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An Evening of Summer Music

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Headington Theatre, Headington Senior School
7.30pm, Sat. 4th June – £15 (£10) – 01865 768956

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Richard May *(cello)* Olena Shvetsova-eker *(piano)*

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ROBOTS [U] Thu: 11.20am, 1.40pm
Kids' animation from the makers of "Ice Age".
STAR WARS: EPISODE 3 – REVENGE OF THE SITH [12A] Thu: 11.30am, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30pm
Will Anakin throw his light sabre into Mount Doom?
MONSTER IN LAW [12A] Thu: 2.50, 7.00pm
Jane Fonda terrorises daughter-in-law Jennifer Lopez.
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN [15] Thu: 4.40pm
Crusader-on-Crusader action. With Orlando Bloom.
THE HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (PG) ✍ Wed: 6.00, 8.15pm
Life, the Universe and Everything.
VALIANT [U] Thu: 11.40am, 1.20pm
Animated WWII pigeon caper with Ewan McGregor.
WHAT THE #$*! DO WE KNOW? [12A] Thu: 12.20, 4.50, 9.10pm
Mute photographer has Alice-in-Wonderland experience, if I heard right.
IT'S ALL GONE PETE TONG [15] Thu: 12.40, 2.40, 7.40, 9.40pm
Comedy following the tragic life of legendary DJ Frankie Wilde.
MILLIONS [12A] Thu: 12.00, 2.10, 4.20, 6.50, 9.00pm
Two boys find the loot from a bank robbery but have only a week to spend it.
HOUSE OF WAX [15] Thu: 3.00, 5.00, 7.10, 9.20pm
A group of college students wander into a museum overseen by a sadistic curator.
THE PACIFIER [PG] Thu: 10.50, 2.00, 4.10, 6.40, 8.45pm
'Think of a less nuanced Kindergarten Cop,' says Julz, though I suggest you don't.
SIN CITY [18] Thu: 6.00, 8.50pm
Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with his customary flair.

Odeon George Street (0871 2244 007)

THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN'S APOCALYPSE [15] Fri: 12.45, 3.30, 6.45, 9.00pm
International film for local people.
THE PACIFIER [PG] Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45pm, Fri: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45pm
Vin Diesel as undercover agent turned Mary Poppins. Less surreal than it sounds.
STAR WARS EPISODE 3: REVENGE OF THE SITH [12A] Thu: 11.00am, 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 8.00pm
Many lightsabre fights. Fri: 1.00, 1.30, 4.00, 4.30, 7.00, 8.15pm
ROBOTS [U] Thu: 11.45am, Fri: 12 noon
Kids' animation from the makers of "Ice Age". With Ewan McGregor's voice.
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Film noir adaptation of Frank Miller's dark comic books.
HOUSE OF WAX [15] Thu: 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15pm, Fri: 2.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
Magnificently silly horror with Paris Hilton.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT [15] ✍ Thu: 6.30pm
WW1 romance by director of Amélie.
DOWNFALL [15] ✍ Thu: 9.00pm, Fri: 8.00pm
Last days of the Third Reich, dir. Oliver Hirschbiegel.

Phoenix Picture House (512526)

A GOOD WOMAN [PG] Thu: 1.00, 3.00, 7.00pm
"Lady Windemere's Fan" set in 1930s New York. With Scarlett Johansson.
THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOVE [15] Thu: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45pm
Psychological thriller from Italy.
MARIA FULL OF GRACE [15] Thu: 9.00pm
A pregnant Colombian teenager smuggles heroin to New York.
TARNATION [15] Thu: 5.00pm
Jonathan Caouette's documentary on growing up with his schizophrenic mother.
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Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with his customary flair.
A GOOD WOMAN [PG] Fri: 2.00pm
"Lady Windemere's Fan" set in 1930s New York. With Scarlett Johansson.
FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS VEGAS [18] Fri: 11.30pm
"As if Fellini directed a Cheech and Chong movie"...
THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOVE [15] Fri: 4.00, 6.15, 8.45pm
Psychological thriller from Italy. With English subtitles and Toni Servillo.

