

Going Out Guide

A GUIDE TO EVENTS, NIGHT LIFE AND ENTERTAINMENT

Nightlife Agenda

Every Tuesday, the Going Out Gurus highlight the week's best DJs, bands, dance nights and parties. Find a longer list of events at www.goingoutguide.com.

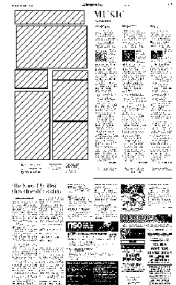
Niki & the Dove

Once you hear that an electro-pop group comes from Sweden, the expectations go through the roof. There must be something in those fjords. **Niki & the Dove** lives up to the lofty standard and offers a bit more. The duo's songs do the job on the dance floor, but there's more than simple, appealing beats. These songs aim for something higher and regularly hit the mark; they're dynamic, dramatic and uplifting. Live performances are the same, with an expanded lineup and a couple of dancers in tow. This show is the latest in the All Things Gold series presented by local blog All Things Go.

Thursday at 9 p.m. U Street Music Hall, 1115 U St. NW. 202-588-1880. www.ustreetmusic hall.com. \$13, \$10 in advance.

Listen Local First showcase

Listen Local First's mission is as straightforward as its name — to get more people listening to local music. The past year, the group has helped promote monthly "local music days" during which songs exclusively by D.C. artists are played in local shops and restaurants. The next one is Wednesday, so if you walk into places such as Tryst, Miss Pixie's, Pulp and Acre 121, be ready to hear tunes by the likes of rapper yU, singer-songwriter Justin Trawick and pop duo We Were Pirates. On Thursday, three of this month's featured acts — Americana duo the Parlor Soldiers, dance-rock group Dance for the Dying and songstress Flo Anito — will perform at Mellow Mushroom after an hour-long panel discussion about the local music scene.



Thursday at 8 p.m. Mellow Mushroom, 2436 18th St. NW. 202-290-2778. www.listenlocalfirst.com. Free.

'Color Me Obsessed'

There are very few casual fans of the Replacements. If you're a fan of the Minneapolis rockers, you probably include them on a short list of the greatest bands ever, most likely right at the top. Filmmaker Gorman Becharad examines this in his documentary "Color Me Obsessed: The Potentially True Story of the Last Best Band, the Replacements." The film tracks the careers of the beer-swilling, self-destructive rockers solely through the words of their fans, including members of such bands as Husker Du, Titus Andronicus, the Hold Steady and more. You won't hear a note of the Replacements' music, but you might leave convinced of their greatness.

Friday at 9 p.m. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW. 202-667-7960. www.blackcatdc.com. \$8.

Urban Inspire Tour

The Busboys & Poets chain successfully creates evenings of art and "edutainment" where you can nerd out with your favorite author or enjoy performances by local talent. Now that formula is expanding to Hyattsville's burgeoning Gateway Arts District. The Urban Inspire Tour features singer-songwriter Leon Timbo, who might get his big break now that he has been taken under the wing of R&B impresario Babyface. Also featured is Jean Baylor, an artist who stays beloved because of her timeless work as half of neo-soul group Zhane and who has plenty of solo work to share with longtime fans.

Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Busboys & Poets, 5331 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville. 301-300-6320. www.fusicology.com/event/theurbaninspire-tour. \$25; \$20 in advance.

— David Malitz and Rhome Anderson



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BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Malin Dahlstrom and Gustaf Karlof make up Niki & the Dove.