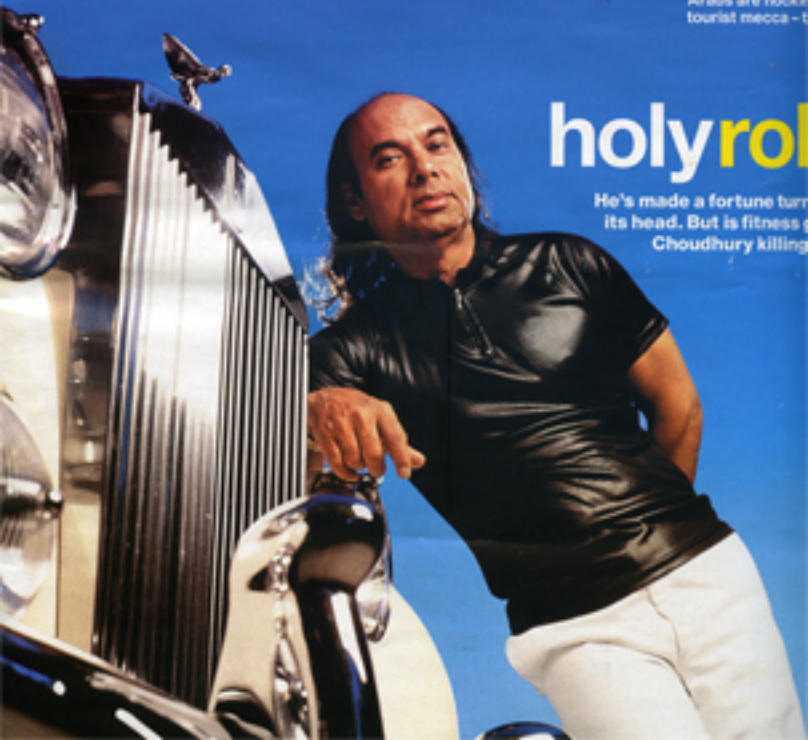


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Boozey bard
 Caribbean Deaf Mute's Chief Deaf pictured rolls out Fogarty's gallery of characters, bashed post, the Second Earl, in the gritty period piece *is*, in cinemas next Thursday.

Piece of bliss
 Chicago's Oscar Gilbert delivers how-to-back in *Stumbling on* (HeperCollins, \$32.99) - it's his and, best of all, prescribes a approach to finding his

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 Youth to The Gates, from Brian Wilson to Nozomi, Matsushita, the weekend's in The Grass festival at Byron City, much get the popular album covered.

Best belt
 Essentials, an underground act out of Brooklyn, bring electric performance piece part rock gig, part break art live video, with a dash of inspiration - to the beachhouse, New Farm, Jersey to Saturday.

It's all relative
 Alfred Dreyfus and they reveal much about when they turn lenses. Family Photographers That Families (Phantom, 200-image collection by Oscar Wood, available at oscarwood.com.au).



Gig Howling homage
 Wolfmother's '70s-style heavy metal thunder has had audiences bowing down in New York, Los Angeles and London - now the Sydney trio is back touring on home turf, playing the RiverStage in Brisbane's Botanic Gardens tonight.

Art Doors of perception
 The New York-based Swiss artist Olaf Steuring orchestrates a series of absurdist scenarios for his split-screen video installation *Home*, a summation on the blurring of high and low culture at the Institute of Modern Art gallery, Fortitude Valley, until August 26.

Gig Soul soothing
 Most came to know Lalah Hathaway Black Manhattan by way of Paul Simon's *Graceland* album, but next Friday the South African a cappella group will raise the roof at Brisbane's City Hall on their own with their gorgeously harmonious gospel music.

Read Power and passion
 Eleanor Herman peeks inside the bedrooms of new royals from Marie Antoinette to Princess Diana in the deliciously sordid *Sex with the Queen: 300 Years of Vice-Kings, White Lovers and Passionate Politics* (HeperCollins, \$32.99).
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Nokia 8250

Nokia's newest device is a mobile phone with a twist... literally. Its keypad spins 90 degrees to reveal a 2.0 megapixel camera with a 4x zoom. Spin it back another 90 degrees and you have a digital music player. It also features a digital radio and access for a memory card. RRP \$249



Motorola PEBL

Few phones can claim to be more distinctive than this bottle-shaped handset. Its oval form is thoroughly smooth and opens with an innovative double-fingered mechanism that can be used with one hand. Inside is a VGA camera to capture still images and video, a speakerphone, and email and Bluetooth features. \$475

LG KB20 Chocolate

This sweet, slim, slider phone lives up to its moniker. While not actually chocolate coloured, the slender block is a treat to use thanks to its unusual four-sensitive navigation keys that glow red when in use. Crammed into its slender body are a 1.3 megapixel camera, MP3 player, Bluetooth and Java games. \$799



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