

ROCK & POP MUSIC

Flashman

Rock from seasoned hands. Bottom Line, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-746 0255) 7.30pm, £4.

The Hamsters

Hard-gigging blues-rockers. Drummonds, Southend Road, Beckenham (0181-650 9831) /pm, £5.

The Hoax

Bristol-based blues-rockers. Torrington Music, Lodge Lane, N12 (0181-445 4710) 8.30pm, £5.

Midge Marsden

New Zealand bluesman. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (0171-439 0747) 8pm, £8

John Mayer & Dhruva Ghosh

East-West fusion. Watermans Arts Centre, Brentford High Street (0181-568 1176) 7.30pm, £7.50. [WA]

The Moottrekkers, Danny Rivers, Kim Roberts

Joe Meek Appreciation Society. Lord Nelson, Holloway Road, N7 (0181-878 6912) 12noon, free.

Ruby Throat

Guitar-free punk-funk. Bull & Gate, Kentish Town Rd, NWS (0171-485 5358) 8.30pm, £3.50. concs £3.

Joe Satriani

Rock guitar wizard plays new album. Wembley Arena, Empire Way (0181-900 1234) 6.30pm, £15

Slade II, The Sweet, T-Rextasy

Glam-rock Christmas show. Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, SW19 (0181-540 0362) 7.30pm, £11.50-£13.50.

Status Quo

Boogie brothers Rossi and Parfitt. Brighton Centre, Brighton (01273-202881) 7.30pm, £17.

Sugar Ray's Flying Fortress

Ten-piece boogie-woogie band. 100 Club, Oxford Street, W1 (0171-636 0933) 7.30pm, £6.

Understand, Joyrider, Ms 45

See Saturday. Southend Esplanade, Southend-on-Sea (01702-346658) 8pm, £4.

Townes Van Zandt

See Saturday. Borderline, Charing Cross Rd, W1 (0171-734 2095) 7pm, £10.

MONDAY 11

Galliano, Eddi Reader, Zap Mama, Nitin Sawhney

Amnesty benefit with eco-funkers Galliano, folk-pop Reader, acapella troupe ZM, jazz-fusioner Sawhney. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7pm, £7.50-£18. [WA]

Gretchen Holmer, The Ranch, Angora

Cramps-style psychobilly. The Monarch, Chalk Farm Rd, NW1 (0171-916 1049) 8.30pm, £3.50.

Kitchens Of Distinction

Dramatic indie-pop. Dublin Castle, Parkway, NW1 (0171-485 1773) 8.30pm, £4. concs £3.50

McAlmont

Glam-pop diva. The Garage, Highbury Corner, N5 (0171-607 1818) 8pm, £7.50.

Maddy Prior & The Carnival Band

Carols and capers. Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed (01628-36620) 8pm.

Status Quo

See Sunday. Brighton Centre, Brighton (01273-202881) 7.30pm, £17.

Curtis Stigers

Sax-toting US white soul crooner. Bush Empire, Shepherd's Bush Grn, W12 (0181-740 7474) 7pm, £15.

The Stone Roses

Madchester rock heroes. Rivermead, Richfield Ave, Reading (01734-591591) 7pm.

The Witchdoktors, The Legendary Too Drunk, The Luntheads

Acid rock and garage punk. Wild Western Room, St John's Tavern, Junction Road, N19 (0171-272 1587) 8.30pm, £3.50.

TUESDAY 12

Blameless

Alternative rock from Sheffield. Camden Palace, Camden High St, NW1 (0171-387 0428) 9pm, £5.

John Cooper Clarke, Otis Orbison, Robb Johnson

Last of three nights from punk poet. Burjess, Lichfield Street, WC2 (0171-240 1796) 8pm, £5.

Dick Dale

One-off by inventor of surf guitar. Mean Fiddler, Harlesden High St, NW10 (0181-961 5490) 8pm, £10.

Dreamhouse

Christmas Party night. Water Rats, Gray's Inn Road, WC1 (0171-278 3879) 8.30pm, £5.

