

The Hit List

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The people, places, and things that should be on your radar this month

My Time



Iron Fists: Branding the 20th-Century Totalitarian State, by Steven Heller

Time to set aside those breezy summer reads and get serious. *Iron Fists* takes a gripping look at how totalitarian states use imagery—the swastika, visages of Mao, Fidel, and Lenin—to advance their ideologies. Some images will be eerily familiar from sports and advertising; all have a terrifyingly alluring beauty. phaidon.com



Choke

SEPTEMBER 26
Based on the novel by *Fight Club* author Chuck Palahniuk and starring Sam Rockwell and Anjelica Huston, *Choke* features sex addiction, chronic

masturbation, an elaborate criminal scheme, class exploitation, a shocking mystery, and, as they say in showbiz, much, much more. foxsearchlight.com

James Bond: The History of the Illustrated 007, by Alan Y. Porter

Before he hit the silver screen, Ian Fleming's hero had a life in

comic books, newspapers, and magazines. Porter traces that history in his generously illustrated book. He provides smart social context for Bond and gleefully recounts 007's always-winning ways with a steady stream of criminals and female admirers. www.hermespress.com



Guy Time



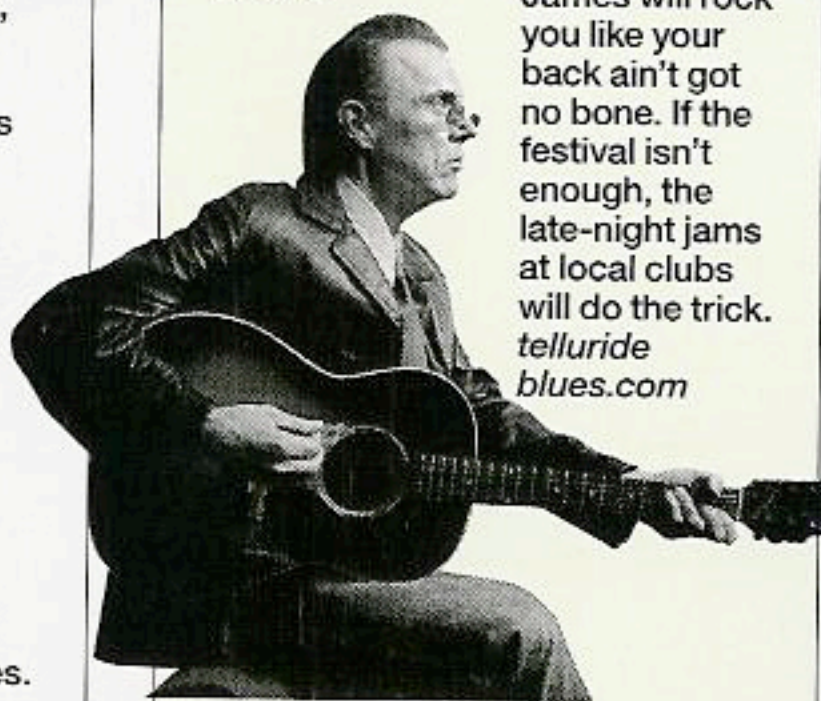
Yankee Stadium and Shea Stadium

This September offers your last chance to see a game at the House That Ruth Built or the stadium where the Amazin's taught you that you gotta believe! If you can't get to the Bronx or Queens, check out these DVDs: *Yankee Stadium: Baseball's Cathedral*, *Shea Goodbye: 45 Years of Amazin'*, and *The New York Mets: Essential Games of Shea Stadium*. amazon.com

Telluride Blues and Brews Festival

SEPTEMBER 12-14
TELLURIDE, COLORADO
Blues and beer in the Colorado Rockies? You don't need the Blind Boys of Alabama's transcendent gospel

harmonies to convince you that this is someone's version of heaven. More than 50 microbreweries will offer their suds, and the likes of John Hiatt, Gov't Mule, and Etta James will rock you like your back ain't got no bone. If the festival isn't enough, the late-night jams at local clubs will do the trick. tellurideblues.com



Flint Metal Center's 4th-Annual New Vehicle Show and GM 100th Celebration

SEPTEMBER 16-18, FLINT, MICHIGAN
The show begins with a classic GM model from 1908 and ends with concept cars and some 2009 issues. If you are overwhelmed by the urge to buy, reps from GM Services and local banks will be on hand. flintgm100.com



Date Time



Leaf Peeping

CRESCENT BAY FARM BED & BREAKFAST
SOUTH HERO, VERMONT

Get a jump on the crowds and head to South Hero, one of the islands in Vermont's Lake Champlain, and see the leaves start to turn in late September. The lake will still be warm enough

for boating, and there are plenty of other activities nearby. But once you enter this refurbished 1820 farmhouse, you may not want to leave. crescentbaybb.com

Euphoria

SEPTEMBER 11-14
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA
Founded by musician Edwin McCain (who will perform) and SC restaurateur Carl Sobocinski, this festival draws top-tier chefs and musicians from around the country to benefit area arts groups and charities. Chris Isaak headlines the Friday-night concert. euphoriagreenville.com



Live Arts Festival and Philly Fringe

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 13
PHILADELPHIA
Convinced that Philly ain't nothin' but cheesesteaks? Think again. These festivals present a range of edgy, innovative dance, theater, music, and cabaret performances that make the case for the City of Brotherly Love as a cultural mecca. livearts-fringe.org



Family Time

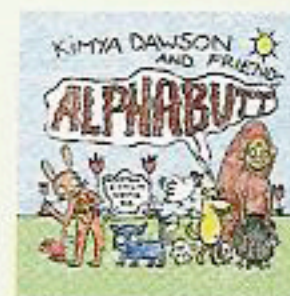
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Annex, in New York City

The Hall of Fame museum is in Cleveland, but this new annex in the heart of SoHo will focus on rock's greatest moments and movements. Along with cool artifacts—Madonna's Keith Haring jacket, Springsteen's car, Elton's glasses, Dylan's harmonica—the space will feature a theater showing performances such as *Elvis on The Ed Sullivan Show* and the Beatles at Shea. rockhall.com



Alphabutt

SEPTEMBER 9
Underground darling Kimya Dawson hit the big time last year when the *Juno* soundtrack, which included six of her songs, became a sensation. Her work has always had an affecting and knowing childlike quality, and now she's back with



an album of children's songs. If you're looking for kids' music that's smart enough for you to like too, Kimya's your girl. kimyadawson.com

Orca Whale Watching

SAN JUAN ISLANDS, WASHINGTON
September is prime time for watching the orca, a.k.a. killer, whale, and the best place to do it is the San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington. Tours by San Juan Safaris leave daily from Friday Harbor through the end of the month. Time your trip to coincide with Seattle's Coffee Fest trade show (planned September 12-14). sanjuansafaris.com

