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LUKA BLOOM Enmore Theatre, tomorrow and Sunday. Tickets \$46.20. Phone 9266 4800.

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FRIDAY ROCK/DJ

ADORE Hotel Parramatta, 10pm-2am.
ANIMAL PARTY O'Malley's Hotel, Kings Cross, 10pm-2am.
BLAKE Observer Hotel, The Rocks, 9.30pm-2.30am.

THE BONDI KID Ryedales Tavern, West Ryde, 7.30pm-11pm.
CELEBRATION DUO Royal Hotel, Springfield, 10.30pm-2am.
COLOR BLIND Surf Rock Cafe, Collaroy, 11pm-2am.

CYBERSUB Window Box, Kubrick, Britania/Brendan Behan Hotel, Chippendale, 8.30pm.
DJs Nick & Sam Slate, The Bar, Macquarie University, 4pm-7.30pm.
DJ MARK THOMPSON St Johns Park Bowling Club, 8pm-1am.

ELEPHANT GUN Eva Trout, Blush, The Bat & Ball Hotel, Surry Hills, 8pm.
THE FAMILY VON TRAPP Southern Cross Hotel, St Peters, 10pm-1am.
THE FIRM Marble Bar, Sydney Hilton, 9.30pm-1.30am.

FRAN Taren Point Bowling Club, 7.30pm-11.30pm.
FRONTLINE ASSAULT Richmond Club, 8.30pm-12.30am.
GIRLS TALK Riverstone Bowling Club, 7.30pm-11.30pm.

G.T.S. Courthouse Hotel, Taylor Square, 11pm-3am.
THE HIPPOS Fitzroy Hotel, Windsor, 9.30pm-midnight.
MARK TRAVERS Parkway Hotel, Frenchs Forest, 6pm-9pm.

MAX GERMANI Hurstville Hotel, 8.30pm-11.30pm.
MID NYT SUN St Johns Park Bowling Club, 8pm-midnight.
MILLENIUM BUG Blacktown City Soccer Club, North Seven Hills, 9.30pm-midnight.

MISS MONNIPPENY Whistlerworth, D-Lay, The Three Weeds, Rozelle, 8pm.
NIGHT & DAY Astral Bar, Star City, 9pm.
PARTY VIBE Lightning Ridge Bar, Star City, 10pm-3am.

PROFESSOR GROOVE & THE BOOTY AFFAIR Good Buddha, Grover, DJ Trevor Parkee, The Basement, Circular Quay, 9pm-3am.
QUEENASTONE Trout Fishing In Rumbach, Magic Lunchbox, The Newtown RSL, 8pm-2am.

SAID IT LOUD (ex Soulgrip) The Cat & Fiddle Hotel, Balmain, 9pm.
SCARLET Billabong Hotel, Merrylands, 8pm-11.30pm.
SCREAMFEEDER Big Heavy Stuff, Kelp, Manly Fishermans & Sporting Club, 8pm.



PICK OF THE WEEK

Matt Buchanan

EVA TROUT On Eva Trout's just-released second album, *Oberon*, Bek Jean-Stewart's versatile voice and Grant Shanahan's guitar combined strongly to tease the emotions before releasing them. Stirrers! With Elephant Gun at The Bat & Ball Hotel, Surry Hills, 8pm, tonight.

LEONARDO'S BRIDE Leonardo's ruled the world for a few months a couple of years back. Then they came over all shy. Now they're back and hopefully to stay. Supported by Peter Fenton, David Lane, at The Basement, Circular Quay, 9pm, Tuesday.

BRENDAN GALLAGHER and JODI PHILLIS Brendan from Karma County and Jodi from the Clouds and Deerhunters will stroke the folk at the Hopetoun Hotel, Surry Hills, 8pm-midnight, Thursday.

FREEBIES

Two Club Acoustica packs, including a double pass to the show on Sunday, a CD Acoustica Vol 1, a Raoul Graf *Splinters* CD, plus *Arkadia's Social Disorder* album (and a Club Acoustica fridge magnet!) are available to the first two readers to phone 0411 815 566 today between 11 and 11.10am.

Sitar player Ustad Shahid Parvez and tabla player Anuradha Pal are leading exponents of North Indian classical improvisation. To win one of 10 double passes to their concert tonight at the Seymour Centre, phone 9351 7944 between 10 and 10.15am today.

Loaf: They're excited to be here, apparently.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SHAHLAN HANES

MEET LOAF

They've come from England, they love us and we're growing to love them too. VIRGINIA MUZIK gets a slice of Loaf.

