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"ROCK" MUSIC

Listen to cymbals clash while watching the Atlantic crash on the craggy coastline at Rockport's new **Shalin Liu Performance Center**. The 330-seat concert hall, located at the center of town, has a two-story window behind the stage that provides expansive water views as a backdrop. Designed by the experts behind Tanglewood's Seiji Ozawa Hall, the center has state-of-the-art acoustics and seating, including a balcony and a third floor reception hall with 360-degree views of the village and harbor. It opens this month and will feature year-round performances, both classical and popular, including one this summer by singer and Rockport native Paula Cole. rockportmusic.org

—LUCINDA GARCIA



Paula Cole

NATURAL SELECTIONS

A couple of summer performances with a boost from Mother Nature



UNCOMMON THEATER

Othello is the tale of an African man who has advanced as a leader in spite of his race—all in a world beset by war. Sound familiar? This July and August on Boston Common, **Commonwealth Shakespeare Company** pays a mindful eye to current affairs through the four-century-old Bard classic. "It feels like it was written today," explains CSC founding artistic director Steven Maler.

"It's fascinating how prescient Shakespeare was."

For the annual free production, now celebrating its 15th year, Maler is drawing on 1950s post-war Italian design. But while the bold, modernist set is inspired by iconic Italian architect Carlo Scarpa, the show derives its feel from the idea of political change. "We talked a lot about the rise of fascism in Italy, and how that pressure affects how people interact with each other, the

ignitability of characters," he says.

To prepare, Maler and his production team reviewed the classic German film *Das Boot*, about a U-boat crew in World War II. "There's this really raucous and wild emotional outburst when people are so pressurized and so strained by the world around them," Maler says. It all makes for searing drama in a shimmering summer.

—JARED BOWEN

HOT LIST

BY TONYA CHEN MEZRICH

Slipping **Elan Sasso**'s new Sojourn Serum Smooth onto your locks for unforgettably silky tresses

Scoring a seat at **Basho**'s outdoor patio to nosh on chef Youji Iwakura's foie gras teriyaki



Donning white-on-white beachwear, **Club Monaco** style



Picnicking deliciously at Tanglewood Park with a gourmet picnic basket from **Blantyre**

Snagging a personalized at-home beauty rescue by celebrity stylist **Naz Kupelian** and his Emergency Elegance Team



Toting your pooch to the much anticipated return of **The Liberty Hotel's Yappier Hour**

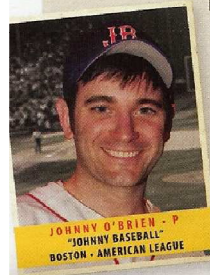
Balancing your tot on his new Aussie **Ybike** (ybike.com.au)

Sculpting your convo around Chris Williams' indoor/outdoor exhibition at the **InterContinental**

Freeing up yourself and a date for Free Friday Nights in July at the **DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum** (pup and blanket optional, live music included)



Checking out the **Harvard Square Farmers' Market** with Top Chef Jody Adams, then lunching on scrumptious BBQ (and some of those fresh-market veggies) as part of her July 10 cooking class



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Getting your taste of the Red Sox outside of the Green Monster at the **A.R.T.'s** performance of *Johnny Baseball*

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