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Song, dance and free fares

**SUBWAY PASSENGERS ENCOURAGED TO STATION HOP
THIS WEEKEND WHEN METRO RED LINE OPENS IN HOLLYWOOD**

The MTA, doing its best impression of Ed Sullivan this weekend, June 12 and 13, has scheduled a festival of shows and other fun-filled activities at Metro Rail subway stations opening on Vermont Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard.

All entertainment, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and travel this weekend on the entire subway system will be free, however, fare still will be collected on the Metro Blue and Green lines and all MTA buses.

Besides the main headliner, the 4.6 mile extension of the subway to Hollywood, there will something for everyone at the grand opening celebration, including kids and "Trekkies," who can enjoy the sounds of Neil Norman and his Cosmic Orchestra. The group, accompanied by Tim Russ, who plays Tuvok on "Voyager," will play the theme music from "Star Trek" and other spin-off series.

In addition to out-of this-world music, among the entertainers who will maintain the excitement will be dance acts, El Chicano with Mickey Lespron, Bloodstone, Sandra Lear Swing Dance Band, and Brandy backup singer Justine.

Also at the grand opening will be display booths, including "Space Muppets" and various exhibits, face-painting, a soccer demonstration, an auto display, balloon crafts and look-alike celebrities. There also will be opportunities to win t-shirts, CDs and movie tickets. In addition, visitors can choose from a wide selection of cuisine, including BBQ, and refreshments.

Free "Destination Hollywood" Passport Coupon Books for discounts at more than 70 area merchants are available at all five new stations, located on

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Vermont Avenue at Beverly, Santa Monica and Sunset and on Hollywood Boulevard at Western and Vine.

Free posters commemorating the opening of the newest segment will be distributed to passengers who can also receive souvenir Hollywood sunglasses if they visit all five new stations.

The following is a listing of most of the entertainment and various activities scheduled at each station. The list is subject to change.

HOLLYWOOD/VINE STATION

Saturday: 10:30 a.m., Justine (back-up singer to Brandy); 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Kids on Stage; 12 p.m. & 1:30 p.m., Viver Brasil Dance Troupe from the Hollywood Bowl World Festival '99; 2 p.m., Definitely Dance; 2:15 p.m., Grave Robbers Blues Band (now appearing at B.B. King's in Universal City); roving Universal Studios Hollywood Look-A-Like Characters, starring "Lucy" and "Groucho; clowns; *Sunday:* noon, 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m., Shandra Lear Swing Dance Band; 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Kids on Stage; *All Day:* Ken Karagozian Photography Exhibit of miners (as seen in LIFE magazine); 30-foot inflatable replica of John Travolta's character in "Battlefield Earth," now filming.

HOLLYWOOD/WESTERN STATION

All Day: Electric Railway Historical Association of Southern California display; continuous DJ entertainment.

VERMONT/BEVERLY STATION

All Day: Continuous DJ.

VERMONT/SUNSET STATION

Saturday: Noon to 3 p.m., Neil Norman and his Cosmic Orchestra with Tim Russ, themes from "Star Trek" and "Voyager"; *All Day:* Hollywood on location brings chances for t-shirts, posters and tickets for new releases from Columbia Pictures, "Muppets in Space" and "Big Daddy" starring Adam Sandler; continuous DJ.

VERMONT/SANTA MONICA STATION (L.A. City College Athletic Field, Vermont/Willowbrook)

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3 Buxxx; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bloodstone; *Sunday:* 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aletto; 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., The Original El Chicano with Mickey Lespron; 2 p.m., Soccer Demonstration by L.A. Galaxy players. *All Day:* Dae Woo auto display; Universal Studios monster truck; face-painting; balloon crafts.

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