



Road Trippers

From Dixie Chicks to Destiny's Child, this fall's CONCERT TOURS offer plenty of pop performers to go around. BY WOOK KIM

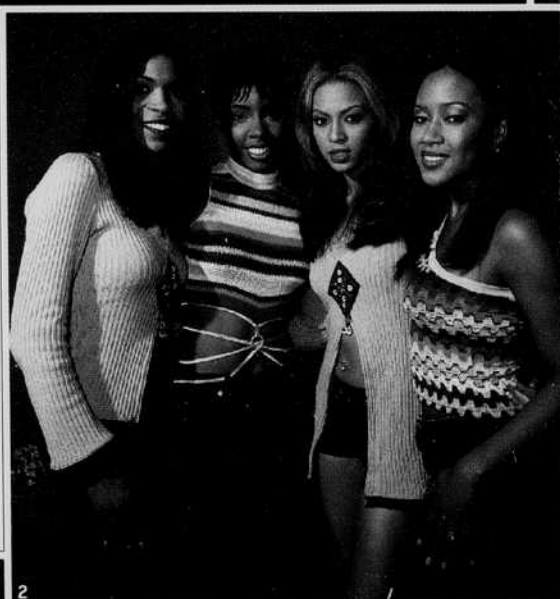
WITH ALL THE HUBBUB about MP3s, Napster, and recordable CDs, there's still something to be said for seeing your favorite artists live, on stage, performing for your listening pleasure. Besides, where else will you be able to buy that really overpriced concert T-shirt? Here's a six-pack of the fall's most promising tours.

MOBY

DJ. Vegan. Philosopher. Christian idealist. Yes, we're talking about Moby, everybody's favorite living descendant of *Moby Dick* author Herman Melville. The veteran knob-twirler had been mulling over a wish list of opening acts, including Stereolab and the British band Moloko, before settling on electronica collective Hybrid. That lineup should ensure that fans will have a, uh, whale of a good time. **Where** Just about all of North America...even Canada **When** September through November **Why** According to *The Guinness Book of World Records*, he's the writer and performer of the world's fastest single (the song "Thousand" reaches an epileptic-seizure-



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inducing 1,015 beats per minute). Can your ears withstand the aural assault?

ANI DiFRANCO

On the basis of her career thus far, this self-empowered neo-folkie would have done well on *Survivor*. She embodies B.B.'s work ethic, Susan's blunt honesty, and Sean's fondness for beach bowling (we kid, we kid). One thing's for sure: Touring is in her blood. Dur-

ing the past decade, this performing dynamo has been averaging 200 shows a year. **Where** East Coast and the Midwest **When** September through November **Why** Given her commitment to social and feminist causes (which is, sadly, all too rare among her peers), seeing DiFranco in concert is empowering in itself.

SUPERGRASS

Clever, irreverent, and brimming with musical inventiveness, Supergrass are purveyors of guitar-driven Brit pop so exuberant it's practically a parody of itself. Bring plenty of attitude, as this band is all about being *très* cheek. **Where** The Midwest, Southwest, and West Coast **When** October and November **Why** These blokes should make for an interesting evening when paired with the somewhat more introspective sounds of tour mates Pearl Jam.

DIXIE CHICKS

Just how big are these three gals? To clumsily invert an overused metaphor, Tiger Woods is the Dixie

Chicks of golf. Their first major-label effort, *Wide Open Spaces*, was one of country music's best-selling debuts, and their latest, *Fly*, just notched its impressive 49th week on the *Billboard* country chart. **Where** Over 70 cities in the South and Midwest and on the East Coast **When** Now through Dec. 1 **Why** Like the large crowds that follow Tiger's every move, here's a chance to watch a band playing at the peak of their talent.

DESTINY'S CHILD

Never underestimate the buying power of teen girls: These *TRL* favorites happen to be the top-selling female group in the country. They're currently on tour with Christina Aguilera. Now go ahead and pray for the



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