

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CD Review: Jack Johnson's *In Between Dreams*

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Jack Johnson's new Cd "In between Dreams" belongs in the upper echelons of mediocre. While the 30-year-old hawaiian native's new album doesn't achieve that surfer/stoner vibe that



make you banana pancakes"), that one has trouble picturing Jack Johnson as anything other than a cog in the radio factory.

sold his earlier albums and propelled him into stardom, it still has that something that makes the album easy to enjoy.

Devoid of complicated riffs and clever lyrics, this Cd is much more radio friendly than his earlier work and doesn't pack the same punch that his tempo changing fun former work drove home (download Bubbletoes from Brushfire Fairy Tales for an example).

Some of the songs from this new album are so pre-teen top-forty ready, ("Maybe we could sleep in...I'll

"In Between Dreams" does have redeeming qualities. The symbolic cover art is undeniably creative, and several tracks are able to rise above this cult of mediocrity that this CD represents. The song "Breakdown" conveys an environmental message: "The wisdom's in the trees, not the glass windows" and in Johnson's normally smooth voice, one can detect a small growl that is reminiscent of Dylan. If you like relaxing music that's easy to swallow, check out this new CD. Better yet check out his earlier work.

Audition Call For George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House*

Auditions will be held for George Bernard Shaw's *Heartbreak House* November 28 and 29 at the Main Building Faculty Lounge from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Greg Doran, coordinator of Theatre Studies at 566-6013 or gdoran@upei.ca. If you're so inclined, you can even drop by his office at Main 236.

Lysistrata Hits the Amphitheatre Near You!

UPEI Theatre Society's production of *Lysistrata* will be hitting an amphitheatre nearest you (Duffy, to be exact). The cast and crew of 20 UPEI students and faculty will be showing an abbreviated version of the 5th century Aristophanes work, but the piece will prove as relevant today as it ever was. The premise of the play involves women getting tired of the war between the Athenians and Spartans, so they withhold sexual privileges from their brave men in the frontlines. Viewer discretion is advised, as many of the jokes are physical in nature. The production will be presented in the UPEI Duffy Amphitheatre November 17-19. Curtain rises at 7 p.m., and admission is \$5. If you have any questions regarding the production or the UPEI Theatre Society, please e-mail upei_theatre@hotmail.com.

CULTURAMA #5, a feast of the different cultures on PEI

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With the fifth event of its kind, "Culturama" has already become a tradition in PEI. Cultrama #5 is waiting to excite islanders with an explosive mix of food, music and dance from many of the different cultures living on PEI. It will be a night where hot Central American spices will mix with African chants, where exotic Asian flavours will embrace South American sounds and eastern European delicacies can be enjoyed to the traditional rhythms of MikMaj and Acadian music.

PEI's poet laureate Frank Ledwell will add words to the sounds and give the evening a narrative touch.

Not to be missed are this year's Canada World Youth participants from Cuba who will charm us to dance to the sounds of salsa, rumba, cha-cha-cha and mambo.

The event takes place on December 2nd at the Basilica Recreation Centre in Charlottetown. Food vendors will start serving you at 7pm until late. Canada World Youth will fire off the concert at 8pm with Mambo #5 and at 10 pm everybody is invited to dance to DJ sounds from around the world. The evening's hosts will be Kerri Wynne MacLeod and Kirk MacKinnon from 720 CHTN Radio Station in Charlottetown.

The organizers of Culturama #5, Canada World Youth, CUSO, PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada, OXFAM and World University Services of Canada, hope to welcome you to a colourful night of entertainment. Marian White, CUSO staff, states that "celebrating the Island's diversity through food, musical performances and other cultural expressions is a

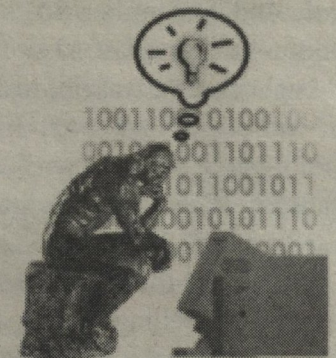
perfect antidote for racism and we invite Islanders to join the fun."

Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, they are available at Timothy's, Book Emporium, UPEI bookstore and VRC.

Crafts from all around the world will make for wonderful door prizes and there will be a price for the most exotically dressed person. Will your outfit be the most exotic one?

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