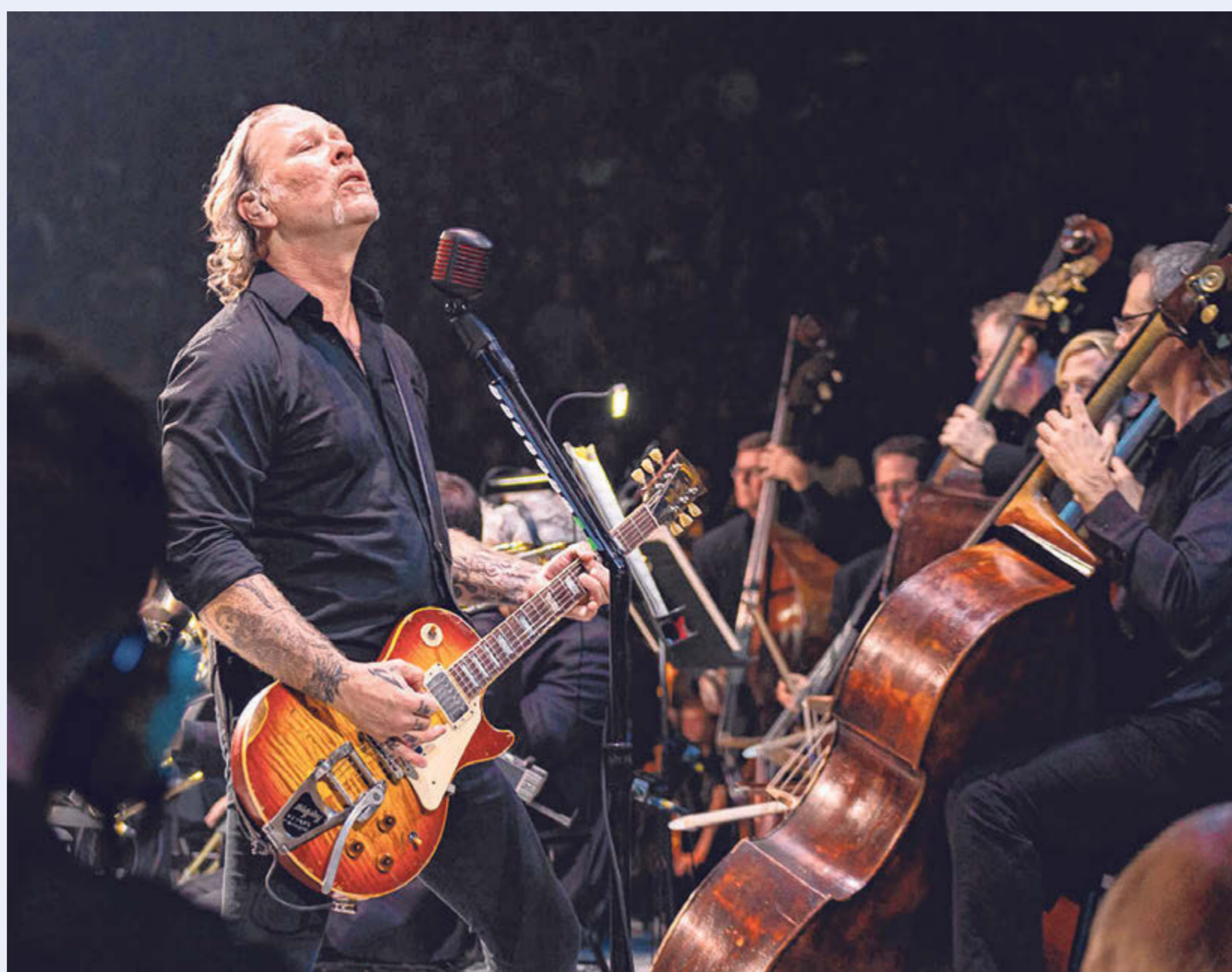
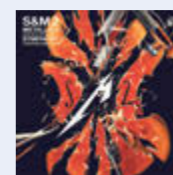


