

Eye openers

Your guide to what's hot

Pop music

African singing stars

SFJazz is bringing one of the more intriguing double bills of its spring season to the East Bay. And it's a show that fans of contemporary African pop music shouldn't miss. The headliner is **Yousou N'Dour**, a Senegalese singer who ranks as one of the most famous artists in Africa. People on this continent know him primarily for his collaborations with rock stars Peter Gabriel and Paul Simon, but there are so many good reasons to delve further into his

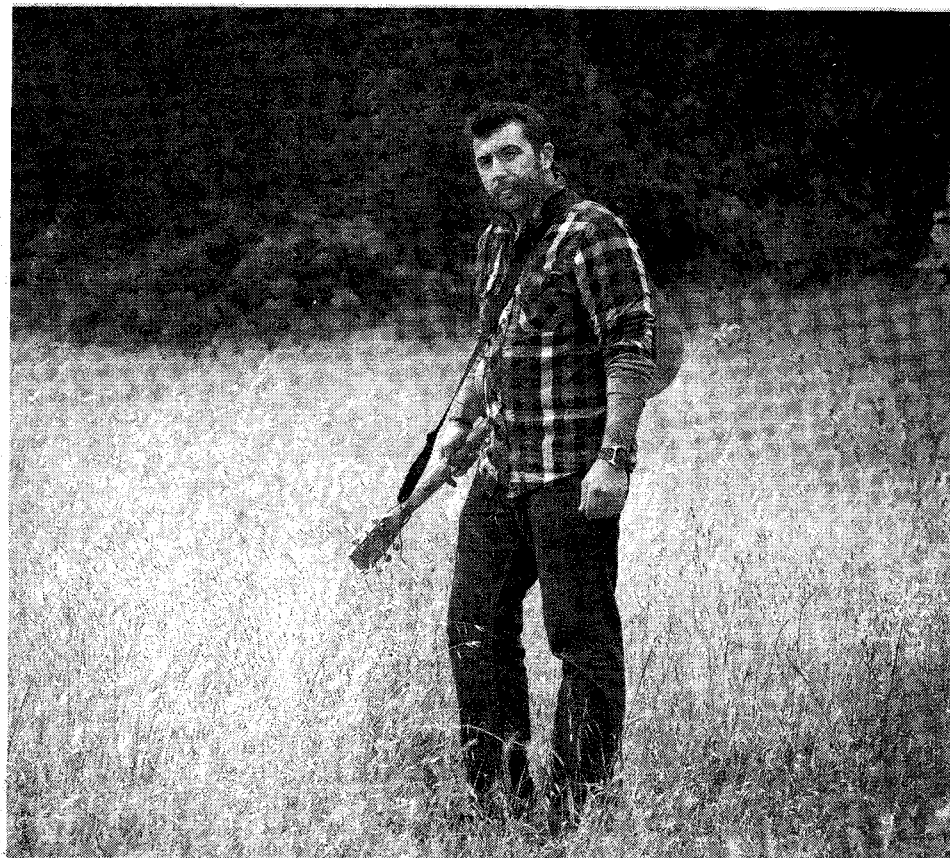
body of work — notably, his most recent album, "Egypt." He'll be joined in concert by **Angelique Kidjo**, a Grammy Award-winning Beninoise singer-songwriter who Time magazine once called "Africa's premier diva." It should be a thoughtful and rewarding night of music, delivered by two of world music's brightest stars. Showtime is 8 p.m. Friday at the Paramount Theatre (2025 Broadway, Oakland). Tickets are \$25-\$80 (866-920-5299, www.sfjazz.org).

— Jim Harrington,
Bay Area News Group



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Senegal's Yousou N'Dour, above, appears with Angelique Kidjo in Oakland.



DREW HERRMANN

Mike Annuzzi is part of the musical lineup at Sunday's World Music Day in downtown Palo Alto.

DVDs

Remaking a classic

Joel and Ethan Coen had their biggest hit with their version of Charles Portis' classic Western novel, now out on DVD. "**True Grit**" tells the rip-roaring story of headstrong young girl Mattie Ross (played by formidable newcomer Hailee Steinfeld), who enlists drunken lawman Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges) and cocky Texas Ranger LaBoeuf (Matt Damon) to bring the man who killed her father to bloody justice. But this "True Grit" is also very Coens-y; the brothers retain Portis' flavorfully archaic language and quirky characters, all in service of a funny, thrilling and touching piece of Americana



LOREY SEBASTIAN/PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld star in "True Grit," the Coen brothers film now out on DVD.

with the visual splendor and deep weirdness that have become the Coens' trademark. The DVD and Blu-ray add a full

assortment of featurettes.

— Noel Murray,
Los Angeles Times

Freebies

Music for Father's Day

Palo Alto World Music Day got its start three years ago and has quickly become a fine option for music lovers looking for a diverse array of performers and styles. This year, the event — which drew more than 10,000

people last June — is being held this Sunday on Father's Day, which may make it a nice option for a day with Dad. It will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. along University Avenue in downtown Palo Alto. This year, unlike past years, University will be closed between Cowper and High streets, which should make it much easier to navigate the various concert sites. And, as in the past, the

breadth of the music is impressive, from Bengali folk music (Matir Manush) to hip-hop (Cello Joe) to some good old-fashioned barbershop singing (the Peninsular Barbershop Chorus) to pop-blues (Mike Annuzzi). Again, it's all free; for more details, you can visit www.pamusicday.org.

— Charlie McCollum,
Mercury News