jacob** has released his first two songs as music videos on **YouTube**. Both tunes, "Crazy" and "Dreams," have themes about a young man dealing with the issues of being a pop-rock star. Jacob also has two more videos about to be released on YouTube, "I Will Rescue You" and "Kiss Fix." All four videos were shot by film director **Cody Jarrett**. Jacob, who is also an actor, "does not mind giving his music away free on YouTube, for now," says his management team. "We have a long-term marketing strategy that includes TV, movies, touring, and maybe even a record deal. The focus is on brand building, identifying the audience for Dylan and providing that audience with the right combination of musical, vocal and visual appeal."

According to the artist, who also plays bass, drums, harmonica and guitar, "It's hard to imagine singing and writing songs and not including videos. The integrity of the music is really important, as well as playing live, but it may not matter if you don't have a large audience. I love making music and making people happy."

The videos were shot at a sound stage in Hollywood, CA, and on location in nearby Franklin Canyon, North Hollywood, Sherman Oaks and Las Vegas, NV. See <http://dylanj.com>. For more information, contact goodmanjoe@aol.com.

➤ On Jan. 26, 20 cinemas across 20 cities worldwide will host an exclusive advance screening offering fans the first chance to see **Don't Think**, a new film by **Adam Smith** focusing on **the Chemical Brothers**. Filmed with 20 cameras at a headline show at Japan's **Fujirock Festival**, **Don't Think** is the first time the full **Chemical**

Brothers' live experience has been captured on film. It is due to be shown on more than 500 screens in over 20 territories. For screenings in your area, visit <http://donthinkmovie.com>. For further information, contact Pam Workman at Workman Entertainment & Public Relations, pam@workmanentertainment.com.

Renowned punk trio, **MxPx** have released the music documentary **Both Ends Burning**, featuring footage from the band's 2008 world tour all the way to the band's sold-out Seattle show in March 2011. In this brutally honest depiction of the band, MxPx find themselves at a crossroads in their career, struggling to find the balance between full-time jobs and the life of touring musicians. Directed by **Bryan Buchelt** of **Snapproll Studios**, the DVD is available either digitally or in a physical version, which includes over 20 minutes of deleted scenes, exclusively through the band's website <http://mxpx.com>.

LL Cool J has a new single, "No More," featuring **Ne-Yo** in release. The song written by LL Cool J and helmed by multiplatinum producers **Jim Jonsin** and **Rico Love** has already made its debut on the singer and actor's new hit TV show for **CBS**, **NCIS: Los Angeles**. "No More" is available now for purchase on iTunes.



New to DVD is **New York Dolls Lookin' Fine on Television**, a program based around **Bob Gruen's** archival footage of the legendary band. In the early '70s, Rock photographer Gruen and his wife **Nadya** purchased a portable video recorder. In a period of three years, they shot over 40 hours of New York Dolls footage. This material became the critically acclaimed documentary **All Dolled Up**. For **Lookin' Fine on Television**

more footage has been edited to create 15 live music video-style clips. For complete information, visit <http://bobgruen.com> or contact Clint Weiler, MVD Ent. Group, 800-888-0486 ext. 115, clint@mvd2b.com.

Presented by **iShares**, **Cirque du Soleil** is returning to the Santa Monica Pier near Los Angeles, CA, with its critically-acclaimed and family friendly touring show **OVO** opening Friday, Jan. 20, for a limited engagement under the trademark blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau (big top). Since its world-premiere in Montreal in 2009, **OVO** has charmed well over two million spectators in more than 15 different cities in North America. Santa Monica will be the only Southern California stop for a Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) production in 2012. Tickets are available online at <http://cirquedusoleil.com/ovo>.



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