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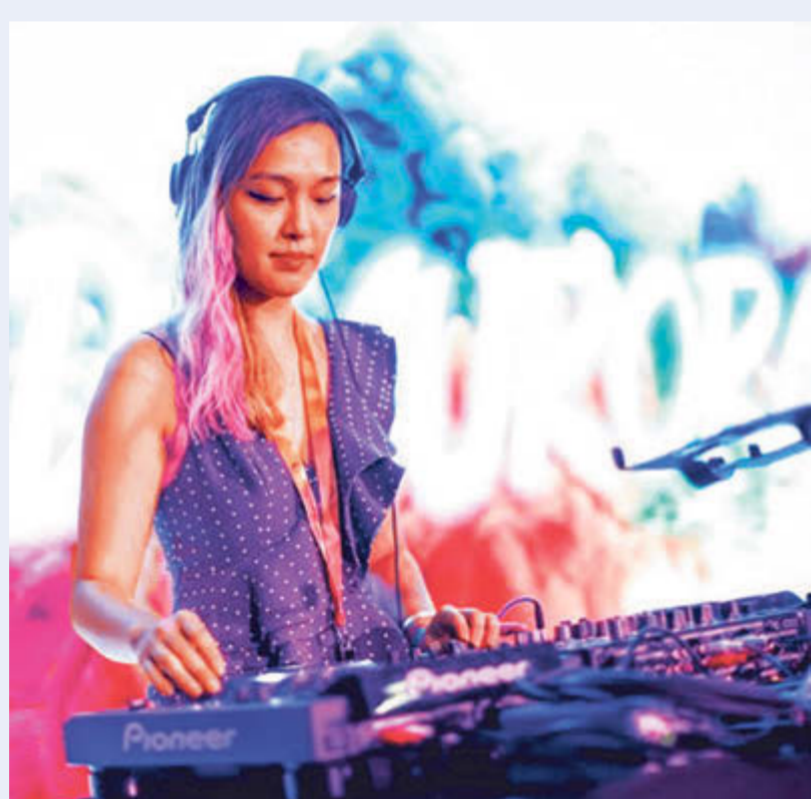
Anjali Raguraman recommends



ROCK/METAL  
S&M2  
Metallica  
Blackened  
★★★★★



There is nothing like orchestral arrangements and accompaniments to prove how truly melodic and sweeping heavy metal can be. Two decades after Metallica's first collaboration with the San Francisco Symphony on the live album S&M (1999), the four gods of metal – fronted by lead singer James Hetfield (left) – are again marrying these seemingly disparate worlds. Chock-full of fan favourites and recorded live over two days in September last year at the Chase Center – an indoor arena in San Francisco – the songs have been mixed and mastered to perfection. The symphonic reimagining of the band's iconic hits, such as Moth Into Flame (2016) and The Day That Never Comes (2008), gives them new-found emotional depth. Metallica staples such as Sad But True and Battery did not make the cut this time. These made way for Iron Foundry, an avant-garde symphonic piece by Russian composer Alexander Mosolov. Selected by the San Francisco Symphony's music director Michael Tilson Thomas, it is a welcome addition that lets the orchestra shine on its opus of choice. Part of the magic of a live album is that listeners can hear the audience singing along, woa-oh-oh-ing on The Memory Remains or chanting on For Whom The Bell Tolls. With more than 20 songs over 2½ hours, it is almost like being at a live gig again.



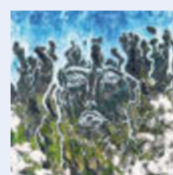
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**FOOD BANK X BLACKOUT AGENCY: BLACKOUT BROADCAST II**  
After Blackout Broadcast's successful first run in May, which raised almost \$19,000, Singapore-based house and techno music party organiser Blackout Agency is bringing back its fund-raiser, in support of The Food Bank Singapore. This time, donations will help the Food Bank prepare bundles of non-perishable food items

for its beneficiaries. Catch the last day of the three-day event with an audio-only stream. Expect seven hours of uninterrupted house and disco tunes from local DJs such as Aurora (above), Brendon P, Hookstyle and KFC. Donations can be made via [giving.sg/campaigns/foodmusiclove](http://giving.sg/campaigns/foodmusiclove) **WHERE:** twitch.tv/blackoutagencyasia **WHEN:** Today, noon to 7pm **INFO:** bit.ly/2YRDnDc



HOUSE/R&B  
ENERGY  
Disclosure  
Island  
★★★★☆



If you miss clubbing, Disclosure's first LP in five years will make you crave the dance floor even more. Befitting the album's title, the front end of the record is packed with house bangers such as the bumping synth drum-laced Watch Your Step, featuring American singer Kelis; and My High, featuring British rapper Slowthai over a slamming UK garage-inspired beat.

