

# summer concert guide



**StarBait:**  
**PRODIGY**  
**BLACK GRAPE,**  
**THE ORB**



**BECK**

The Beck show that plays New Zealand this summer will be very different from his last Auckland concert. As Beck showed on the Grammy Awards, he's not just low-fi, there's now up to 14 people on stage for the *Odelay* tour. Beck's most recent appearance was a one-off country blues set at the 900 capacity El Ray Theatre in Los Angeles. Guest players on the night included 19 year old fiddle virtuoso Gabe Witcher, Bill Payne from 70s band Little Feat and a pedal steel player Jay Dee Maness. Beck has a new song 'Deadweight' on the *A Life Less Ordinary* movie soundtrack. After these concerts downunder Beck will disappear to write and do pre-production work on his next album.  
 Jan 17 Auckland, Logan Campbell Centre  
 Jan 18 Wellington, Michael Fowler Centre



**RADIOHEAD**

After two more hit albums, Radiohead make a return visit to New Zealand this summer. They have just released another single 'No Surprises' from their album *OK Computer*.  
 Jan 27 Wellington, Queens Wharf Events Centre  
 Jan 28 Auckland, North Shore Events Centre

The Starbait show at the Supertop will feature the four main artists already announced — Prodigy, Black Grape, the Orb, Regurgitator — plus a line-up of local artists that reflects the style of this new annual event that replaces the *Big Day Out* on the summer concert scene. The full programme details will appear in the January *RipItUp* which is in stores from Dec 22.  
 Jan 16 Auckland, Mt Smart Supertop



**EXPONENTS,**  
**DEAD FLOWERS**

The Exponents are off on a trademark 35 gig concert tour this summer, joined by the Dead Flowers for the over a month long party. From the album *Better Never Than Late* Exponents have just released the single 'Suddenly Strange'. Dead Flowers are about to release the single 'I Wanna Know' to coincide with the tour. For all 38 dates see *Tours* on page 8.  
 Dec 19, 20 Auckland, Powerstation



**BEN HARPER,**  
**BRAD**

Ben Harper and band return for a three city tour in January. A new single 'Glory and Consequence' will be released for the tour. The Auckland concert will have as special guest Stone Gossard's band Brad who recently released the album *Interiors*. In between Pearl Jam commitments Gossard has been touring the USA with Brad. Expect another album from the prolific Brad in 1998.  
 Jan 21 Auckland, Town Hall (with Brad)  
 Jan 23 Wellington, Town Hall  
 Jan 25 Christchurch, Town Hall



**PEARL JAM**

Pearl Jam have returned to the concert circuit opening for the Rolling Stones on four dates Nov 14, 15, 18 & 19 at the Oakland Coliseum in San Francisco. Prior to these gigs the band did a warm-up gig in a 840 capacity club in Santa Cruz as the Honking Seals. The set included 'Corduroy', 'Hail Hail', 'Evenflow', 'Alive' and new songs 'Brain of J', 'Wish List', 'Do The Evolution' and their new single 'Given to Fly'. Opening for the Rolling Stones Pearl Jam opened with 'Sometime' from *No Code* and played classic tracks 'Animal', 'Dissident', 'Jeremy' and new songs. Pearl Jam will release a new album in February entitled *Yield*. The album was recorded at Stone Gossard's Seattle studio 'Litho' with their usual producer Brendan O'Brien. Prior to playing New Zealand the band play two small venue shows in Hawaii Feb 20 & 21. Their USA tour will follow their concerts in Australia and New Zealand. The Auckland show will be outdoors in Ericsson Stadium.  
 Feb 27 Wellington, Queens Wharf Events Centre  
 Feb 28 Auckland, Ericsson Stadium



**BIC RUNGA**

Following up on the success of her debut album *Drive*, Bic Runga and band are out on tour this summer. A new single 'Roll Into One' is released in December. The song has a video directed by Strawpeople's Paul Casserly. For all 18 dates see *Tours* page 8.  
 Dec 5 Auckland, Powerstation



**METALLICA**

After a five year absence from these shores, Metallica visit New Zealand as they commence their world tour. The band recently did some free shows for fans, an outdoor show in Philadelphia in the CoreStates Arena (Nov 11) parking lot and a show at London's Ministry Of Sound (Nov 13). For the Philly show 30,000 fans turned up and the band played 14 songs in a 90 minute set. Avoiding obvious tracks the band's set included 'No Remorse', 'Fuel' (new), 'The Thing That Should Not Be', 'The Mystery Remains' (new), 'Am I Evil', 'Damage Inc.', 'Master of Puppets' and two covers 'Stone Cold Crazy' (Queen) and 'Tuesday's Gone' (Lynyrd Skynyrd). A *Metallica Live* concert movie recorded last year in Fort Worth, Texas will be released early in 1998.  
 March 27 Wellington, Queens Wharf Events Centre  
 March 28 Auckland, Mt Smart Supertop



**SHIHAD**

After opening for Faith No More and Regurgitator in Australia throughout October, Shihad are back home to chill out, write some new songs and do some summer tour dates. Shihad have Salmonella Dub with them in Christchurch Nov 28 at the Aids Day outdoor concert, and Superjesus from Adelaide, who won two ARIA Awards in Australia this year, join Shihad and Salmonella Dub for the Auckland, Mt Maunganui and Wellington concerts. Salmonella Dub have just released their new album *Calming of the Drunken Monkey*. For more South Island Shihad dates see *Tours* page 8.  
 Nov 28 Christchurch, Cathedral Square  
 Dec 11 Auckland, Powerstation  
 Dec 13 Mt Maunganui, Soundshell  
 Dec 19 Wellington, James Cabaret

**BLACK GRAPE**  
*Stupid Stupid Stupid*

"... it would be a severe person who refused to give Shaun Ryder his due for fronting two of the UK's most successful and influential bands of the past 10 years in Happy Mondays and Black Grape." (*Music Week*)  
 New Album features 'Get Higher'.  
**Black Grape play Starbait Jan 16.**

**MCA**

**THE JACKAL**  
*Movie Soundtrack*

Features Prodigy, Fatboy Slim, Massive Attack, Black Grape, Chemical Brothers, Moby, Ani DiFranco, Goldie & J.Majik, Primal Scream and more.

**MCA**

**RAKIM**  
*The 18th Letter*

One half of the legendary hip-hop duo Eric B & Rakim marks his long-awaited return to the hip-hop arena. The Limited Edition release also includes the "Best of Eric B & Rakim".

**UNIVERSAL**

**BUSH**  
*Deconstructed*

Goldie, Tricky and other top remixers put their spin on Bush tracks including 'Everything Zen', 'Come Down' and 'Swallowed'. Features the new single 'Mouth'.

**INTERSCOPE RECORDS**

**LISA LOEB**  
*Firecracker*

Following her critically-acclaimed debut album *Tails* (featuring the single 'Stay') comes *Firecracker* and the new single 'I Do'.

**GEFFEN**