

La Dolce Vita sweetens Olde Town

Back in the day, Olde Town Arvada was lacking in live music beyond metal cover bands in dingy bars and occasional jam sessions at the Pickin' Parlor.

The D-Note changed that, bringing in a creative range of the best regional bands and some underground touring acts. Now the neighborhood has a second musical draw with La Dolce Vita coffeehouse.

The café has long been hosting music on weekends, but it is starting to draw national acts and larger names.

Emith, a California folk duo coming to La Dolce Vita on Friday, Aug. 19, is hardly a household name but the band has solid credentials.

Emith is songwriter Carol Haverly and guitarist Stevie Gurr. Haverly is a veteran, but sounds like a veteran, with a gloomy vocal style reminiscent of Aimee Mann. Gurr has a longer musical resume, having toured with Elvin Bishop and Dr. John.

Together, Emith has an interestingly dark take on the two guitars, one singer setup. This is not your father's folk music. Don't head to the coffee shop expecting Joan Baez.

However, expect some solid songwriting and good



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blues-influenced guitar.

ON THE ROCKS

Red Rocks Amphitheatre is saving the best for last this year. Coming up this week are the **White Stripes** and the **Black Crowes** and **Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers**.

The latter show, on Thursday, Aug. 18, is one of the summer's hottest tickets, with two of rock's best bands. All three shows are sold out, but check Ticketmaster and ticket brokers for some last-minute deals.

The **White Stripes**, coming on Tuesday, Aug. 22, are one of the stranger outfits to capture the popular imagination lately.

In a way, the band is just a guitarist and a drummer who dress funny and play the blues. But that oversimplifies their sound and their impact.

They are the flag-bearers of a bluesy garage rock revival even while almost completely abandoning such confines on

their latest album, "Get Behind Me, Satan," a stunning and diverse work that spans dozens of sounds and genres but was reportedly thrown together in two weeks.

Tickets — all general admission — cost \$38.50 and are still available through Ticketmaster.

SHOWS IN THE PARK — GOSH

A new series of concerts and movies in Golden's Partel Park begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, with local soul-rock singer **Wendy Woo**.

The next Friday, last year's cult phenomenon "Napoleon Dynamite" will be screened. It starts at dusk, shortly after 8 p.m. or to paraphrase Napoleon, "whenever it feels like it wants to — gosh."

GET OUT OF TOWN

The best lineup of the weekend is up in Lyons' Planet Bluegrass Ranch — the home of Rockygrass, one of the nation's hottest bluegrass festivals.

The **Rocky Mountain Folks Fest** has been coming to Lyons for 15 years without the fanfare of Rockygrass, but it keeps getting better artists.

Headlining the show is **Arlo Guthrie**, who promises a 40th anniversary rendition of "Alice's Restaurant." Also on the bill are **Joan Armatrading**, **Steve Earle**,



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Taj Mahal and Loudon Wainwright III

For tickets and more information, visit www.bluegrass.com or call 303-444-0500.

Jefferson County Open School graduate Matt Kowal still leads the **Reals**, but he keeps moonlighting with other bands. He produced the new **Oakhurst CD**, "Dual Mono." The Reals will

open for **Oakhurst** at a CD release party at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at the **Bluebird Theater**. Check www.nipp.com for more information.

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