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EDITORS

With the possible exception of the Killers, the New Wave of New Wave has yet to really break big in the United States. But plenty of bands are working with those sounds, and three of them come to the Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield, at 7:30 tonight, headlined by the English group Editors. Hot Hot Heat from Canada gets things rolling at 7:30, followed by Louis XIV out of San Diego. Tickets, \$22.50. Call (773) 472-0449. —*Jim DeRogatis*

MARAH

The Philadelphia sextet, led by brothers David and Serge Bielanko and energized by newest member Christine Smith (pianist from Jesse Malin's band), perform songs that capture the chaotic spirit and soul of rock 'n' roll. The songs on their new disc, "Angels of Destruction," are densely layered and filled with themes of religion, destruction, redemption and joy. The evening begins with an acoustic show at 7 tonight followed by a plugged-in show at 10 at Schubas, 3159 N. Southport. Tickets, \$15 for each set. Call (773) 525-2508.

—*Mary Houlihan*

ALEX CUBA

With his distinctive Afro and nostalgic bell-bottoms, Cuba looks to be from another generation. But his music, a blend of influences from his namesake homeland, '70s music, jazz and soul, is very much of the here and now. Check him out at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Rumba, 351 W. Hubbard. For more information, call the restaurant at (312) 222-1226. —*MH*

EMERY

The post-hardcore group from Seattle takes pride in its no-holds-barred live shows. The band's latest release, "I'm Only a Man," is chock full of passionate hooks and thundering emotion. Catch them at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Metro, 3730 N. Clark. Mayday Parade, As Cities Burn, Pierce the Veil and Cry of the Afflicted open. Tickets, \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door. Call (773) 549-0203.

—*Kyle Koster*

STEEL TRAIN

Perhaps the biggest feather in lead singer Jack Antonoff's cap is that he can count Scarlett Johansson as a former flame. His band isn't too shabby, either. The New Jersey quintet specializes in catchy indie rock. The band will invade the Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont, at 7 p.m. Sunday. Person L, Paper Rival and Empires open. Tickets, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (773) 281-4444. —*KK*



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