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Hall's album hits right notes

STAFF REPORT

Just like your mama taught you: it's what's inside that counts.

At least, that's what counts most with artist/producer Aaron Hill on *INSIDE OF YOU*, his new MCA solo album and most accomplished work to date.

By inviting fans on an inward journey of the heart, Hill sets out to create a musical haven in the tradition of his debut MCA release *The Truth*.

The end result is a tribute to Aaron's uncompromising artistic temperament.

For Aaron, making *INSIDE OF YOU* was more than just a creative outlet: it was a form of therapy.

After he experienced the tragic death of both his mother and young son, he set out to create an album that would make them both proud.

Recorded in Aaron's native New York and new home in Florida, *INSIDE OF YOU* was produced by Emanuel Seal, Malik Pendleton, and Aaron Hill himself.

Making things even more personal, Aaron wrote twelve of the album's songs.

"It was the only way I could do away with the hurt," he says. "I didn't want my hurt to appear as though I hate the world. I could easily have been mean and bitter, but I chose not to be that way."

Such strong sentiments can make for good music. The project kicks off with the sensuous first single "All the Places (I Will Kiss You)" and also features guest performers Big Pun, Fat Joe, Cuban Links, and Eunique on "None Like You."

Faith Evans is featured on "If You Leave Me Now," a ballad produced by her and Aaron that recounts a romance gone sour.

"When you break up with someone cold turkey, it's hard to leave," notes Aaron. "In this song, I was trying to express the need to remain connected physically. It's just hard to say goodbye."

The up-tempo "I Want Your Body" is keeping up with Aaron's reputation as a lover of romance.

"I won't brag about something I can't do, but I know I can satisfy a woman in every way," says Aaron. "I'll make love to her all weekend, and, to top it off, I'll bake her a pie and take her to work Monday morning!"

Meanwhile, "Baby I'll Be By Your Side" reveals Aaron's tender side.

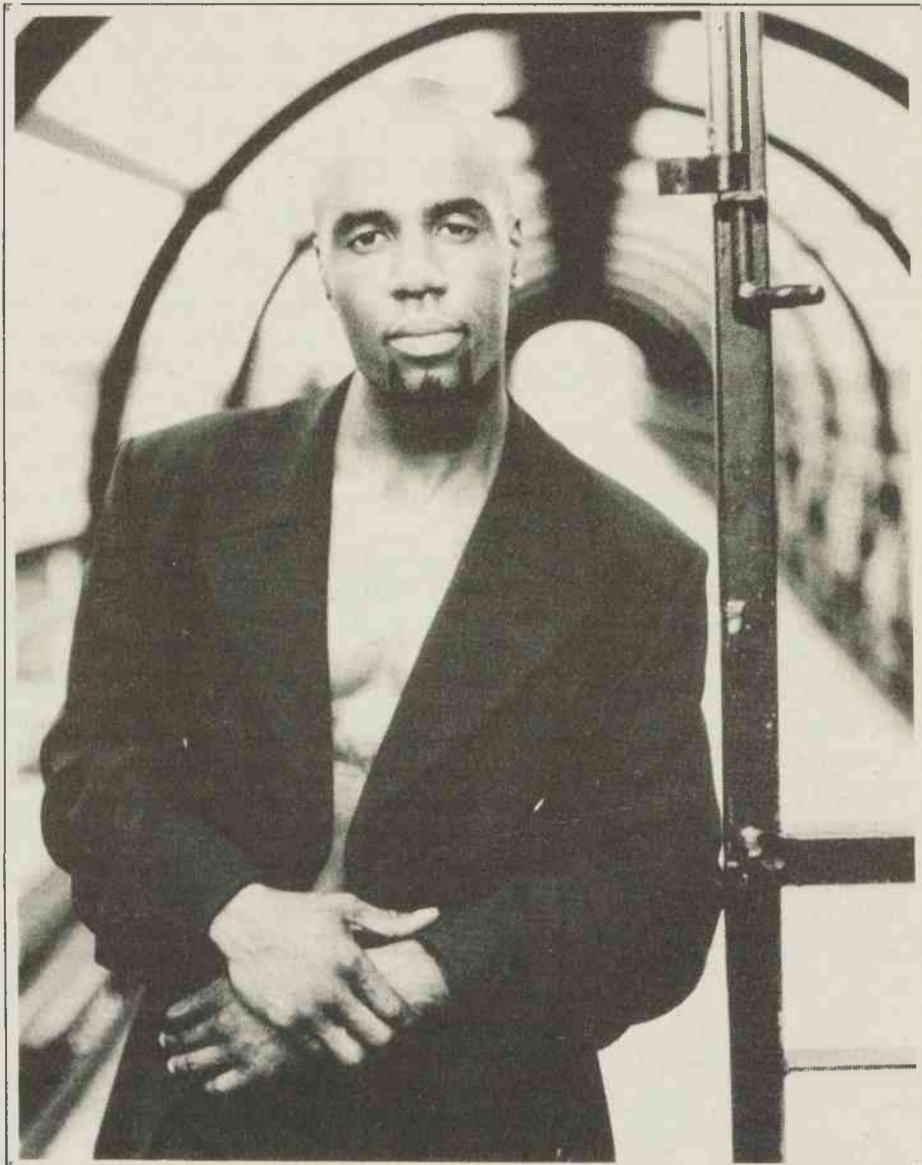
"I am really a very affectionate person," he says.