But the British brothers behind Disclosure, Howard and Guy Lawrence (above), also deftly weave in chilled-out numbers such as Who Knew?, which is reminiscent of the sounds on their 2013 debut album, Settle. Their varied influences and collaborators show their growth into producers at the top of their game. American singers Kehlani and Syd team up for the R&B slow jam Birthday, while the brothers keep it minimalist but groovy on Cest Ne Pas, where Cameroonian crooner Blick Bassy provides layered harmonies. Douha (Mali Mali), where Malian singer Fatoumata Diawara sings in her native Bambara language, gently builds to euphoric crescendos. Until clubs reopen, this record will get you on your feet at home.

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GIGS

**September Promises: Live-stream**  
America-born singer-songwriter Jeb Loy Nichols will perform material from his latest EP, Season Of Decline, as well as some old favourites. His music combines elements of soul, country, folk, reggae and blues. He will be joined by young musicians Abi Foster and Clovis Phillips from Wales. In this double-bill event, poets Glyn Edwards, Kate Garrett and Chris Kinsey will read some of their works. **WHEN:** Sun, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free with a donation **INFO:** bit.ly/2EYZY9E

CHARITY

**Call Me Dad (2015, NC16)**  
The streaming of this documentary is organised by Salt Media & Entertainment in collaboration with the Ministry of Social and Family Development. The film follows a group of men over several months who have perpetrated, or are at risk of perpetrating, family violence. It won Best Feature Length

Documentary Production at the Screen Producers Australia Awards 2016. A portion of the proceeds from the stream will be donated to the Persatuan Pemuda Islam Singapura, a non-profit organisation focused on community service. **WHEN:** Until Sept 28 **PRICE:** \$7.99 for a five-day rental **INFO:** bit.ly/3jCXxZv

TALKS

**Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum's Online Celebrations**  
The museum is celebrating its fifth birthday with a line-up of digital talks by research fellows and curators. Education staff will reflect on the museum's history and milestones in the past five years, as well as what lies ahead. Professor Peter Ng, who heads the museum, and Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh will discuss their experiences and hopes for the future of Singapore's first natural history museum as it leads biodiversity research and exploration in South-east Asia. **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/31PP52W

A Blur Sotong – A Human Library Experience

This virtual session will examine mental health from a different perspective and discuss tips on how people can brace themselves for anything life throws at them and turn unpleasant experiences into good ones. Organised by Acting Up, a social enterprise that provides free therapeutic services for youth. **WHERE:** Google Meet **WHEN:** Tue, 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** [sistic.com.sg/events/gmactingup1020b](http://sistic.com.sg/events/gmactingup1020b)

CLASSES

**Couples' Perfume Workshop**  
Participants will create and take home their own personalised perfumes. Each participant will receive 105ml of custom perfume – three travel-size samples and a hand-polished crystal bottle. Organised by Je T'aime Perfumery Singapore. **WHERE:** 01-57, Block O Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road **MRT:** Mountbatten

**WHEN:** Every Sat & Sun until Sept 27, 10am & 1 & 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$125 **INFO:** [sistic.com.sg/events/cper2016](http://sistic.com.sg/events/cper2016)

SPORTS

**KpopX Fitness With Jasmine Wong (Dance Fitness)**  
In this online class, participants can burn up to 500 calories while grooving to 13 K-pop songs in 55 minutes. No experience is needed. **WHERE:** Zoom **WHEN:** Every Mon, Wed, Thu & Sat till Sept 30 **ADMISSION:** \$6 a class **INFO:** [sistic.com.sg/events/zlworkout2020](http://sistic.com.sg/events/zlworkout2020)

**Garmin Sports Sessions**  
Workout sessions include cardio dance, boot camp and yoga. DNA-based workouts are available for fitness enthusiasts of all levels. **WHERE:** Singapore Sports Hub, Stadium Boulevard **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Daily **ADMISSION:** Register in advance to join via the ELXR mobile app **INFO:** bit.ly/2Z0zBrb