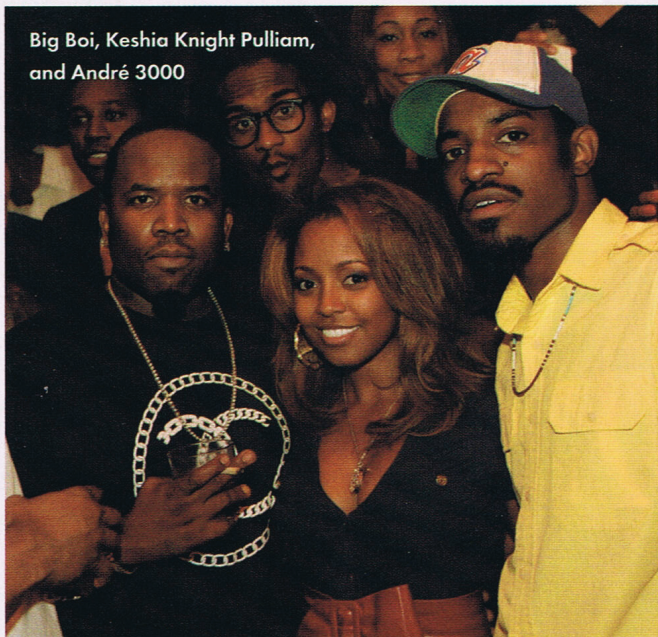


## Celeb Watching

**BIG NIGHTS OUT** Atlanta goes Idlewild at OutKast's premiere, and R.E.M. reunite for their Music Hall of Fame induction.

Big Boi, Keshia Knight Pulliam, and André 3000

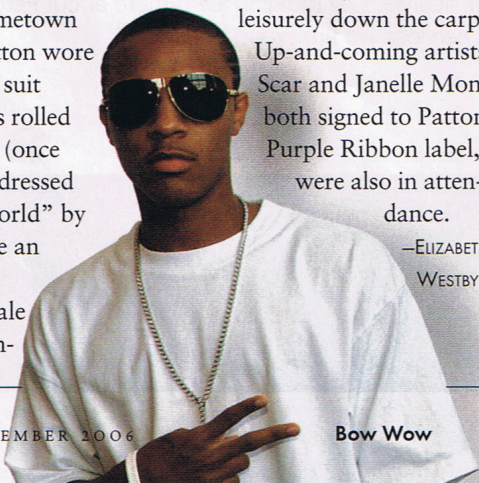


**IDLEWILD**—OUTKAST's cinematic collaboration with writer, director, and longtime pal Bryan Barber—premiered in idiosyncratic style. Working the "blue carpet" (Volkswagen was the sponsor) were Bow Wow, hip-hop producer Jazze Pha, artists Sleepy Brown, Pastor Troy, and Joi, and *Beauty Shop* actress Keshia Knight Pulliam (aka Rudy on *The Cosby Show*). Big Boi and André were the picture of hometown comfort—Patton wore a dark denim suit with pant legs rolled up, Benjamin (once named "best dressed man in the world" by *Esquire*) wore an old-school Braves hat, pale yellow button-

"I'M A MEMBER OF THE GROUP [OUTKAST] SPIRITUALLY. I THINK OUTKAST IS A PART OF ALL OF US, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE FROM THE SOUTH."  
—JAZZE PHA

down shirt, and rolled-up jeans—as they strolled leisurely down the carpet. Up-and-coming artists Scar and Janelle Monae, both signed to Patton's Purple Ribbon label, were also in attendance.

—ELIZABETH WESTBY



Bow Wow

**SURE ALLMAN BROTHERS** founder Gregg Allman, writer-producers Dallas Austin and Jermaine Dupri, and late country and rock songwriter Felice Bryant were formally welcomed into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, but the hands-down audience favorite at the induction ceremony at the Georgia World Congress Center was a rare reunion performance featuring R.E.M.'s four original members. The Athens-based inductees received a standing ovation as they cruised through a medley of hits kicked off by Michael Stipe's

warning: "This is going to be loud!"

Like proud papas, music mogul Russell Simmons and the legendary Quincy Jones shared the stage to extend heartfelt accolades to Dupri (the Hall of Fame's youngest ever inductee) and Austin. WSB-TV's Monica Kaufman and 99X's Leslie Fram shared emcee duties. Governor Perdue and former Senator Max Cleland took to the stage as presenters. —CHANDRA R. THOMAS For more photos and quotes, visit [atlantamagazine.com](http://atlantamagazine.com).



Jermaine Dupri

"I FEEL LIKE WE BUILT THIS CITY, WE MADE A MUSIC INDUSTRY."  
—DALLAS AUSTIN TO JERMAINE DUPRI WHILE ACCEPTING HIS AWARD



R.E.M.

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