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PRINCE, GRATEFUL DEAD IN NEWS NOTES



Prince announced Tuesday (May 8), that he will play 21 shows in London, England, this summer. He added that he would not be playing any other European dates this year because he needs to devote time to studying the bible. The *Earth Tour* will kick off August 1, with tickets priced at \$62, in tribute to his last album, *3121*. Fans who purchase a ticket will also receive a copy of the album. The tour will kick off with seven nights at London's O2 Arena, and will also include several secret club gigs...

An auction of **Grateful Dead** memorabilia grossed more than \$1.1 million, Tuesday. The auction items were collected by **Lawrence "Ram Rod" Shurtliff**, the band's longtime tour manager...

Babysambles frontman **Pete Doherty** was arrested over the weekend on suspicion of possessing illegal drugs, Saturday night (May 5), in London, England. He was released on bail pending investigation and was ordered to return to a police station next month...

Acoustic guitarist and YouTube sensation **Erik Mongrain** will release his debut CD, *Fates*, June 26, via MVD Audio...

Glen Phillips, Grant-Lee Phillips, The Watkins Family, and Luke Bulla will join forces for the *Various & Sundry* tour, which will kick off June 5, in Santa Barbara, California, and wrap June 17, in Seattle, Washington...

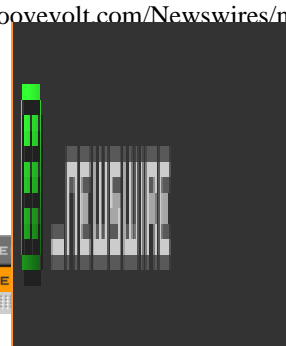
The Ike Reilly Assassination will hit the road in June in support of its new album, *We Belong To The Staggering Evening*. The tour begins June 9, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is currently slated to run through a June 30 performance in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. More dates will be announced soon...

Jam Cruise 6 will leave Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, January 4, 2008, for a five day/five night event that will feature performances from more than 20 bands. At press time, the following artists were confirmed as performers on the cruise: **Warren Haynes, Michael Franti & Spearhead, funky METERS** (featuring **Art Neville, George Porter, Russell Batiste, and Ian Neville**), **Toots & the Maytalls** and others...

Brooklyn, New York-based producer **Marshall Law** of *Thisish* will release a free download of *Testing The Waters*. A longtime sound engineer for the **X-Ecutioners**, Law recently formed a crew with **Sunspot Johz** of the **Living Legends** called **Sidewinder**. More details about the debut release from the crew, *Mr. Everything & More*, will be announced soon...

Verizon Wireless has pulled its sponsorship of **Gwen Stefani's Sweet Escape** tour due to an incident involving **Akon**, who is the opening act of the tour. In April, Akon danced provocatively with a 15-year old on stage during a concert in Trinidad (which was not part of Stefani's tour.) Verizon has also removed Akon ringtones and music from its stores and phones...

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