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**On The  
Beat**

## Keep on Truckin'

**DRIVE BY TRUCKERS:** *On The Beat's* vote for best show of the year may be reserved for the recent DBT gig at The Phoenix. This band from Athens, Georgia, simply scorched the place, rockin' with abandon for two hours and 20 minutes, and virtually all their loyal fans stayed for the duration. You could perhaps call them a Southern version of our own **THE TRAGICALLY HIP**, in the sense that they're both guitar-driven bar bands who have reached another level by fusing passion and intelligence. The fact that DBT possess three songwriters and vocalists gives them a little more sonic variety. Live, they add a steel guitarist, so the presence of five guitarists (including a bassist) plus a drummer results in a glorious wall of sound. The band's most prolific writer, **PATTERSON HOOD**, was in fine sweaty form, but the show was sometimes stolen by **JASON ISBELL**. His songs, emotive vocals (especially on the heart-rending "Dress Blues"), and fluently understated playing were a treat, as was his cool, **KEEF**-like (cigarette included) persona. Also catching the eye was bassist **SHONA TUCKER**, who showed she could rock out and drink (from the shared Jack Daniels bottle) just as well as the guys. Besides their own compelling tunes, the band covered **THE STONES'** "Moonlight Mile" and **JIM CARROLL's** "People Who Died," the latter being the set's finale. Killer gig.

**DIONE TAYLOR:** This excellent young jazz meets soul songstress has just been signed to well-respected Toronto label, Marquis, and they're releasing her shining sophomore album, *I Love Being Here With You*. Dione's 2004 debut, *Open Your Eyes*, earned Juno, Urban Music and National Jazz Award nominations, and the new one is even stronger. Co-producer **DOUG RILEY** helped assemble an all-star musical supporting cast, including **GUIDO BASSO**, **PAT LABARBERA**, **DAVIDE DIDIRENZO**, **JAKE LANGLEY**, and American piano star, **BENNY GREEN**, while another top jazz singer, **DENZAL SINCLAIRE**, duets on two cuts. Check out the Nov. 9 CD release show at Lula Lounge to catch this rising star.

**THE PIXIES:** Fans will be going broke keeping up with new DVDs from their influential rock 'n roll heroes. Their triumphant 2004-5 reunion tour showed they're more popular now than ever, and that tour is captured nicely on *Live At The Paradise In Boston* (on Eagle Rock). It features 29 of their songs, played in front of an enraptured hometown audience. A neat bonus is a 12 song set the band played in Boston 20 years ago! Definitely superior to the recent *Acoustic Live In Newport* DVD. Even more highly recommended is *LoudQUIETLoud: A Film About The Pixies*. As the title suggests, it's a documentary, not a concert film. It follows their reunion tour, and is a very candid and human look at the band. You'll learn that **KIM DEAL**, a reformed alcoholic, banned booze from their

dressing rooms, that **FRANK BLACK** is step-dad to two young kids, and that **DAVID LOWERING** loves magic tricks and chemicals. There's just enough concert footage included to remind us what a brilliant band they were/are.

**NEW RELEASES:** Everybody's favourite vegan dance-pop star **MOBY** has just released a greatest hits collection, *Go-The Very Best Of Moby* (on V2). It serves as a reminder of how very many cool tracks he's released over the years, and helps compensate for the disappointment of his last studio album, *Hotel*, widely seen as his weakest ever. *Go* features such faves as "Porcelain," "We Are All Made Of Stars," "Natural Blues" and "South side," while a bonus CD features remixes from the likes of **FERRY CORSTEN**, **TIMO MAAS**, **PAUL OAKENFOLD**, **MYLO** and **DJ TIESTO**.

**UPCOMING:** Fast-rising Canadian hip-hop star **CADENCE WEAPON** just played here in support of **LADY SOVEREIGN**, and he returns on Nov. 7, opening for **JURASSIC 5** at The Phoenix. His debut disc, *Breaking Kayfabe*, will soon come out Stateside. Inventive Vancouver instrumental hip-hop crew **NO LUCK CLUB** are touring in support of their new disc, *Prosperity*. They play Supermarket (with **THE QUARTERTONES**) on Nov. 8, and The Rivoli (with **LAL**) the next night. On the classical side, the excellent **HANNAFORD STREET SILVER BAND** commemorate Remembrance Day with a Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> concert at Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St. E.). They're joined by famed guest conductor/composer **BRAMWELL TOVEY** and **THE AMADEUS CHOIR**. Look for the wonderful **LOS LOBOS** to bring their fans to their feet at their Nov. 10 Massey Hall show.