

Run DMC walks this way to Hall of Fame

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Hip-hop pioneers Run-DMC lead the class of this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, announced yesterday at the headquarters of Fuse, which will air the ceremonies for the first time this year.

Darryl McDaniels, aka DMC, was humbled by the honor. "I'm a rap dude," he said. "I'm an MC from Hollis just rockin' the mic, and to be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, with the Beatles, and (Bob) Dylan, and the rock 'n' roll gods?"

Metallica was another heavy hitter on the list of inductees.

"(It shows) we are part of the big picture," Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich said of the honor. "We are a link in a chain of everyone that's come before and everyone that's come after you."

HALL INDUCTEES

The rock class of 2009 is a diverse mix. Here are the others:

- Doo-wop group Little Anthony and The Imperials
- Guitar wiz Jeff Beck
- '60s soul singer Bobby Womack
- Wanda Jackson
- Bill Black
- DJ Fontana
- Spooner Oldham

McDaniels gave a nod to the predecessors who paved the way: "I share this nomination and the induction and the whole award with those cats, everyone from the Bronx and Harlem who started this."

Glenn Gamboa is a Newsday reporter.



Run-DMC

'Virging' on improper

Web sales push limits of morality

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Is it a hoax? A publicity stunt? Or just what it looks like: A 22-year-old woman auctioning off her virginity on the Internet.

In any case, the California woman — who goes by the pseudonym Natalie Dylan — has created an online sensation. She is the latest in a line of shocking online hawkers who are selling everything from organs to human eggs.

"It's going too far, and it'll go beyond that," said Katherine Ramos, 35, of Harlem. "It all has to do with morality."

Whether it's the kidney or baby that went up for sale on eBay or the man who sold everything he owns for nearly \$400,000, the online auction craze has produced some startling offers and responses. Dylan is not even the first woman to sell her virginity online.

Jeremy Saland, a Manhattan criminal defense attorney, said he has seen the Web used for a variety of dubious transactions.

"I have witnessed people selling things ranging from counterfeit money, fake passports



Natalie Dylan — if that is her real name — is selling a most precious gift: her virginity.

and fraudulent diplomas to drugs, stolen electronics and even a tortoise that was an endangered species," he said.

Though there is nothing novel about selling sex, Dylan's brazen offer seems emblematic of an age in which virtually anything can be sold and buyers easily found.

"In the world of cyberspace, it's very disembodied," said David Salvage, a Manhattan psychologist.

"This woman would not do this in her local community center."

While the ethics of selling things like organs online can be debated, legally, there are clear rules: If a person sells or buys something on the Internet that is illegal in the jurisdiction they're doing it from, they can be charged, Saland explained.

Dylan may have entered a legal gray area. She lives in San Diego, but says

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Here is a look at some odd sales from the past:

- In 1999, bids for a "fully functional" kidney on eBay reached \$5.7 million before the site pulled the plug.
- Also in 1999, a U.S. fashion photographer launched a Web site purported to sell the eggs of models. The site claims to have racked up \$39.2 million in sales from 1999 to 2004.
- Rosie Reid, 18, of London, sold her virginity online in 2004 for \$20,500.
- In 2005, a Virginia woman sold the naming rights of her triplets to GoldenPalace.com, an Internet casino, for \$12,000.
- Last May, a German couple was arrested for putting their 7-month-old boy up for auction on eBay.

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she will seal the deal at the Bunny Ranch, a legal brothel in Nevada.

"Assuming this woman is violating the laws of her jurisdiction and a man soliciting her is violating a law in his home state, they are both looking for trouble," Saland said.

Dylan says she has received more than 10,000 responses to her offer since September, when the auction began, the highest bid coming in at \$3.7 million.

Emily Ngo contributed to this story.



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