Adler Theatre

September through November

This fall, the Adler Theatre will present performances by several rich boys, but only one who's really allowed to *capitalize* his title.

Among the high-powered acts coming to the Davenport venue are Dove and Grammy Award winning Christian singer Michael W. Smith (September 21), another Grammy winner - albeit one competing in *completely* different categories - in pop-culture parodist Weird Al Yankovic (September 30), and Comedy Central's *Mind*-ful comedian Carlos Mencia (November 10).

Yet preceding their visits will be an honest-to-God Rich Boy (pictured) - the rap and R&B artist formerly known as Maurice Richards - who lands in downtown Davenport on September 1. Appearing in concert alongside the L.A.-based hip-hop trio Candy Hill, Mr. Boy released his self-titled debut album in early 2007, and achieved fast stardom with the single "Throw Some

D's," which hit the top 10 of the United States' Hot 100, R&B, and rap charts.

In an interview with HipHopGame's Brian Kayser, though, the young artist - who turns 24 the day after his Davenport gig - revealed that he hasn't yet begun to concern himself with the dollars and cents of the business. "It's about giving the music to the people," he said. "I have to let the people know who I am before I can really worry about album sales."

Glad I could help. Any chance I'll be able to snag a commission on subsequent sales? Some of us would love to be Rich Boys, too.

Other fall events at the Adler include gospel artists Ernie Haase & Signature Sound (October 27) and the stage version of a children's audio series - the Kidz Bop World Tour (October 12 and 13). More information on the venue's lineup can be found at (http://www.adlertheatre.com) .

- **Mike Schulz**

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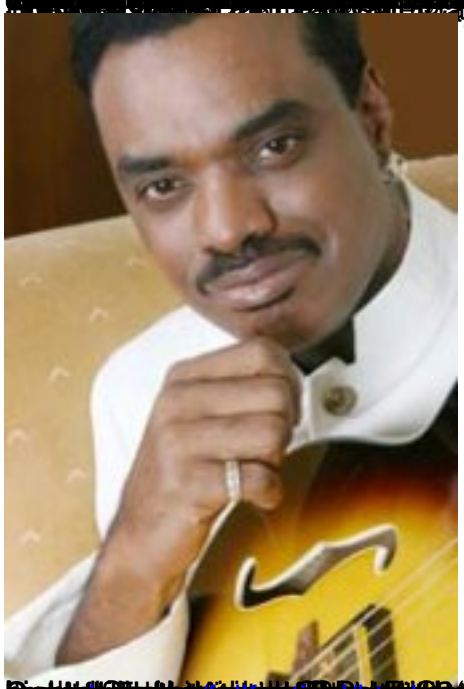

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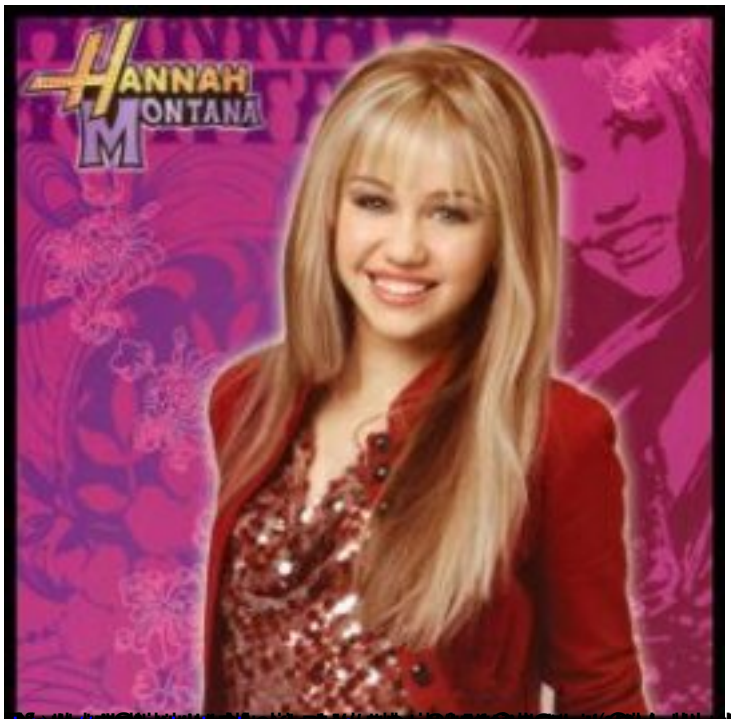

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