

Bone Thugs N Harmony returns to Brick Street

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Hip-hop legends Bone Thugs N Harmony will take Brick Street Bar's stage once again as part of their E. 1999 Eternal tour Oct. 8.

Four of the five original members, Krayzie Bone, Layzie Bone, Wish Bone and Flesh-n-Bone will be entertaining their Oxford audience with a greatest hits show, featuring all the old favorites with a heavy emphasis on their 1995 album, E. 1999 Eternal.

This is the second part of their tour, following up a 36-date run that ended in June. The Grammy Award-winning group has included a return show to Oxford in their current tour schedule.

Brick Street owner Will Weisman said it was the students' enthusiasm for the past two Bone Thugs N Harmony performances at Brick Street that brought them back.

"The Bone Thugs told me they were blown away by the Miami fans at the last show," Weisman said. "These are legitimate fans, not just students going to a show because their friends are going. They know all the songs and play a big part creating great energy." Students from Northwest Ohio are fond of Bone Thugs as the group is native to the Glenville area of Cleveland. According to Weisman, Cleveland students grew up listening to Bone Thugs and it is the band's Ohio roots that make a classic show appealing.

"I think that they know their audience wants to hear the classics," Weisman said. "These are the songs that made them legends and the songs that students relate to."

Songs like "Tha Crossroads" and "1st of Tha Month" will be featured in the show, but the performance is not limited to those two tracks. Weisman said Bone Thugs' show is not just about hearing the classic songs — it is about witnessing hip-hop history come to life.

"Whether you are a hip-hop fan or not, it's a chance to see true legends who transcend hip-hop genre," Weisman said. "They play at a whole other level, and you might never get a chance to see such a talented act in such an intimate setting."

Miami University junior Chelsea Skalski has been listening to Bone Thugs for years, but this will be her first opportunity to see them live.

"I'm really psyched to see them here at Brick Street as opposed to a bigger venue,"

Skalski said. "I don't think Brick Street will see many shows quite as amazing."

While Brick Street boasts several hip-hop acts from Wiz Khalifa to Project Pat to Wale to Chiddy Bang, Bone Thugs N Harmony stands above the rest.

"Bone Thugs are flat out legends," Weisman said. "They paved the way for all of the new acts today and are true trailblazers in the genre."



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