The Jacobites

Sleaze rock. Dublin Castle, Parkway, NW1 (0171-485 1773) 8.30pm, £3.50. concs £3.

Kallphz

Hip hop hardnuts from up North. Concorde, Madeira Drive, Brighton (01273-606460) 8pm.

Matt Bianco

Latin-tinged pop band of the '80s.

Jazz Cafe, Parkway, NW1 (0171-344 0044) 7pm, £12.50-£15.

Millencolin, No Fun At All

Swedish mix of hardcore and ska. The Garage, Highbury Corner, N5 (0171-607 1818) 8pm, £5.

Nub, Quint, Baba Looey

Punk-bluesers Nub headline. Laurel Tree, Bayham Street, NW1 (0171-485 1383) 9pm, £3

Ozric Tentacles

Festival-friendly prog-rockers. Reading University, Reading (01734-755800) 7.30pm, £8 50

Lyn Paul and Mike Berry

See Saturday. Cafe Royal, 9pm, £20 [WA]

Skyscraper, Solar Race, Cable, Sonar Nation

New bands line up. Astoria 2, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-434 0403) 7pm, £4.

Tribute To Nothing, Ampersand, Uncle Fister

Truant-age punk rock trio headline. Goldsmiths Tavern, New Cross Rd, SE14 (0171-277 9657) 9pm, free.

WEDNESDAY 13

Marc Almond

Brel-obsessed torch singer. Bush Empire, Shepherd's Bush Grn, W12 (0181-740 7474) 7pm, £10.

Baby Bird

Prolific Sheffield lo-fi pop maverick. Water Rats, Gray's Inn Rd, WC1 (0171-278 3879) 8.30pm, £5/£4.

Blue Oyster Cult

Hard-riffing prog-metallers. The Forum, Highgate Road, NWS (0171-344 0044) 7pm, £13.50.

Blur

Damon's all-conquering quartet. Wembley Arena, Empire Way (0181-900 1234) 6.30pm [WA]

Earthing

Bristolian ambient dub artiste. Subterania, Acklam Road, W10 (0181-960 4590) 8pm, £7.

Eusebe

Summery British hip hop family. Mean Fiddler, Harlesden High St, NW10 (0181-961 5490) 8pm, £6.

Fish

Prog-rocking ex Marillion man. The Grand, Clapham Junction, SW11 (0171-871 7037) 7pm, £10

Freewater, Lambchop

Gothic Country and indie rock. Borderline, Charing Cross Rd, W1 (0171-734 2095) 8.30pm, £5

Matt Bianco

See Tuesday. Jazz Cafe, 7pm, £12.50 £15

Lyn Paul & Mike Berry

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Quickspace Supersport, Comet Gain

Heavyweight etherality from ex-Faith Healers QS. Upstairs at The Garage, Highbury Cor, N5 (0171-607 1818) 8pm, £4.

Mansour Seck

Guitarist and bandleader. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7.45pm, £10.50-£12.50. [WA]

Telstar Ponies

Glaswegian guitar band. The Garage, Highbury Corner, N5 (0171-607 1818) 8pm, £5.

Therapy?

Belfast punk-metal trio. Braxton Academy, Stockwell Road, SW9 (0171-924 9999) 7pm, £10.

Timeshard

New Age techno duo. Concorde, Madeira Drive, Brighton (01273-606460) 8pm

THURSDAY 14

Marc Almond

See Wednesday. Bush Empire, Shepherd's Bush Grn, W12 (0181-740 7474) 7pm, £10

Andromeda Strain, Real TV

Indie-rock for Cablage Patch night. Raw Club, YMCA, Great Russell St, WC1 (0171-637 3375) 10.30pm, £4, concs £3.

Armitage Shanks, Planet Of The Apes, Ken Ardley Playboys

Punk, garage and lounge assembly. St John's Tavern, Junction Rd, N19 (0171-272 1587) 8.30pm, £3.50.

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