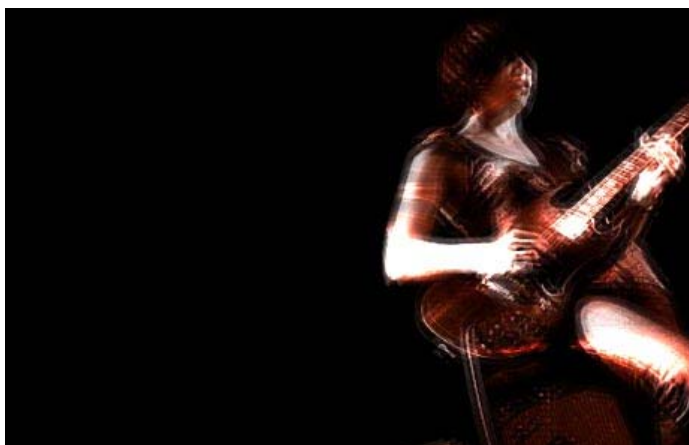




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Greg Lake
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By Chris Ayers

Recorded live at a 2005 UK gig, this self-titled album (not to be confused with his eponymous 1981 solo debut) shows vocalist/guitarist Greg Lake aging gracefully in his decade-long hiatus from prog rock pioneers Emerson, Lake & Palmer. His once mellifluous voice, now darkening in the upper registers, still does fine service to such ELP staples as "Karn Evil 9 (1st Impression — Part 2)," "Lucky Man," "Fanfare for the Common Man" and 18-minute epic "Pictures at an Exhibition." Though it benefits from the "young hands" of guitarist Florian Opahle, the venerable "Take a Pebble" falls flat with insufficient Emerson-copped keys, and "Paper Blood" (from ELP's embarrassing final studio effort) is wholly unnecessary. However, Lake shines radiantly when he dips into his catalogue of debut-era King Crimson — the group he left to join ELP — on "In the Court of the Crimson King" and "21st Century Schizoid Man." While this album is ideal for nostalgic purposes, fans can only hope that Lake reunites with Emerson and Palmer one last time before obsolescence sets in permanently. (MVD)

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Broken Social Scene Presents Kevin Drew - Spirit If...

Filed as a BSS presentation, Kevin Drew's first quasi-solo effort, *Spirit If...*, seems to have its musical soul entwined more closely with KC Accidental, Drew's pre-Scene ambient electro instrumental project with Charles Spearin. Granted, many of the usual suspects are at play from the Broken camp but ...[Read More](#)



Figurines - When The Deer Wore Blue

Get out your saffron scarves and your paisley ties for the return of the Figurines — you'll need them. They've left behind the jangly '90s bounciness of 2005's *Skeleton* in favour of a bigger, more complex psych pop sound. On *When The Deer Wore Blue*, they've found inspiration in equal p ...[Read More](#)



Nathan Lawr and the Minotaurs - A Sea of Tiny Lights

After years of striving, Nathan Lawr has matured into a great songwriter, retaining a knack for hooks with his best band of Minotaurs while penning his most substantive lyrics to date. On previous efforts, Lawr has been content to play the adorably clever romance writer, charming his muses with edgy ...[Read More](#)

Les Savy Fav - Let's Stay Friends

The return of Les Savy Fav after three years feels like discovering your new favourite band for the first time. For some people that will likely be the case with *Let's Stay Friends*, their first new full-length in six years. Taking time off to pursue other careers, the band have used that gap ...[Read More](#)



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Indica Records

While Canada's Anglophiles may have never heard of Montreal-based Indica Records or progressive-punk rock founders Grimskunk for that matter, in the land of



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Virgin Festival - Toronto Island Park, Toronto ON September 8 to 9

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Soul Survivors - How Classic Rhythm and Blues Has Become Vital Once Again

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