

Arts

CHOICE OF THE WEEK AHEAD:



Festivities kick off this week with *The Nutcracker*, above, at the Theatre Royal, *Frightened Rabbit* at O2 ABC, *Pearl and the Puppets* at King Tut's, all Glasgow, and soprano Susan Hamilton sings in *Messiah* at Queen's Hall, Edinburgh

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3 **FRIGHTENED RABBIT**
O2 ABC, GLASGOW,
TUESDAY, 7.30PM
Precisely two years ago tomorrow, we carried an interview with Frightened Rabbit front-man Scott Hutchison on the eve of their Arches Christmas gig and the original release of their seasonal seven-inch, *It's Christmas So We'll Stop*.

Since then the ascendancy of the Borders band has been unstoppable. They are quite possibly already the most

successful musical phenomenon to have emerged from Selkirk. Second album *The Midnight Organ Fight* came out in 2008 and its acclaim cemented a growing live reputation.

They were an unlikely highlight of October's Sugababe-free Scottish Royal Variety Performance in Glasgow in October and have been lauded in Europe and the US as well as at home. Upcoming album *The Winter of Mixed Drinks* is one of the most eagerly anticipated of 2010.

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