

## FALL ARTS PREVIEW MUSIC PICKS

BY GEORGE VARGA

As in previous years, some of the most alluring fall concerts in San Diego are already sold out — take a bow, Lizzo, Tyler Childers and Lana Del Rey — while Chance the Rapper's Sept. 20 Pechanga Arena show has been postponed until Jan. 15. Happily, there are still lots of other options. Here are 10, in chronological order.

**A. J. CROCE**

Now based in Nashville, this San Diego-bred troubadour returns for an intimate solo show. Steeped in various American roots music styles, Croce is also a skilled pop craftsman whose best songs are as compelling as those by his father, the late Jim Croce. 2:30 p.m. Sept. 22. *Second annual ArtWalk Carlsbad, Armada Drive, Carlsbad.* \$12 one day; \$17 weekend. (619) 615-1090. [artwalksandiego.org/carlsbad](http://artwalksandiego.org/carlsbad)

**OKILLY DOKILLY, MC LARS**

Music and satire can be a winning combination, as fans of Los Angeles' Mac Sabbath and San Diego's Geezer can attest. Phoenix's Okilly Dokilly is the world's only metal — make that nedal — band. Its songs and stage attire are almost entirely inspired by Ned Flanders, the good-natured, sweater-wearing, mustachioed next-door neighbor on the animated TV show "The Simpsons." The fact that Flanders is voiced on the show by Spinal Tap co-founder Harry Shearer is an added nedal bonus. 9:30 p.m. Oct. 4. *Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego.* \$15. (619) 255-7224. [sodabarmusic.com](http://sodabarmusic.com)



**JIMMY WEBB**

He is not much of a singer, but Jimmy Webb is a terrific raconteur. And when he performs and talks about the classic songs he wrote — including Linda Ronstadt's "Adios" and Glen Campbell's "Galveston" and "Wichita Lineman" — he's in a class all his own. 8 p.m. Oct. 6. *Martinis Above Fourth, 3940 Fourth Ave., Second Floor, San Diego.* \$50 (plus minimum purchase of \$20). (619) 400-4500. [ma4sd.com](http://ma4sd.com)



**VAN MORRISON, MAVIS STAPLES**

Considering that this Irish-born Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee's last two San Diego concerts were in 2010 and 1973, this certainly qualifies as a rare show, albeit in a venue that may be oversized for his singularly intimate music. Gospel music legend Mavis Staples, who spurned Bob Dylan's wedding proposal in the 1960s, is a reliably fiery opening act. 7 p.m. Oct. 8. *North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista.* \$45.50-\$260.50. [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)



**RUDRESH MAHANTHAPPA'S INDO-PAK COALITION, WITH REZ ABBASI AND DAN WEISS**

Power trios rarely pack as much velocity and finesse as the Indo-Pak Coalition, which teams Indian-American sax dynamo Rudresh Mahanthappa, Pakistan-born guitar innovator Rez Abbasi and New Jersey drum ace Dan Weiss. Their

rousing fusion of jazz and South Asian music is a unique aural adventure. 8 p.m. Oct. 8. *The Loft @ UC San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla.* \$23-\$35. (858) 534-8497. [art-power.ucsd.edu](http://art-power.ucsd.edu)

**THE WHO, LIAM GALLAGHER**

After the Rolling Stones, The Who is England's oldest still-active, legendary rock

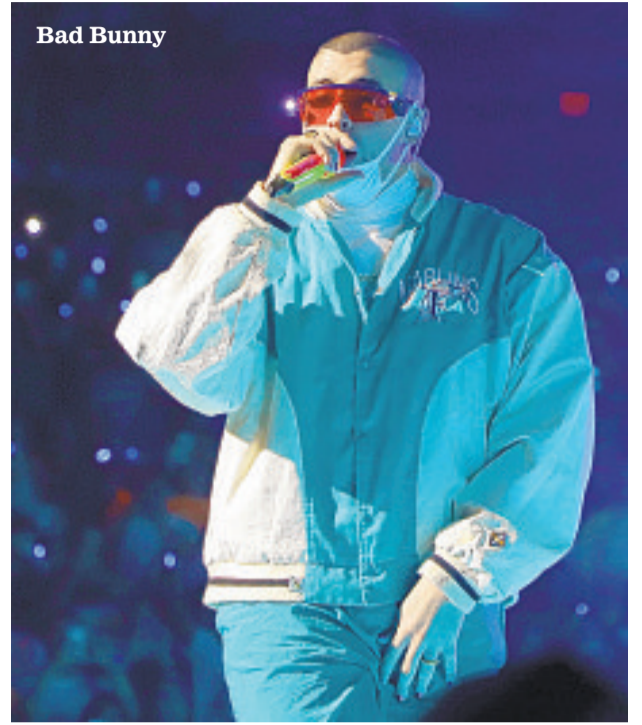


Rudresh Mahanthappa

band, albeit with only two original members — singer Roger Daltrey and guitarist-singer Pete Townshend — still alive and on board. The first new Who album in 13 years is due soon, but the current "Moving On!" tour finds the band focusing on its best-known songs and some deep album cuts, accompanied by a five-man band and a 48-piece orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16. *Viejas Arena, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego.* \$31-\$308. [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com)

**FRONTERIZO FEST TIJUANA 2019 PRESENTS GUNS N' ROSES, QUEENSRYCHE, RATT, QUIET RIOT, SLAVIK, BATIZ, SLANT AND NEVER AGAIN**

When three of the five original members of Guns N'



Bad Bunny

Roses reunited in 2016, the resulting "Not in This Lifetime" tour seemed like it would just be a quick (and very lucrative) money-grab. But the band's show here that year at Qualcomm Stadium was better than expected, and — after three more years of road work — GNR should be firing on all pistons for its first-ever Tijuana stadium show. 1 p.m. Oct. 20. *Estadio Caliente, Tijuana, Blvd. Agua Caliente 12027, Hipodromo 22020.* 990-4725 pesos. (664) 681 2735. [fronterizofest.com](http://fronterizofest.com)

**ANTHONY WILSON QUARTET**

Jazz guitar star Anthony Wilson is best known for his work with Diana Krall, but he shines brightest on his own. His genre-leaping band includes longtime Lyle Lovett pianist Matt Rollings and drummer Jay Bellerose, who counts Robert Plant, Joan Baez and B.B. King among his many past collaborators. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2. *Athenaeum Jazz at TSRI Auditorium, 1062 John Jay Hopkins Drive, La Jolla.* \$35-\$40. (858) 454-5872. [lathenaeum.org](http://lathenaeum.org)

**THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA, NICKI BLUHM**

Founded in 1937, the storied gospel group the Blind Boys of Alabama are led by 86-year-old vocal fireball Jimmy Carter. His singing is so combustible that it can almost make believers of the most devout atheists, at least for the time he and his group are commanding the stage. 8 p.m. Dec. 15. *Belly Up, 143 S. Cedros Ave., Solana Beach.* \$40-\$42. (858) 481-8140. [bellyup.com](http://bellyup.com)

**BAD BUNNY**

The breakout crossover star of 2018, Puerto Rican rapper-singer Bad Bunny expertly mixes Latin trap and pop with reggaeton, hip-hop, pop-punk and more. His profile rose even higher after his collaborations with Cardi B on "I Like It" and Drake on "Mia." But what makes Bad Bunny most notable is that he sings and raps entirely in Spanish. 8 p.m. Nov. 22. *Pechanga Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego.* \$54-\$164. [axs.com](http://axs.com)

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