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THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (PG) ✍ Thu: 12.30pm
Apparently everything's mostly good.
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MILLIONS [12A] Fri-Sun: 11.00, 1.30, 3.30, 5.50, 8.00
Heartwarming tale of felony & monetary union Mon-Wed: 1.30, 3.30, 5.50, 8.00pm
MONSTER IN LAW [12A] Fri-Sun: 11.20, 4.00, 6.10pm Mon-Thu: 4.00, 6.10pm
Jane Fonda terrorises daughter-in-law Jennifer Lopez
MR AND MRS SMITH [15] Thu: 1.15, 3.50, 5.30, 6.40, 8.00, 9.15
Spouses Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie are assassins hired to kill each other
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Children's animation from the makers of "The Ice Age"
SIN CITY [18] daily: 1.10, 3.40, 6.20, 9.00pm
Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with his customary flair and exuberance
STAR WARS EPISODE 3: REVENGE OF THE SITH [12A] Fri-Sun: 11.40am, 1.40pm, 2.40, 4.40, 5.40, 7.40, 8.45pm Mon-Wed: 1.40pm, 2.40, 4.40, 5.40, 7.40, 8.45pm Thu: 2.40, 5.40, 8.45pm
It's cool to be a Star Wars fan again!
THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (PG) daily: 4.10, 8.30
Life, the Universe & Everything (with added romance)
THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN'S APOCALYPSE [15] Fri-Sun: 2.50, 4.50, 7.00, 9.10 Mon-Thu: 12.50, 2.50, 4.50, 7.00, 9.10
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Animated WWII pigeon caper with Ewan McGregor.
WHAT THE BLEEP DO WE KNOW? [12A] daily: 1.50, 8.15pm
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Sun 5th

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BEGINNERS' WILDFLOWER SURVEY / Plants in Marston Meadows. / 2 - 4pm / Meet at cattle grid, end of Ferry Rd, off Marston Rd

Mon 6th

MARKETS & METAL DETECTORS / Is it time to re-write the economic history of the Dark Ages? With Dr Katharina Ulmschneider (Worcester) / Oxford Uni Archaeological Soc / 8pm, £2 non-members / Email: archsoc@herald.ox.ac.uk / Web: http://www.geocities.com/ouarchsoc / Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street, Oxford

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GIG REVIEW

The Duke Spirit / The Archie Bronson Outfit / The Half Rabbits

The Zodiac, Tuesday May 31st 2005

Beautiful people - gotta love 'em, dontcha? They're everywhere tonight; at the bar, in the toilets... even the bouncers have baby-soft skin (not that I was touching, you understand). With a set of ice cube-cool pretty young things like The Duke Spirit headlining, there's always a danger that a gig can become a beauty contest - a nasty case of style over content.

Oxford's Half Rabbits set the ball rolling with a (mercifully) short set of half-baked indie-by-numbers. Despite two years experience of life on the road, they look a little lost and very nervous. Drummer Sally Pelling barely glances up for the duration, as if nervous that people may be paying her band some attention. She needn't have worried. The good news is that Sally and bassist Alice earn their group a style rating of 7 out of 10. Fashion-tastic!

The Archie Bronson Outfit are a different kettle of fish altogether. For one thing, they clearly haven't made a sartorial effort, but musically, they're absolutely storming. Tribal drums drive each song through from beginning to end, and the overall effect is that of Kings of Leon fighting on top of a runaway train. Sadly, the beards let them down in the style stakes - a measly 2 out of 10, though 3 bonus points for use of the word 'Outfit' in their name.

So what do we make of The Duke Spirit; indie-elitist, over-styled chancers, or simply a corking rock 'n' roll band with a damn sexy lead singer? They tear through a selection of nuggets from debut album 'Cuts Across The Land', frontwoman Leila Moss inspiring hip-shaking in both teenage girls and 45 year-old male groupies. 'Lovetones' is an undoubted highlight, wailing like the bastard lovechild of Diana Ross and a Jesus and Mary Chain roadie, while singles 'Love Is An Unfamiliar Name' and 'Lion Rip' are both chucked in mid-set to ridiculous adoration from the front row.

It's pretty hard not to fall in love with The Duke Spirit, so I decided not to try. The album sounds better with every listen and, live, they're tighter than a Scotsman shopping in the Matalan sale (sorry Uncle Hamish). But is the emphasis placed too firmly on Leila's gorgeous eyes, the guitarist's wonderful cheekbones and Colin Murray's hairier brother on drums? The quick answer… no. Despite the recent criticism aimed in their direction, there's no shame in having the right look, providing the content is there to back it up - so a style rating of 9 is nothing to be ashamed of. Plus, the keyboard player's shoes earn them 2 bonus points, and I quite liked the bassist's jeans and... oh, sod it. 42,961 out of 10 for a band that define quality.

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