

This week's TOP TEN

FILMS



- 1 Quantum Of Solace
- 2 High School Musical 3
- 3 Saw V
- 4 Ghost Town
- 5 Burn After Reading
- 6 Igor
- 7 Eagle Eye
- 8 Mamma Mia!
- 9 Hunger
- 10 Golmaal Returns

ALBUMS

- 1 Pink: Funhouse
- 2 Snow Patrol: A Hundred Million Suns
- 3 AC/DC: Black Ice
- 4 Kings Of Leon: Only By The Night
- 5 Celine Dion: My Love - The Essential Collection
- 6 Daniel O'Donnell: Country Boy
- 7 Katherine Jenkins: Sacred Arias
- 8 Bloc Party: Intimacy
- 9 Sash: The Best Of
- 10 Oasis: Dig Out Your Soul



DVDs



- 1 Wanted
- 2 Horton Hears A Who
- 3 Lost - The Complete 4th Series
- 4 The Incredible Hulk
- 5 Sex And The City, The Movie
- 6 Adulthood
- 7 Casino Royale
- 8 I Am Legend
- 9 Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber
- 10 11 Cloverfield

BOOKS



- 1 Dear Fatty by Dawn French
- 2 The Official Highway Code by Great Britain. Department for Transport, et al.
- 3 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- 4 Parky by Michael Parkinson
- 5 The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K. Rowling, et al.
- 6 Reader from Sony by Sony United Kingdom
- 7 Jamie's Ministry of Food by Jamie Oliver
- 8 At My Mother's Knee ... by Paul O'Grady
- 9 Disney High School Musical Annual
- 10 For Crying Out Loud by Jeremy Clarkson.

Your starter for ten...

GREAT DAYS OUT

with



Some like it hot in a busy week of events

Lost for ideas when it comes to the weekend and next week? The Star has recruited the help of local tourism experts Yorkshire South Tourism to come up each week with 10 ideas on where to go and what to see. Take your pick from these local treats...

1 Today, November 8, 10.30am - 4pm, Peace and Craft Fair, Sheffield Town Hall: Start your Christmas shopping in style, with a selection of gifts for all the family at the Peace and Craft Fair.
■ 0114 2734552

2 Tomorrow, November 9, 10am, Nature through the Seasons, Winter Signs of Life, Car Park, Twentylands, Rotherham: Join Jim Staveley for a hunt in search of tracks, trails and other signs of life. Discover the creatures that live in and visit the site as part of this free, fun-filled family activity.
■ 01709 822453

3 November 9, 10am - 4.30pm, Antiques & Collectables Fair, Elsecar Heritage Centre, Barnsley: Bargain hunters can visit one of South Yorkshire's biggest and best antiques and collectables fairs. Featuring a varied selection of items, from the kitsch to the pre-Victorian, it's a perfect opportunity to snap up that unique Christmas gift! Adult admission £1.50.
■ 01226 744425

4 November 10, 10am, Under Wraps, Brodsworth Hall, Doncaster: Putting the house to bed - your chance to have a look around the house during the closed season. Admission from £20, including morning coffee and buffet lunch.
■ 01302 722598



Events: Southey Musical Theatre Company's Some Like it Hot and, below, Brodsworth Hall



5 November 11-15, 7.15pm, Some Like It Hot, Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield: The Southey Musical Theatre Company present their stage adaptation of the classic 1959 film comedy which starred Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe. Admission from £10.
■ 0114 2720142

6 November 11-14, 7.15pm, Razzle Dazzle, Civic Theatre, Rotherham: From Mary Poppins and My Fair Lady to Hairspray and High School Musical, there's something for everyone in this evening of song and dance. Admission £8.
■ 01226 321429

7 November 13, 7.30pm, Music in the Round Ensemble 360: Beethoven, Watkins and Brahms, Rotherham Arts Centre, Rotherham: Ensemble 360 are a South Yorkshire based group quickly gaining a reputation as one of the UK's leading ensembles. Catch them while you can! Tickets from £10.
■ 01709 823611

