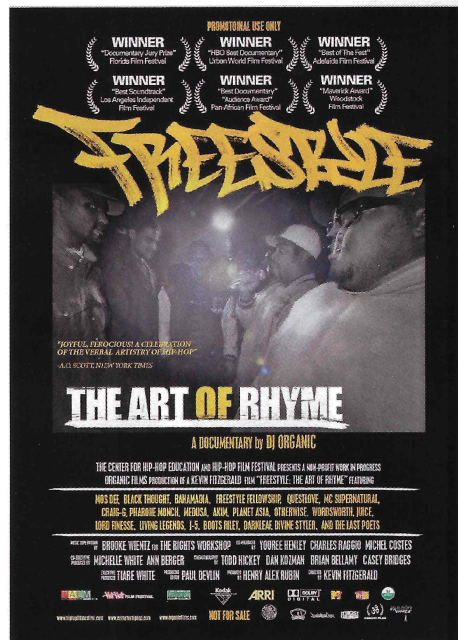


DROPS

Jan. 14 is the release date for the 10th anniversary special limited edition of **FREESTYLE: The Art of Rhyme**. Directed by Kevin Fitzgerald, **FREESTYLE** is the first independent film to argue against hip-hop's negative connotations. The film tells the story of a group of underground MCs and DJs, spotlights hip-hop history, culture, taboo and



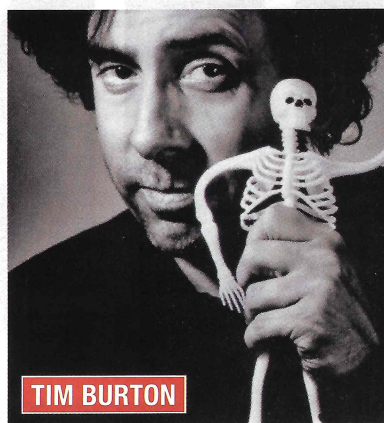
Actor **Joseph Gordon-Levitt's** new eight-episode television series **HITRECORD ON TV** premieres on **Pivot** Jan. 18 at 10 p.m. ET/PT with two back-to-back episodes. A re-creation of the variety show, **Hitrecord on TV** features short films, music, conversation and varying themes. In 2010, **HitRecord** initially launched as a production company at **New Frontier**, a segment of **Sundance Film Festival**, and reappeared at the festival in 2012 as an interactive stage show. For its third Sundance appearance, the first three installments of **Hitrecord** will premiere at a New Frontier screening event on Jan. 17. Contact Kayla Kertis at KaylaK@FerenComm.com for details.

Broadway Records, a new label dedicated to Broadway and Off Broadway-related recordings, will release the original Broadway cast recording of the musical **BIG FISH** digitally on Feb. 7 and in stores Feb. 11. The album was produced by **Andrew Lippa**—the Tony-nominated music and lyrics writer for the musical—and **Michael Croiter**. Following a

1998 novel and a 2003 **Tim Burton** directed film, the Broadway production opened last fall to positive reviews and tells the story of an unusual man's life. For more information, contact Beth Krakower at Broadway Records at Press@BroadwayRecords.com.

OPPS

If you're a writer, punk rock artist, entrepreneur, scientist or really any unconventional individual, **Bobby Pickles** might want to feature you on his New York City-based talk show, **Bobby Pickles' Podcast**, to talk about...anything. If you're not a New York resident or visitor, a Skype conversation might be a possibility. Pitch Pickles an idea and listen to episodes at <http://bobbypickles.com>.



Filmmakers, take heed. **Film Threat**, a website featuring film reviews, news, interviews and podcasts discussing all things film-related, will resume accepting

film submissions for review in mid-January. Submissions were suspended in November temporarily due to the large volume of submissions as well as upcoming film festivals. There is a \$10 fee for online submissions; mail-ins cost \$12. Visit <http://filmthreat.com> for further information.

This is Nashville is a podcast launched recently featuring musicians, writers, directors and all walks of industry folk in the Nashville area. If you want to take part, contact hosts Korey and Dave at PWAbooking@gmail.com and find episodes on <https://facebook.com/thisisnashville>.

Online pop-culture radio show **Hollywood Unloaded** wants those with entertainment

its evolution, and features appearances from **Mos Def**, **Supernatural**, **Juice**, **Jurassic-5**, **Medusa**, **Planet Asia**, **Sway** and **Crazy Legs**. Contact Clint Weiler, MVD Entertainment Group, at Clint@Mvdb2b.com for more information.

Following a successful fall tour, the 30-city spring tour of **The Official Blues Brothers Revue** kicks off Jan. 16 in Idaho Falls, ID, with stops including Washington state, Tennessee, New York, Illinois and California. **Dan Aykroyd**, who starred in the original 1980 hit musical film alongside the late **John Belushi**, co-produced the live concert show with **Judith Belushi** and musical director **Paul Shaffer**. The ode to urban rhythm and blues features **Wayne Catania** and **Kieron Lafferty** as Jake and Elwood Blues, respectively, with vocal talent from **Precious** and **Ebonie Taylor**, the niece and grand niece of renowned Chicago blues singer **Koko Taylor**. Contact Bari Lieberman at BLieberman@MsoPR.com or visit <http://bluesbrothersofficialsite.com>.

