

straight choices

AL NEIL PROJECT When it comes to the history of experimental music in Vancouver, it all starts with Al Neil. At 81, the bop pianist-turned-collagist, performance artist, and sound sculptor no longer performs, but an assortment of his admirers will convene at the Roundhouse Community Centre tonight (November 10) to invoke his madcap spirit. Original Al Neil Trio drummer Gregg Simpson is the ringleader, and he'll be joined by improv veterans Paul Plimley on piano and Clyde Reed on bass, plus Vancouver New Music mastermind Giorgio Magnanensi on electronics. Words will be supplied by performance poet Kedrick James; visuals come courtesy of Neil's partner, Carole Itter, and video artist Krista Lomax. With talent like that and Neil watching from the wings, who knows what will happen?

HILARY DUFF Pop singer, film actress, and star of TV's *Lizzie McGuire* performs tunes from latest CD, *Most Wanted*. Jan. 7, 2006, 7 pm, *Pacific Coliseum* (Hastings & Renfrew). Tix \$49.50/34.50 (plus service charges and fees) at Ticketmaster, 604-280-4444.

BRYAN ADAMS London, England-based rocker ("Run to You"), with guest Daniel Powter. Jan. 18, 7:30 pm, *GM Place*. Tix \$65.50/49.50/32.50 (plus service charges and fees) at Ticketmaster, 604-280-4444.

CLUBS

ARCH 518 Richards, 604-605-3358. DJ Lemur Tues., DJ Seanski Wed., DJs Contrasoma, Herr Doktor, and D-Fens Thurs., local bands Fri., with guest DJs after mid.

ASTORIA 769 E. Hastings, 604-764-PUNK, www.asbalt.com/. Karaoke with Mr. X Mon.-Wed.; spoken word every first and third Tues.; hotrod scaryoke

CLUB 686 686 W. Hastings, www.club686.com/. DJ Ali Baba from the Beat Fri., Relik and Remsta Sat., DJ Dimitri Wed., Jesse James and Devereaux Bros. Thurs.

COLUMBIA 303 Columbia St., 604-605-1076. ♦ **ZUCKUSS, JOINT CHIEFS, ASSIMILATOR, SNAPLEGROCK** Nov. 11 ♦ **FESTIVAL OF GUNS** Nov. 18 ♦ **OMEGA CROM, TARD, ANTIQUS, LUCIFERIAN CONQUEST** Nov. 26

COMMODORE BALLROOM 868 Granville, 604-739-4550. Thousand-capacity music venue features mainly international touring acts. Tix for most concerts at Ticketmaster, 604-280-4444. ♦ **LIZ PHAIR, MISSY HIGGINS** Nov. 11 ♦ **GWAR, DEVILDRIVER, A DOZEN FURIES** Nov. 12 ♦ **BROKEN SOCIAL SCENE** Nov. 13 ♦ **JASON MRAZ, TRISTAN PRETTYMAN** Nov. 14 ♦ **THE DANDY WARHOLS, THE OUT CROWD, JETS OVERHEAD** Nov. 15 ♦ **STATIC X, ILL NINO, OPIATE FOR THE MASSES** Nov. 16 ♦ **AVENGED SEVENFOLD, SAOSIN, DEATH BY STEREO, BULLETS AND OCTANE** Nov. 19, 3 pm ♦ **DAMIAN "JR. GONG" MARLEY** Nov. 19 ♦ **STARS** Nov. 21 ♦ **COLIN JAMES** Nov. 24 ♦ **MICHAEL WHITE AND THE WHITE** Nov. 25 ♦ **APRIL WINE** Nov. 26 ♦ **OZOMATLI, STATE RADIO** Nov. 28 ♦ **MORCHEEBA** Dec. 5 ♦ **CLUTCH, WILLIAM ELLIOTT WHITMORE** Dec. 7 ♦ **THEORY OF A DEADMAN, HURST, ARMCHAIR CYNICS, FABER** Dec. 15 ♦ **THEORY OF A DEADMAN, HURST, ART OF DYING** Dec. 16 ♦ **BEDOUIIN SOUNDCLASH** Dec. 28

DARBY'S PUB 2001 MacDonald (at 4th), 604-731-0617. Neighbourhood pub with live music some nights. No cover.

FAIRVIEW PUB 898 W. Broadway, 604-872-1262. John Nolan Trio Thurs. from 6-9 pm, Brickhouse Thurs. at 10 pm. ♦ **JOHN NOLAN JAZZ TRIO, SWEET PEA SWING BAND, TIM HEARSEY** Nov. 10 ♦ **ROOTS ROUNDUP, LAZARE S. HALK** Nov. 11-12 ♦ **RED LACQUER** Nov. 18

HOT JAZZ SOCIETY 2120 Main, 604-873-4131. Club operated by the not-for-profit Vancouver Hot Jazz Society features live jazz, blues, and swing music Fri.-Sat. from 8:30 pm to 1 am. Wow Big Band Tues., salsa Sat., jam session hosted by the Twisters Sun. ♦ **AFRICAN HERITAGE** Nov. 11 ♦ **BILLY DIXON R&B BAND** Nov. 18

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