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**DE ROSA ★★★**

**Captain's Rest, Glasgow, March 20**

De Rosa aren't short of song-writing talent but they never fully engaged with the audience. The crowd were barely acknowledged during the introverted 50-minute set and the basement venue felt more like a rehearsal room than a gig to showcase a new album.

After new songs Pest, In Code and Swell, I was left wondering how much better they could be if they found that elusive spark.

**Andy Kerr**

## Ten best gigs

By Kevin Harley

**Dirty Projectors** Sun & Tue to Thur  
Avant-rock business from Brooklyn's Dave Longstreth. Arty conceptualism is the pitch; his fifth album, *Bitte Orca*, promises more of such. *Touring Glasgow, Brighton, Manchester & London*



**Broken Records** tonight & Mon to Thur  
Much squeezebox for your buck from this week's "new Arcade Fire". Alternatively, the Ibsen-quoting intelligentsia of rollicking rustic indie-folk. *Touring Edinburgh, Manchester, London, Birmingham & Leeds*

**David Byrne** Sun to Wed & Fri  
The Heads hero breaks out the dancers and tutus (yes, tutus) to celebrate his Brian Eno eras. *Touring Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Gateshead & Liverpool*

**Jonathan Richman** tonight to Tue  
Another Seventies survivor: a four-night stand for the former Modern Lover and one-man cult, whose songs of unashamed love, joy, sincerity and frequent beauty haven't wilted with wear. *Various venues, London*

**The Fall** Tue & Wed  
Squirrels and bandmates, duck: after three decades, Mark E Smith's fractious garage-band ruckus rattles on. *Junction, Cambridge, Tue; Koko, London NW1, Wed*

**Eagles of Death Metal** tonight, Sun & Tue  
"Woah, check it - tight pants!" With sense of shame not often exercised, Jesse Hughes gives his low-down, dirty and highly amusing rump-quake boogie-rock sluts a road workout. *Touring Portsmouth, Leeds & Glasgow*



**The Airborne Toxic Event** Tue to Thur  
Songs of sadness and ennui from the new frontliners of the US indie-rock literati, named after a Don DeLillo notion. Strings and soaring harmonies fuel their sure lift-off. *Touring Glasgow, Manchester & London*

**Metallica** tonight  
Can you feel the testosterone tonight? Old-school jurassic larks from the metal dinos. So old-school, there's a coffin on stage. *O2 Arena, London SE10*

**A Place to Bury Strangers** Wed to Fri  
Their main man runs a guitar-pedal company called Death by Audio. Says a lot, that. Industrial beats and seriously rampant axe-mangling colour monochrome vocals here. *Touring Glasgow, Manchester & Leeds*

**De Rosa** tonight to Mon, Wed & Thur  
A cult concern from the shady corners of the Chemikal Underground label: scuffed post-punk-folk with a core of resilient melancholy and oblique intimacy. *Touring Edinburgh, Leeds, Newcastle upon Tyne & London*