English band Loaf aren't your typical visitors from ole Blighty, living in cramped conditions with little but a backpack to their name. They like their creature comforts, these guys. With furnishing tastes stuck somewhere in the '70s, their digs are a testament to some canny op-shopping.

Sitting with his three bandmates around their marble-effect laminex kitchen table, singer Figs grins proudly amidst the booty. "Obviously we've plundered Vinnies! We've kitted out the whole flat. And we personally love the style anyway."

Loaf formed in London in the summer of '98, and played their first gigs in early '99, quickly collecting a following and positive reviews. But they found limits to London's live circuit, where many bands play on average only once a month. And although, as their name suggests, they identify with the freedom of the "slacker generation", Loaf are anything but lazy. For a relatively new, unsigned band to shift to the other side of the world in pursuit of a musical sea change, it takes some guts. But why Sydney?

"We had contacts in the music industry here who liked our stuff," Figs explains. "Sydney offered us the opportunity to focus, and it comes down fundamentally to the fact we can play more often here."

"We've given up our jobs, our lives back home," adds bassist Marty Edwards. "We've had to give up a lot to get here. But we quite like the idea of coming to a place and just causing a vibe."

The vibe's been mutual, with Loaf impressing audiences with their energy and sense of fun, and Sydney's influence filtering into their writing. Preferring the inspiration of seaside locations, the closest they'd come were the windswept beaches of southern England. "We write 'sunny' music," says drummer Mark Black. "And since we've been out here it's brought out the 'happy' sound even more."

Loaf's sound freely shifts from raunchy funk to boisterous rock, mixing carefree lyrics and pensive moods with enough room for a sense of humour. *Viva La Cuba*, their punchy, tongue-in-cheek tribute to Ricky Martin, has drawn the biggest response at gigs so far.

With a self-titled, self-financed EP already sold out since their arrival, the guys are keen to get into the studio here and record some new material and to "capture some Sydney energy", as guitarist Chad puts it. "It's nice to be excited about somewhere again."

Loaf are playing at the Hopetoun Hotel tonight.

SHAGADELIC Yarra Bay Sailing Club, 10pm-12.30am.

TWO GOOD REASONS Time & Tide Hotel, Dee Why, 7pm-midnight.

VIVID West Ryde Hotel, 9.30pm-1am.

WAY, Loaf, Chris Bookman, The Hopetoun Hotel, Surry Hills, 8pm-midnight.

ZIGGY STARDUST starring Jeff Duff, Lota, Phil Ceberrano, The Brothers Murphy & The Alien Sex Gods, Chrome Performance Troup, Metro, city, 9pm.
THE ZIPS Parramatta Club, 8.30pm.

JAZZ

BAECASTUFF Side on Cafe, 9pm-12.30am.

BARRY SHEPHERD QUARTET Macquarie Lounge, Renaissance Hotel, city, 6pm-10pm.

JACKIE ORSZACZKY Wine Banc, Martin Place, 10pm-1am.

THE STARFISH Quartet The Rocks Square, 11.30am-2.30pm.

STAY TUNED Club Vertigo, AMP Tower, Centrepont, 8.30pm.

WILD RICE Soup Plus Restaurant, city, 8pm-midnight.

ACOUSTIC/WORLD

ACOUSTIC CRAVINGS Crows Nest Hotel, 10pm-1.30am.

CHARANGA LIBRE Mancini's Supper Lounge, Palazzo Roma, Leichhardt, 8pm.

SWING BRAZIL VII Hot beat Samba & Pagode Band, The Harbourside Brasserie, Pier One, 8.30pm.

CLASSICAL/NEW

GALLERY PLAYERS works by Holland, Holley & Kay, Crows Nest Performing Arts Centre, 5pm.

THE SONG COMPANY Mary Canticle by Dufay, Fayfax, Morales, Lassus & Lopes Morago, works by von Bingen, de Silva, Penalosa, Obrecht and Victoria, Chapel of Mount St Mary's Strathfield, 8pm.

SYDNEY ALPHA ENSEMBLE Carl Rosman (cond), Geoffrey Collins (flute), Peter Jenkins (clarinet), Amber Davis (violin), Deborah Lander (viola), Melissa Barnard (cello), Alex Henery (bass), Stephanie McCallum (piano), Eugene Goossens Hall, ABC Centre, Ultimo, 8pm.

SATURDAY

ROCK/DJ

ABBALANCHE St George Leagues Club, Kogarah, 8pm-1am.

