

Music



Cherbourg, Kurran & the Wolfnotes Wednesday 2 September 7.30pm

London four-piece Cherbourg have been making smart tongues wag and young hearts flutter in the capital for a few months now: their passionate songwriting and soaring harmonies have got us gripped. New EP Into The Dark demonstrates Cherbourg's potential to reach far beyond the confines of any hipster scene.

North 9 The Whale

Noah & The Whale 3 September 8.45pm & 10.15pm (film) & 4 September 7pm (gig)

London's Noah & The Whale are back with new album *The First Days of Spring* plus an accompanying film, filled with emotional power. These songs stay with you haunt you long after the closing bars have faded. theatre & cinema: sold out: the film will be screened on Thursday, then come back on Friday for the gig: a Live Nation show

Magnolia Electric Co & guests Monday 7 September 7.30pm

Jason Molina returns to the capital show-casing new material. Anyone who has followed this consummate performer since his breakthrough with the Songs: Ohia project, will know that an MEC show is always enthralling. The ICA is very excited! New LP Josephine is out now on Secretly Canadian, and we love it.

theatre: £15 adv: a Mean Fiddler event

Heavy Pencil Thursday 10 September 8pm

Rob Matthews has just graduated from the University of Brighton and is already causing a stir with his imaginative and humorous work. Tonight he takes the Heavy Pencil template – music in the bar, live illustrations projected on to the wall – and shows the world of illustration that there's a new sheriff in town.

bar: free

We Have Band & guests Tuesday 15 September 7.30pm

We Have Band are a do it yourself trio who encompass the grooves of Talking Heads and the best bits of Hot Chip. They push it further by concentrating on the layering of synths and drums and are great at balancing pop hooks with exciting rhythms. theatre: £8.50 adv: a Live Nation show

Stornoway & guests Monday 21 September 7.30pm

Compared to Fleet Foxes and with a bluegrass influence, Stornoway are endowed with a natural ability to write a song. What sets them apart and gives them their further magnetism is singer Brian Briggs's exceptional ear for that very distinctive of sounds – the British pop melody. Beguiling close harmony folk. theatre: £8.50 adv: an EatYour Own Ears show

Music go Music & guests Tuesday 22 September 7.30pm

Music go Music have got major labels frantic about whether they'll go massive, but happily as punters we don't need to worry about such things. We can just settle into the intimate ICA theatre as this LA trio spit lullabies of soft-rock into our earholes. This band have the simple syrup of pop extravagance running through their veins.

David Thomas Broughton & Twi The Humble Feather Thursday 24 September 7.30pm

David Thomas Broughton will play his first album *Complete Guide to Insufficiency* from start to finish, plus a few surprises, following a sell-out show at Bush Hall and a set at End of the Road. Support is from Twi The Humble Feather, an acclaimed New York three-piece in their first stint in Europe.

theatre: £9 adv: aThe Local show

Spearmint & The Junipers Wednesday 30 September 8pm

Spearmint play their classic debut A Week Away live in full for the first time to mark its 10th anniversary. This is possibly the coolest, most underrated, most influential, most uplifting band in British indie playing their only UK date.

theatre: £8.50 adv

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Pere Ubu & support Friday 25 September 7.30pm

Over the past 32 years Cleveland underground heroes Pere Ubu have defined the art of cult, refined the voice of the outsider and influenced Joy Division, Pixies, Hüsker Dü, Henry Rollins, REM, The Sisters of Mercy, Thomas Dolby, Bauhaus, Julian Cope and countless others. We are giddy to have them play here tonight.

theatre: £20 adv: a Home Grown show

Autumn Equinox Music Fair Sunday 27 September 2—11pm

A rich harvest of live music, home-made cake, fruity-boozy punch, free massage, artists' bunting and apple bobbing at Cecil Sharp House near Regent's Park, where we will fill the wooden-floored, mirror-walled Trefusis Hall and the leafy, lovely walled garden with sounds from Gemma Ray, Lulu & The Lampshades, Circulus and more, plus folk scribe Will Hodgkinson.

Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road NW1: £10 adv