Other tracks, like the heartfelt "You Make Me Feel Good Inside" and the jazz-flavored "None But The Righteous" addresses Aaron's deep-seated religious faith, something instilled in him as a boy by his grandmother.

"She would always tell me things I needed to know to live right by God. I wanted to somehow pay homage to a remarkable woman."

The remarkable woman helped influence a remarkable young man. It was 1987 and a group called Guy--which featured Aaron as lead singer along with Teddy Riley and Aaron's brother Damion Hill-- that emerged from seemingly nowhere. With two consecutive double-platinum albums and the success of such hits as "Groove Me," "I Like," "Piece Of My Love" and "Let's Chill," Guy had carved a prominent place for itself at the pinnacle of R&B/Hip-Hop. Four years later, the soundtrack to the movie *Juice* featured a song by Aaron (who, unbeknownst to most, had written Bobby Brown's hit, "My Prerogative"). Called "Don't Be Afraid," it became a smash, sweeping the nation before, during and after the success of the film. Aaron Hill's name and vocal style were gaining momentum. In 1993, Silas/MCA Records released *The Truth*, Aaron Hill's solo debut LP. It contained the platinum single "I Miss You," launching the singer into the upper reaches of popular and critical acclaim.

Though music remains a primary passion, Aaron is also a dedicated father and animal lover. "Anyone with a heart as big as mine must have a love for



File photo

Aaron Hill's new album is *Inside of You*.

animals," he claims. "I love all types of animals, but especially dogs; I am in fact a professional dog trainer."

Despite the upbeat approach to music and life, he has had more than his share of tragedies.

"When I lost my son and my mom, I couldn't explain the hurt I felt. But I'm a very giving person and if I can ever help anyone get over the type of tragedies that

had me depressed, then I'll do it."

Of course, it's not possible to attend to every person out there in need, especially when you're a popular artist in the public eye. But Aaron long ago learned the lesson that music is medicine.

So, in the fourteen tracks on *INSIDE OF YOU*, Aaron Hill attempts his own kind of musical healing ... and the cure is real.

Three U.S. students win Nobel Physics Prizes

BY KEISHA LEACH
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Students representing two countries and three universities in the U.S. received the Nobel Physics Prize this past October.

The scientists were rewarded for their discovery of how sub-atomic particles can behave like a fluid. The work shows how new types of particles can be produced by electrons acting together in strong magnetic fields.

The prize of \$978,000 will be equally divided among Robert C. Laughlin of the United States (Stanford University in California), Horst L. Stoermer of Germany

(Columbia University in New York), and Daniel C. Tsui, a China-born citizen of the United States (Princeton University in New Jersey).

This year's prize was the highest amount ever given by the Nobel Foundation. The first prize given in 1901 was to the amount of \$150,800 in Swedish crowns. The smallest amount of \$115,000 was given in 1923.

Founded in 1900 by the will of Alfred Nobel, the main purpose of the Nobel Foundation is to manage the assets of Alfred Noble's will for awarding prizes in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace.

Earlier in October the Nobel Prize for medicine was

given to 82-year-old Robert Furchgott, Louis Ignarro, 57, and Ferid Murad, 62. The men were awarded for their discovery of the properties of nitric oxide and its abilities to save lives by dilating blood vessels.

Their work helped lead to the discovery of the anti-impotent drug Viagra, and could also lead to discoveries in new treatments for heart disease, cancer, and septic shock. Furchgott is a pharmacologist at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn; Ignarro is at the University of California at Los Angeles, and Murad is at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.