



ITCH – WHAT’S HOT ON THE RADAR



THEY'RE ON FIRE

Flamenco Fire spectacular *Al-Andaluz* plays QPAC for four performances from July 29. Drawing from the riches of more than five centuries of music, dance and culture from the last Moorish king of 1492 to the golden age in Seville of the 19th century, the line-up of Oz artists includes oud player Yuval Ashkar (above); 136 246.



ON THE BRINK PARTY

Things are going to get crazy at the Judith Wright Centre in Fortitude Valley on Saturday when it becomes the hottest nightclub in town for Brink Party, which promises a night of physical spectacle by Oz circus performer Rudi Mineur (above). There's also a dance floor. Bookings 3872 9000. Fun starts 8pm.



COLLEGE FALL ALBUM LAUNCH

Glenn Musto and Jodie Lee Bartlett are College Fall, whose debut album *Eleven Letters* took the pair to Europe. They're back, and on tour, with a new album, *The Curse of Us*, to be launched at x&y bar, Fortitude Valley, on Saturday (Dan Brodie and Glenn Thompson's *Halfway* will also get a spotlight); Details: xandybar.com.au.



STENCIL ART PRIZE

The deadline for entries to the Australian Stencil Art Prize is August 1, so to all you talented stencil artists out there: sharpen your pencils! Enter at australianstencilartprize.com. The prize is \$2000 and judges include Regan Tamanui (known as HaHa). Finalists and winners (above is the '09 winner *Nesting*) will be exhibited in November.



MEET THE VOICE OF REASON

Can our civilisation survive the 21st century? Australian Conservation Foundation president Professor Ian Lowe, author of *A Big Fix* and *Living in the Hothouse*, thinks we have a chance. Meet Prof Lowe at the launch of his new book, *A Voice of Reason*, at Avid Reader Bookshop, West End, July 29. Free. RSVP on 3846 3422.



FEAST FOR THE SENSES

South Bank's annual food and wine fest Regional Flavours is on Saturday, 10am to 3pm, in Little Stanley St, with fare from more than 80 producers and growers in southeast Queensland, plus cooking demos by celebrity chefs such as Ben O'Donoghue and *MasterChef* second-series contestants Skye Craig and Sharnee Rawson.



FIRST LOOK AT HOLMES

Above is a pic teaser of Katie Holmes in the 2009 Oz-shot *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*, which promises to be a tale of "hair-raising, spine-chilling horror", also starring Guy Pearce and nine-year-old Bailee Madison (*Bridge to Terabithia*). The Miramax-produced film is scheduled for cinema release in March.