NEW YORK: Boston is set to make its state's return with a June 20 headline appearance at the Texas World Music Festival, to be held at the Dallas Cotton Bowl. The group will appear at nine other venues on its U.S. summer tour, according to manager Jeff Dorenfeld.

Though Boston was originally rumored to be going out on a stadium tour, the band has instead opted to perform at indoor arenas. "Once rehearsals started, we felt the whole stage presentation would come across better in doors," says Dorenfeld.

Accompanying Boston leader Tom Scholz on the road will be vocalist Brad Delp, drummer Gary Pihl, drummer Doug Huffman, bassist David Sikes, and Jim Moudonis, who will be playing drums and keyboards. Scholz has designed all the guitar ramps for the tour.

Dates have been booked by ICM. The complete itinerary: the Spectrum, Philadelphia, June 25-26; New Jersey Meadowlands, July 2-3; Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, July 5; the Los Angeles Forum, July 18 and 20; Oakland Coliseum, San Francisco, July 26; the Tacoma Dome, Seattle, July 31; Alpine Valley, Chicago, Aug. 7; and the Centrum, Worcester, Mass., Aug. 11.

RAP ATTACK: Heavily security is planned for the upcoming Together Forever tour, featuring top Gotham rap acts Run-D.M.C. and the Beastie Boys. That was the message delivered by Bush Productions' Robert Ford at a May 11 press conference here, attended by the members of both groups.

According to Ford, "We're spending an extra $500,000 just on security. It'll be the most extensive security of any tour of its kind." Among the added precautions will be special crowd control barriers, walk-through metal detectors, and beefed-up security staffs.

The 40-city summer tour, set to kick off June 13 in Hawaii, will include a five-night stand (June 21-25) at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles and an Aug. 17 concert at New York's Madison Square Garden. The Hawaiian shows will feature guest appearances by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler and Joe Perry.

The Together Forever tour, co-sponsored by Adidas and Coca-Cola, has been organized in an effort to promote more interracial rap concerts, says Ford. In addition to performing individual sets—Run-D.M.C. will close the shows—the two rap groups will appear together on stage. D.J. Davey will be opening the dates.

After the press conference, manager Russell Simmons, who represents both groups—told On The Road that he would be calling for strong support from black radio stations for both Run-D.M.C. and the Beastie Boys in exchange for various promotional activities surrounding the tour.

SHORT TAKES: Eric Clapton sold 185,000 tickets and grossed $3.4 million on his recent 12-date U.S. tour—Ray Charles, B.B. King, Stephen Grappelli, and the Modern Jazz Quartet were among the acts appearing at the 39th annual Monterey Jazz Festival, to be held Sept. 19-20 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, Calif. MCI Telecommunications is sponsoring the event for the third year in a row—Bryan Adams, Curiosity Killed the Cat, Alison Moyet, Boy George, Phil Collins, Dave Edmunds, Ben E. King, Paul Young, and Martin and Gary Kemp of Spandau Ballet are on the bill for the 1987 Prince's Trust Tour, to be held as a 50-lo at London's Wembley Arena. Once again, Prince Charles and Princess Di will be rockin' in the aisles.

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