8 November 13, 7.30pm, Sweeney Todd, Little Theatre, Doncaster: A stage production based on the original text by George Dibdin Pitt, centered on the 19th century fictional character Sweeney Todd.
■ 01302 340422

9 November 14, 7.30pm, On the Trail of William Shakespeare, Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield: A talk by J. Keith Cheetham on his latest book On the Trail of William Shakespeare. Admission £5.
■ 07999 845638

10 November 15th, 7.30pm, Regency Ball, Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens, Barnsley: A memorable evening of dance and Regency style, direct from the pages of a Jane Austen novel. Music by the Pemberley Players, with a dance practice on the afternoon of the ball. A Regency-inspired finger buffet will be served. Dress code is Regency or modern evening dress. Last few remaining tickets available at £37.50
■ 01226 790270.

Produced in conjunction with Yorkshire South Tourism. For further events information and more ideas about what to see and do in Sheffield and the Yorkshire South region, call Sheffield Tourist Information Centre on 0114 221 1900 or visit www.yorkshiresouth.com

daily cooks challenge



Rack of Lamb with a Pistachio Crust:
Antony Worrall Thompson

INGREDIENTS

- 2 x 7-bone best ends of lamb, each about 275-350g (10-12 oz)
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard.

For the pistachio crust:

- 25g (1 oz) unsalted butter
- 50g (2 oz) shelled pistachio nuts
- 2 tbsp thyme leaves
- 2 tbsp fresh chives, snipped
- 2 tbsp flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 50g (2 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
- rind of ½ lemon, finely grated
- 1 small garlic, roughly chopped
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 500g new potatoes, roasted

METHOD

- To make the pistachio crust, melt the butter in a small pan or in the microwave. Place in a food processor with the pistachio nuts and herbs and blitz until bright green. Add the breadcrumbs, lemon rind, garlic and seasoning and blend again for just a few seconds until all the ingredients are well combined.
- Next, seal off the lamb by cooking in a hot pan until brown all over. Allow to cool slightly. Place the racks of lamb on a chopping board and, using a pastry brush, spread the mustard thickly over the fat side of each rack. Cover with the pistachio crust and, using your hands, mould it over the lamb. Arrange the lamb, coated side up, on a baking sheet then chill for at least 30 minutes or up to two hours to allow the crust to set.
- Preheat the oven to 200°C. Place the racks of lamb in a small roasting tin and roast for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside in a warm place to rest for 10 minutes, then carve into chops and serve with roasted new potatoes and wilted spinach.

■ www.cooksforcooks.com Loads of easy recipes, plus you can make your own online cookbook.



Technique: Erik Mongrain

Erik taps in to a novel way of guitar-playing

By David Dunn

Michael Manring and Bill Plummer:

Central to the record is a unique playing style. It fuelled 2007's debut release Fates and has earned Erik an audience across the world, having come about after the musician discovered Jean-Sebastian Bach's classical guitar melodies.

LAP tapping star Erik Mongrain has come a long way since developing his style of guitar playing - well, Montreal, actually.

And tomorrow the talented 28-year-old acoustic guitarist brings his art to The Boardwalk in support of new album Equilibrium.

In addition to Erik's compositions, the album also includes guest appearances by

Erik began experimenting with a technique known as lap tapping. With the guitar on his lap, he taps the chords with both hands as if it were a piano.

It has taken him on to numerous TV shows and consecutive appearances at the Montreal Jazz Festival in 2007 and 2008. Not to mention the three million plus views of his abilities on YouTube.

Erik is currently on a 19-show tour of the UK and Ireland - you can get a further taste of what he does at www.myspace.com/erikrain

Same venue, next Wednesday, you can catch blues singer Diana Braithwaite performing with vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Chris Whitley.

Tonight the Snig Hill venue hosts the Bon Jovi Experience.