

Hammer time at Harrah's



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MC Hammer spent some more time in the spotlight this past year, with a reality show about his family, the start of a dance-oriented Web site, frequent updates on Twitter and his blog, and a new album in the works titled “DanceJam: The Music.”

Yet, like other musical artists who tend to take their time, that new album will be ready when it's ready.

“I feel absolutely zero pressure to lock any dates down,” Hammer said about his new album, which he has worked on for more than a year. “It's such an old, outdated business model to say, ‘This is the date.’ I do have a ton of material – we just finished three more songs in the last month, and I'm liking what I hear.”

Whenever it comes out, the album will be one more stop on the varied adventure that's been Hammer's career. The rapper will perform Jan. 9 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

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