AGE OF LOVE Access All Areas feat. DJ Misjah, Mark Dynamix, Nik Fish, Bexta, Jumping Jack, Chris Fresh, Mikael Fenix, Elroy, Djs Young Jase, Mike Dotch, John McLean, Tim Sea, Matrix, Metro, city, 11pm-7am.

ANDREW FUNNELL Narrabeen Sands Hotel, 6pm-9pm.

ANIMAL PARTY O'Donoghue's Irish House, Emu Plains, 7.45pm-11.10pm.

AUSTRALIAN PLAYED Western Suburbs Leagues Club, Leumeah, 9pm-12.30am.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOM JONES EXPERIENCE Wentworthville Leagues Club, 8pm-9.30pm.

BEATELS The Grand Hotel, Bondi Junction, 9pm-midnight.

THE BLACK ROSE DUO Orient Hotel, The Rocks, midnight-3.30am.

BUCKSHOT St Johns Park Bowling Club, 8pm-midnight.

DIRTY DEEDS, Club Merrylands, 9pm.

DOUBLE VISION Helensburgh Workers Club, 8pm-12.30am.

ELEPHANT GUN Lansdowne Hotel, Broadway, 4pm-6pm.

THE FABULOUS PICASSO BROTHERS Merrylands RSL Club, 8pm-midnight.

THE FAMILY VON TRAPP South Hurstville RSL, 8.30pm-1am.

THE GHOSTWRITERS Tall Gillespie, The Three Weeds, Rozelle, 8pm-midnight.

JUST A LITTLE Boulevard Hotel, Enfield, 9pm-1am.

KAYLAM Chevy's Nightclub, Campbelltown, 12.30pm-1am.

KEVIN BORICH EXPRESS Balmain Leagues Club, Rozelle, 8pm-11.30pm.

LE CLUB NERD Argyle St Hotel, Parramatta, 9.45pm-midnight.

NOVEMBER RAIN, Southern Cross Hotel, St Peters, 10pm-1am.

OH BOY The Buddy Holly Show, St Marys Leagues Club, 8pm-11.15pm.

OSCAR & THE KAMI KIDS Arncliffe Scots Club, 8pm-midnight.

PARTY TIME Courthouse Hotel, Taylor Square, 11pm-3am.

PETER BRYNE (Neil Diamond), Revesby Workers Club, 8pm.

ROYAL CROWN REVUE The Newtown RSL, 8pm-2am.

SCREAMFEEDER Big Heavy Stuff, The Hopetoun Hotel, Surry Hills, 8pm-midnight.

SHORTNOTICE Soulfuction, Junket, North Point Tavern, North Sydney, 8.30pm-11.30pm.

TESTEAGLES GTO, Dropweight, Fracas, Caringbah Businessmans and Sporting Club, 8pm.

JAZZ

CATE HALLIDAY Day Street Cafe, Darling Harbour Parkroyal, 7pm.

LILY DIOR QUINTET Side on Cafe, 9pm-12.30am.

MANHATTAN The Rocks Square, 11.30am-3.15pm.

MIKE HALLAM JAZZ BAND Soup Plus Restaurant, city, 8pm-midnight.

NADIA BURGESS The Stamford Hotel, North Ryde, 7pm-11pm.

STEVE CLISBY QUINTET Wine Banc, Martin Place, 10pm-1am.

VESPA Mancini's Supper Lounge, Palazzo Roma, Leichhardt, 8pm.

COUNTRY

SKWEIFF Drummyhole RSL, 8pm.

TEX MULEKIN Overlander Hotel, Cambridge Park, 7pm-11pm.

CLASSICAL/NEW

BACHANALIA Sydney University Graduate Choir, Christopher Bowen, (musical dir), Soloists: Leslie Martin, Nicole Smeuders, Roy Weissenstein, Timothy Collins, The Great Hall Sydney University, 8pm.

TRIO CHARDIN AMSTERDAM John Wilson Meyer (classical violin) Simon Murphy (classical viola), Thomas Pitt (classical cello), Hans-Dieter Michatz (traverse flute), St James Church, city, 8.15pm.

ACOUSTIC/WORLD

LUKA BLOOM Enmore Theatre, 8pm.

SUNDAY

ROCK/DJ

CLUB ACOUSTICA Stella One Eleven, Raoul Graf (9.30pm), The Miller's Tale, Glance, Tony Azzopardi, Akradia, The Basement, Circular Quay, 8pm.

EARTH ANGELS St Johns Park Bowling Club, 5.30pm-9.30pm.