

# MUSIC LISTINGS

## BEACH HOUSE IN FULL BLOOM

**Beach House** does not want you to think about their music, they want you to feel it. "At the end of the day when you hear our music, I hope the analytical side shuts down and you feel it more," Victoria Legrand (lead vocals, keyboard) says.

That's all one can really ask for with the Baltimore-based duo's latest *Bloom*, their fourth studio-recorded album that sounds like it has traveled light miles to reach your ears. Co-produced with Chris Coady (Yeah Yeah Yeahs, TV on the Radio), *Bloom* melds Legrand's androgynous voice and hovering organ chords with Alex Scally's guitar melodies to create a beautiful cosmic melancholy. Although Beach House fits very clearly into the indie music scene, they have transcended a genre that often gets stuck in a wispy, homogenous blur.

On the track "Myth," Legrand sings, "Aeons from the sun, can you come?" over the rolling hypnotic textures created by Scally's slide guitar. "Lazuli" (referring to the brilliant blue gemstone, lapis lazuli) layers a playful organ, synths and drumbeats while Legrand echoes, "Wander eyes, ocean high. And we don't dare slip on by." This is the kind of music that makes lying on your bed and gazing at the ceiling for hours seem very, very purposeful.

Across the album, the songwriting is distant, esoteric and intentional and Beach House is adamant that *Bloom* is meant to be experienced in its entirety — there are no hit singles here for the Billboard Hot 100. "If you throw a bunch of songs together, it's not a record. Maybe people do that in major mainstream music," Legrand tells *EW*. "We work really hard, we pay attention to details, and we craft things carefully and passionately."

So don't think about anything, just close your eyes and feel the music. "We're artists," Legrand says. "We're not that interested in the back story."

Beach House plays with Dustin Wong 7 pm Saturday, Sept. 29, at McDonald Theater; \$20.

— Alexandra Notman



### THURSDAY 9/27

**AXE & FIDDLE** Ed & the Red Reds—8:30pm; Country, folk, \$3  
**BRICKWALL COMEDY CLUB** Amateur competition, \$500 prize—8:30pm; Stand-up comedy, \$5  
**THE COOLER** Karaoke—10pm  
**COWFISH** Luke Mandala & friends—9pm; House  
**COZMIC** Small Joys—5pm; Indie, n/c  
**DEXTER LAKE CLUB** Acoustic Etouffee—8pm; n/c  
**DOC'S PAD** Drag Queen Bingo w/Trai La Trash—6pm; Bingo, n/c  
**DOWNTOWN LOUNGE** Funk Jam—10pm; n/c

**EL DORADO** Guitaraoke w/Neriah Hart—8pm; Karaoke, n/c  
**HAPPY HOURS** Karaoke—8:30pm  
**HIDDEN VALLEY** Molly Nord—6pm; Piano improv, n/c  
**JAZZ STATION** Biondi Swings—7:30pm; \$5  
**JOHN HENRY'S '80s** Night w/Chris, Dr. Ake & John—10pm; \$3  
**LAVELLES** Gus Russell—6pm; Jazz, n/c  
**LUCKEY'S** Shoeshine Blue, Kite Sun Kid—10pm; Americana, indie, \$3  
**MAC'S** Patrick & Giri—6pm; Acoustic rock, n/c  
**OAK ST. SPEAKEASY** Karaoke—9pm  
**THE OLD PAD** Karaoke—9pm  
**OVERTIME TAVERN** West Side Blues Jam—8:30pm; Open jam, n/c

**THE ROK** College Night w/DJ Scoot & Simon Says—10pm; DJ dance  
**RYE** Kenny Reed—8pm; Blues, jazz, n/c  
**SAM BOND'S** Rose's Pawn Shop—9pm; \$5  
**SIXTH STREET GRILL** Mark Alan—8:30pm; Acoustic, n/c  
**SPIRITS** Karaoke—9pm  
**THE TANKARD** Karaoke—7pm  
**TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS** Upstate Trio—7pm; n/c  
**TOM & JOHNNY'S LOUNGE** Lonesome Randall—7:30pm; n/c  
**VILLAGE GREEN** Karaoke—9pm  
**WANDERING GOAT** Kashuba, Paul Quillen—9pm; Acoustic, 21+, n/c  
**WHISKEY RIVER RANCH** Hank Shreves Blues Showcase—8pm; n/c

### FRIDAY 9/28

**AMICI RESTAURANT** Timothy Patrick—5pm; Acoustic humorist, n/c  
**AQUILA & PRISCILLA'S** Richie G, Ma Beats—6pm; n/c  
**AXE & FIDDLE** Sara Jackson-Holmon, Tango Alpha Tango—8:30pm; Jazz, \$6  
**COWFISH** Audio Schizophrenic—9pm; Electro, n/c  
**COZMIC BLUE** Valentines—8:30pm; Benefit  
**CRESWELL COFFEE & WINE** The Brewketts—7pm; Acoustic, n/c  
**DEXTER LAKE CLUB** Roadhouse Band w/Craig Sorseth—9pm; Blues, rock, n/c

**ELDORADO** Karaoke—9pm  
**THE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT** Ramblin' Roy—6pm; Country, folk, n/c  
**GRANARY** Craig Chee, Jeremy Pruitt, Scott Austin—7pm; Acoustic, n/c; Conjugal Visitors—10pm; \$5  
**HAPPY HOURS** Red Thunder—8pm; Rock, n/c  
**HIDDEN VALLEY** Molly Nord—6pm; Piano improv, n/c  
**HILTON HOTEL** Aftermath—7pm; Jazz, n/c  
**HOLIDAY INN AMICI** Timothy Patrick—5pm; Acoustic, n/c  
**JAZZ STATION** Bob Ragan's Slightly Retro Jazz—8pm; Jazz, \$5  
**THE KEG** Karaoke—9pm

**LUCKEY'S** The Royal Blue, Tyler Fortier, Leo London—10pm; Americana, indie, 21+, \$5  
**MAC'S** Vickie Stevens Band—9pm; Blues, \$6  
**THE O BAR** Karaoke—9:30pm  
**OAK ST. SPEAKEASY** Hamilton Beach, The Great Hiatus—9pm; Funk, rock, n/c  
**O'DONNELL'S** Karaoke—9pm  
**PORKY'S PALACE** Karaoke—8pm  
**RED LION INN** Karaoke—9pm  
**ROGUE PUBLIC HOUSE** Trivia Night—8pm; n/c  
**THE ROK** Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance  
**SAGINAW VINEYARD** Cascade Rye—6pm; n/c



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