

# Wear it out

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PS cover girls Toni Hill and Syndel of hip-hop duo Siren's Echo got the party started on a recent Sunday night at Doug Fir Lounge, opening a sold-out show with The Perceptionists and Lateef the Truth Speaker. "Any time we do a hip-hop show, it's a sellout," said Doug Fir co-owner John Plummer, who noted the hip-hop shows also draw a more diverse crowd. This night was no exception, as music fans turned out to represent Portland's bumpin' style.

Kaysie Lewis, an X-ray technician at Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center, rocked a wide V-neck top from Urban Outfitters, a creamy knit cap from US Outdoor, and layered necklaces – one from Claire's, and a metal chain she bought at a hardware store. "It's a little bit punk rock," she said with a laugh. "My style of clothes is kind of laid-back. Just T-shirts, and a little bit funky."

▼ "You might not recognize me if you saw me a couple of different times," said Kenya McKinley, a freelance makeup artist and Portland State University senior. "A lot of it has to do with what is going on with my hair." This night, McKinley went for what she called a "bohemian warrior princess" look, pairing her Princess Leia buns with a black crocheted cardigan and pants from Nordstrom, and a silky golden top she found at an Asian import store. McKinley said she wanted to be comfortable, and she wasn't kidding – on her feet she wore her grandmother's silver-mesh slippers.

▲ "I enjoy going to hip-hop shows, especially in Portland, because the crowds are usually pretty eclectic and the people are pretty chill," said Janine Salzman, who works for MAC Cosmetics at Nordstrom. Salzman found her black Michael Kors dress at The Catlin Gabel School's rummage sale and her BCBG peekaboo pumps, DKNY fishnets and Swarovski crystal jewelry at Nordstrom. "Not everybody who goes to hip-hop shows wears Adidas shell-toe shoes," she said. "I wear all kinds of different things. It's just about hanging out and listening to some good music."



◀ Meagan Robbins, an economics student at Portland State, and friend Vanessa Bazzani, who is studying to become a wine steward, both dressed up their casual looks with Louis Vuitton bags. "I don't go for the super dressy," said Robbins, wearing an army-green Gap jacket over a sheer Banana Republic blouse, with Abercrombie & Fitch jeans. "I try to look fun and nice and a little sophisticated, but not like I'm going to the prom or anything." Bazzani, who said she always wears black, layered black and hot-pink tops from American Apparel, accessorizing with a chunky silver ring and bangles she bought in Nepal.

