

New Releases



Ice Cube
"War and Peace Vol. 1"
 (The War Disc)
 Priority Records
 Grade: C-

Ice Cube is now going the Guns 'n' Roses route of releasing records: a double album with each record sold separately. Hopefully, the second installment will make up for the first half.

The rap pioneer turned actor then rapper again has released "War and Peace Vol. 1 (The War Disc)," his first solo album of original work since 1993's "Lethal Injection," which displays Ice Cube in classic, pissed-off form.

Unfortunately, the heavy beats and intense rhyming are displayed at the expense of any interesting hooks. Because older Ice Cube fans will compare this album to more hook-heavy previous efforts, "The War Disc" will not live up to expectations.

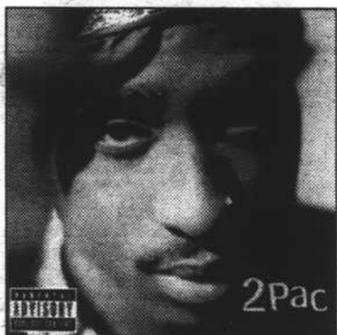
That's not to say there aren't any jewels within the 18-track mini opera; they're just a little hard to find. Straight-up rapping with a few sampling tricks, as is found on "Dr. Frankenstein," works well on some songs because they're simple.

Ice Cube's venture on this fall's Family Values Tour spawned "F—Dying," which features Korn guitarists Brian "Head" Welch and James "Munky" Shaffer. While the track starts off slow, it has some nice rhymes by Ice Cube over some funky guitar work by the guys from Korn.

However, other songs are more often funny than well-written. Songs such as the first single "Pushin' Weight" are typical, with its lame similes and bad backup vocals by Mr. Short Khop. It's unfortunate, but this album would be much better if Ice Cube was still ripping off tunes from Grandmaster Flash, who is now the DJ for the "Chris Rock Show."

Though this album does make for some good angst-themed songs for finals week, it's probably better suited for the stocking of a 15-year-old brother.

—Patrick Miner



2Pac
"Greatest Hits"
 Death Row Records
 Grade: A

At first glance, the untimely death of famed rapper 2Pac seemed like an inevitable conclusion.

His ornery boasting and gun-riddled lyrics often dealt with tales of violence that eerily mimicked the details of his own demise.

But for those who are familiar with 2Pac's work on more than a surface level, his death left a disheartening blow to the artistic world, in general, and the musical world specifically. 2Pac may have dealt in violence, but he also lamented it. He not only told stories about shooters but also about those who were shot.

And in a newly released greatest hits compilation, Death Row Records has collected the songs that best revealed 2Pac's blunt humanity and lyrical duality.

"Greatest Hits" is a two-disc set that includes 21 recognizable favorites and four previously unreleased tracks that show what might have been. After only five albums, culling two discs' worth of "greatest" material might seem like a daunting task. But 2Pac's legacy was one of both artistic and commercial merit, and this collection reflects that quality.

The tracks range from the mega-hits such as "California Love," "Brenda's Got a Baby" and "Me Against the World" to the less prominent but equally powerful "How Long Will They Mourn Me?" and "Life Goes On."

Of the unreleased material, "God Bless the Dead" and "Changes" jump out with the most force.

Like much of 2Pac's work, "God Bless the Dead" seems like an eerie prediction of his own death.

"Changes" culls the memorable piano riff from Bruce Hornsby's "The Way it Is" and turns it into the backing for a tale of ghetto life.

Overall, 2Pac's posthumous "Greatest Hits" compilation reveals why he was such a success in his lifetime, and why his early departure was so tragic.

—Jeff Randall

More babes than ever in Toyland

BY JEFF RANDALL
Staff writer

Most people think of the Christmas season as a time to spend with those closest to them, a time to quietly reflect on love, spirituality and human kindness.

The Lincoln Community Playhouse is inviting the public to share that spirit with their closest friends — about 75 of them.

"Babes in Toyland," a holiday musical by Victor Herbert, opened Thursday night at the LCP. Its run continues tonight and ends Dec. 20. With its unusually large cast — including 75 singers, actors and dancers — "Babes in Toyland" is the largest Christmas production LCP has ever attempted.

According to Rod McCullough, executive director of LCP, the size of the production was an initial concern.

"When you try to tackle something this big, with this many people, you have to be careful," McCullough said. "It's easy to be overcome by the logistics alone, without even considering the more important aspects."

But preparation and a focus on organization have reined in this unwieldy holiday production.

"We're glad to say that we managed to not only put this together, but put it together well," McCullough said.

"Babes in Toyland" runs today through Sunday and Thursday through Dec. 20. Show times are at 7 p.m., with additional Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. On Sunday, the shows start at 2 and 6 p.m.

There will be only a 2 p.m. show on Dec. 20. Tickets for non-members are \$15 for adults and \$9 for students. For members, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, contact the LCP box office at (402) 489-7529.

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