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## Three Oakland natives to be honored Thursday

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OAKLAND – Oakland Digital, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income people in Oakland with technology education, will honor three Oakland natives: musician MC Hammer, singer Goapele and Alex Bernstein, a former NFL player and software company co-founder.

The second annual Inspiration Awards will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Preservation Park, 668 13th St., in downtown Oakland. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased at [www.oaklandinspiration.com](http://www.oaklandinspiration.com).

Funds raised at the event will support Oakland Digital's programming for 2012, which will focus on "Digital Equity for Small Businesses," an annual program teaching struggling small businesses how to adapt their business models to succeed in a digital economy.

MC Hammer, who sold more than 50 million records worldwide mainly between the 1980s and the mid-1990s, will be honored in the business category as a driving force behind WireDoo, a search engine which is currently in the pre-beta testing stage.

Goapele, who has performed at rallies, demonstrations and political events around the world, will be honored in the creativity department for the inspiration she provides through her music. Bernstein, a former NFL player, cofounded an Oakland-based software company called North Social, will be honored for his technological contributions.

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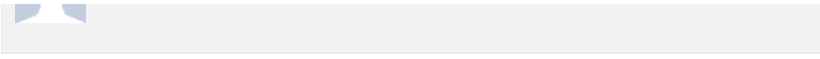
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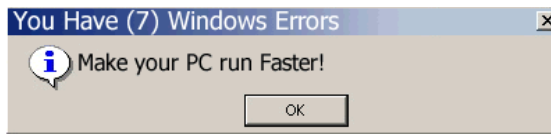
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