

## ► Critic's picks

### ■ JEM

#### Richard's on Richards, Oct. 16

Soulful, trip hoppy, smooth Jem, known to her folks as Jemma Griffiths, put out one of the best albums last year, *Finally Woken*, which was a top 10 hit on the U.K. charts. Beth Orton fans will appreciate the sound. Don't miss this intimate show with the Welsh singer.



**Jem plays Richard's on Richards Sunday.**

### ■ NADA SURF

#### Media Club, Oct. 18

Indie rock band Nada Surf, signed to Barsuk Records (same label where Death Cab for Cutie got its start), makes smoothly propulsive little pop songs with sunny choruses. Should also make for a great atmosphere at the cozy Media Club.

### ■ BAUHAUS

#### Centre for the Performing Arts, Oct. 20

Since they clung to the inside of that cage in cult film *The Hunger*, they've maintained their status as one of the 80s dark, ultra cool bands. Bauhaus — who always put

on a dramatic, spot-on performance — reunited to celebrate its 20th anniversary and tour in support of its *Crackle* release. And to remind us that yes, Bela Lugosi is still dead.

— Kerry Gold

### ■ CONCERTS

**The Killers** New-wave rock band from Las Vegas, with British Sea Power. *Pacific Coliseum, Oct. 13, 7:30 pm, \$31.50-52, 604-280-4444.*

**Martha Wainwright** Sister of Rufus, and daughter of Loudon Wainwright III and Kate McGarricle, performs intimate folk-punk. *Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards, Oct. 13, 9 pm, \$17.50, 604-280-4444 and at Zulu and Highlife.*

**Jann Arden** Canadian singer-songwriter celebrates new self-titled release. *Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Oct. 13-14, 9:30 pm, \$49.50, 604-280-4444.*

**Road Hammers** Country music star Jason McCoy's new band. *Commodore, Oct. 13, 9:15 pm, \$18, 604-280-4444*

**Nihilist Spasm Band** Legendary noise collective from London, Ontario, plays handmade instruments along with kazoo, bass, guitar and percussion. *Western Front, 303 E. 8th, Oct. 14, \$7-15, livevancouver.bc.ca.*

**Opeth** Death metal band from Sweden. *Commodore Ballroom, Oct. 14, 9 pm, \$25, 604-280-4444*

**Tom Wilson and Bob Lanois** Wilson, a member of Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, and Lanois (brother of Daniel), an ambient music artist, perform tunes from indie campfire-folk release *Shack Recordings*. *Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables, Oct. 14, 8 pm \$15, 604-280-4444.*

**Uzume Taiko** Drum group performs with Riverdance soloist Maria Kaneko Millar. *Norman Rothstein Theatre, 950 W. 41st, Oct. 14-15, 8 pm, \$20/12, 604-257-0366 and at Highlife Records and*



**Boston-based Dropkick Murphys' live shows are renowned for their spastic energy. Expect a piper in plaid kilt, an accordion/mandolin/tin whistle player who switches instruments faster than a blink, and a charismatic leader who has a penchant for singing from the crowd. The band plays the Commodore, Wednesday.**

*Zulu Records.*

**Phil Nimmons** Composer and clarinetist performs with NiteCap and pianist David Braid. *Capilano College, 2055 Purcell Way, N Van, Oct. 14, 8 pm, 604-990-7810.*

**Constantines** Toronto-based power-pop band, with the Hold Steady. *Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards, Oct. 14, 7:30 pm, \$16, 604-280-4444 and at Zulu and Scratch.*

**A Midautumn Night's Dream** Five singer-songwriter-multi-instrumentalists take turns leading five-piece band; performers

include Ruth Minnikin, Nathan Lawr, Kate Maki; Ryan Bishops, and Dale Murray. *Marine Club, 573 Homer, Oct. 14, 9 pm, 604-878-GoGo.*

**VOC Soul Gospel Choir** Checo Tohomaso helms hand-clapping Soul Gospel Thanksgiving concert. *Shaughnessy Heights Church, 1550 W. 33rd Ave, Oct. 15, 7:30 pm, \$15/10, at the door.*

**Octoberman** Marc Morrisette (Kids These Days) celebrates release of folk-pop gem *These Trails Are Old And New*, with Blood Meridian and Bellsclanging. *Media Club, 695 Cambie, Oct. 15, \$10 at the door.*

**Pied Pumkin** B.C.'s legendary folk trio. *St. James Hall, Oct. 15, 8 pm, 604-736-3022 and Pumkids childrens show, Centennial Theatre, N Van, Oct. 16, 604-984-4484.*

**Harry Manx** Folk-world-blues guitarist and singer from Salt Spring Island. *Surrey Arts Centre, 13750 - 88 Ave., Oct. 15, 7 pm, \$25, 604-501-5566.*

**The Cat Empire** Australian sextet combines funk-jazz, hip-hop and turntables. *Richard's on Richards, Oct. 15, 7:30 pm, \$18, 604-280-4444.*

**Tesla** Rockers perform best-of tracks from albums that have sold 14-million. *Commodore Ballroom, Oct. 15, 9:45 pm, \$29.50, 604-280-4444.*

**Gov't Mule and Moe** Double-bill of jamming rock 'n' blues bands. *Commodore Ballroom, Oct. 16, 8 pm, \$35, 604-280-4444 and at Zulu and Highlife.*

**Bill Mays Trio** California native has deep roots in jazz, gospel and classical music; Brad Turner Quartet opens. *Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables, Oct. 16, 8 pm, \$25/22, 604 872-5200.*

**Jem** Singer-songwriter-esque techno-emo from Wales. *Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards, Oct. 16, 9 pm, \$16, at Zulu, Scratch, Highlife.*

**Daniel Lanois** Acclaimed producer (U2, Bob Dylan) released the masterpiece *Acadie* in '89; his newest album *Belladonna*, is an Eno-inspired instrumental album; Chicago instro-pop outfit Tortoise opens. *Commodore Ballroom, Oct. 17, 9 pm, \$30, 604-280-4444 and at Zulu, Scratch, Highlife and Noize To Go.*