

Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five Bring Their 'Rap' To Raleigh Sunday

By Teresa Rose

Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five bring their Halloween "rapping" rap show to Raleigh's Dorton Arena Sunday, sounding off at 7 p.m. Dorton Arena is on Hillsborough Street.

Also appearing on the show will be Howard Johnson, Zapp, and The Johnson Crew.

Tickets, ranging in price from \$8 for advance admission to \$9 at the door, can be purchased at several Raleigh and Durham locations. They include School Kids Records on Hillsborough Street in Raleigh and Bob's Gulf Station on Alston Avenue in Durham.

As an added bonus, a \$100 door prize will be given for the best Halloween costume at the show.

Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five have been at the top of national soul charts many times, riding the crest of the new and popular "rapping".

The music "rap" matches short and choppy melodies

against a harmonic frame of tight rhythmic lyrics. The lyrics make sense after a line or two if you listen quickly enough. But in the interim, you have to just swing to the beat.

Grandmaster hits such as "Flash to the Beat", "Freedom" and "Message" get top radio airplay and the group has made several national television appearances as well.

The group, one of several rap groups that exploded onto the pop scene about two years ago, features a master "rhythm flasher" and five other dudes who say they are furious.

With their most recent release, "Freedom", certified gold in less than six months, these six "rapping" young men from the Bronx are on the move.

The group's leader is Joseph Saddler, 23, better known as Grand Master Flash.

Other group members include:



* Eddie "Ness" Morris, 20, who has been playing the drums since he was 14 years old.

* Melvin "Melly Mel" Glover, 19, who has been a nightclub disc jockey since he was 15 years old.

* Guy "Raheim" Williams, 17, who began his singing career when he was nine years old.

* Keith "Cowboy" Wiggins, 20, who started his nightclub disc jockey career when he was 16.

* Danny "Kid Creole"

Glover, 20, who has been rapping since 1976. Kid Creole wrote most of the rhymes for "Freedom", and enjoys writing music.

For additional ticket information, contact Dorton Arena in Raleigh at 733-2626.

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