

Nightlifeagenda

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN AND RHOME ANDERSON

THURSDAY

We don't often find ourselves in a position to recommend **TOM TOM** — the Adams Morgan bar gets enough interns seeking weekend thrills and cheap shots — but tonight, we have a reason. From 6 to 8 p.m., the bar is hosting a happy hour for Good Shepherd, a group that runs after-school programs for disadvantaged kids. Donate a minimum of \$10 at the door and you get \$3 drafts, \$3 rail drinks and an appetizer buffet.

Fritz's favorite summer happy hour (so far) is Afterlight, the Friday after-work event on the roof of the **EMBASSY ROW HILTON** — it's rare to find views, drink specials and outdoor DJs in the same space. Afterlight is such a great concept that a similar event is popping up on Thursdays, too. Tonight, Euronet launches Sunset Up on the Roof with a DJ spinning Brazilian music, \$4 beers and margaritas and \$5 caipirinhas. The \$10 cover is a little steep; but if you roll up with a crew of four, someone gets in free. The action goes until 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

If you like beer, circle this weekend on your calendar. Friday through Sunday, dozens of breweries descend on Ashburn for the ninth annual **OLD DOMINION BEER FESTIVAL**, where more than 100 beers are available for tasting in a large field behind the Old Dominion Brewing Company. There's live music, too, from Gonzo's Nose (Friday) and Last Train Home (Saturday), among others. Gates open at 5 on Friday night and taps flow until 10 p.m.

Who would have thought that rocking with a veteran D.C. go-go band — the self-proclaimed “wickedest band alive” — fits into the “American Idol” image machine? Maybe it doesn't, but it will definitely generate more goodwill for Fantasia since she's already been embraced by the women who pack clubs for Rare Essence. Head to **CLUB AMAZON** tonight for what could become a classic PA tape that will make the rounds of the mom-and-pop stores.

Before **FIVE** became the best club for house music in the city, it was a live music venue called the Garage. But then guitars gave way to turntables and the indus-



FANTASIA ISLAND: The soulful singer can slide from kitten to tigress in the space of one verse. She appears twice this weekend, with Kem and later Rare Essence.

trial decor went out the window, replaced by the Jamaican-theme rooftop bar. Tonight, though, it's the return of the rock when local band Monopoli is joined by the Hint, the Heartstring Band and Boy Crazy for an all-ages show. Admission is \$10, and doors open at a surprisingly early 6 p.m.

New York transplant and de facto D.C. hip-hop soldier Cy Young has been quiet lately. He made noise with his Lo Budget crew (which includes producer Kev Brown) and scored some of the hottest tracks on DJ Jazzy Jeff's album. Those combined with several strong 12-inch singles and a mixtape to give him a significant underground buzz. We haven't seen him rocking shows recently, but he consistently pops up on other artists' songs or someone in the Lo Budget crew will share some advance bits of new Cy Young material. He'll be unveiling all the hard work that's been going on in the lab this Friday at **FIVE**.

SATURDAY

We occasionally like to note an event that involves some culture — especially when it's alcohol-free. To mark the opening of the

HIRSHHORN's new “Visual Music” exhibition, the museum is hosting “Cosmic Drift,” a party that will keep the museum open until 2 a.m. while demonstrating how artists combine visual mediums with sound. Admission is free, and doors open at 9:30 p.m.

The Capital Alumni Network sponsors a fund-raiser tonight at the **FRONT PAGE**. It's for the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund, which helps inner-city high school students prepare and pay for college. The centerpiece is a bachelor and bachelorette auction; and if you check out the Web site, you'll see that bidding has already begun. Even if you're not trying to win a date, the \$20 cover includes a DJ, unlimited beer, wine and appetizers and a silent auction, plus plenty of networking.

As New York Avenue gains nicer nightlife options, the Latin dancers are sure to follow, especially if there's a smooth wooden floor to exploit. Salsa Saturdays begins at **MIRRORS** tonight and the weekly event will feature live salsa combos from around the country.

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