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SEAN CULLEN'S GUIDE TO CONCERTS THIS WEEK (INCLUDING TWO OF HIS OWN)

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His sense of absurdist comedy is finely tuned, and so is his guitar. Offbeat funnyman Sean Cullen's new CD of musical comedy is *I Am a Human Man*, a collection of tunes and bizarre (but ultimately practical) advice that serves as what he calls an "instruction manual for humans." His current tour brings the album to life, with local dates that include Toronto's Panasonic Theatre on Sunday and Hamilton's Studio at Hamilton Place on June 4. With help from composer Robbie Roth, Cullen indulges in a broad range of genres - German techno, Beach Boys pop, country and western, rock and power ballads - to express his stream-of-consciousness guidance. With that in mind, we've asked Cullen to steer Globe and Mail readers through the next week's music calendar by picking the concerts (in addition to his own, of course) he thinks you need to see.

Sean Cullen plays Sunday, 7:30 p.m. \$35.50. Panasonic Theatre, 651 Yonge St., 416-872-1212; June 4, 8 p.m. \$31.50. The Studio at Hamilton Place, Hamilton, 416-870-8000.

The Von Bondies are not a Dutch glue company. They are a band who are out to entertain you That is their dream Make it come true Tomorrow, 10 p.m. \$13.50. Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. W., 416-870-8000.

Why not go to see **KC & the Sunshine Band** at Casino Rama? You can do a little dance, perhaps make a little love and then, quite suddenly, get down tonight. Sound good? Saturday, 9 p.m. \$34.50 to \$46. Orillia, Ont., 416-870-8000.

Doves are at the Koolhaus. Not those creepy birds with the club feet and beady eyes: Those are pigeons and they're everywhere all the time. No, the English band Doves have been beating themselves up in a makeshift recording studio in a Cheshire barnyard and now trot out their new album *Kingdom of Rust*. Don't miss it. June 1, 8 p.m. \$26.50. Kool Haus, 132 Queens Quay E., 416-870-8000.

TV on the Radio is at the Sound Academy for those people who like their band names to make them think. (Like it's TV but, like, on the RADIO) These kooky Brooklyn kids are visual artists turned sound sculptors who create sound paintings with your tiny minds for pigment. June 2, 8 p.m. \$22.50. 11 Polson St., 416-870-8000.

Sean Cullen, as told to Brad Wheeler

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