


movies
**Film critic
Paul Whittington**
THE INCREDIBLE HULK

ANG LEE'S 2003 movie *Hulk* was panned by critics and fans alike, but now the newly-formed Marvel Studios is attempting to reboot the Hulk franchise by bringing on board a novice director (Louis Leterrier of *Transporter* fame) and a new leading man in the unlikely form of Edward Norton.

The film finds the mean green machine's alter ego, Bruce Banner (Norton), on the run from the US military and desperately searching for a cure for his condition. He is soon dragged back to his old life, including his former love Betty (Liv Tyler), and meets his match in Tim Roth's The Abomination, a mutant even more destructive and aggressive than Hulk.

Director Leterrier never lets the pace slacken and piles on the action with some fantastic set pieces, ably served by a compelling, dedicated performance from Norton. The special effects might not dazzle as much as expected, but this is great Friday night entertainment. ■


arts
**Arts editor
Sophie Gorman**
CORK MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

UNDER THE banner of "Festival of the Senses", the Cork Midsummer Festival will be bringing this southern city and beyond to vibrant life for 21 days from Sunday. With an impressive array of performances and concerts, there's something to suit everyone's tastes and sensibilities.

You can feast your eyes on compelling site-specific theatre from Dutch Compagnie Dakar and reliable local favourites Corcadorca, your ears in the Spiegelteent with enduring legends The Fall, and even your taste buds at the inaugural Taste of Cork foodie weekend. Theatrical highlights feature the Irish premieres of Paul Iochim's bittersweet comedy *End Of The Line* and *Propositions 1 & 2* by Belgium's Victoria.

Other events also include the opening Lord Mayor's Picnic in the Park, the eco-funfair Sensazione in Youghal and the grand finale Robodock, which will see life-sized robots invading the docklands. ■

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style
**Stylist
Suzie Coen**
MINK HAND AND FOOD SPA

NO LONGER the preserve of red-carpet stars and ladies who lunch, a regular manicure and pedicure is the hottest beauty service. For the ultimate treat, head to the flagship Mink Hand and Foot spa, which has just opened in Ballsbridge. With 20 qualified therapists on hand to cater to your every need, Mink guarantees next day appointments and is an ideal choice for corporate days and wedding parties.

Exclusive to this sleek spa are the Dr Murad manicures, which is a superior anti-ageing exfoliating treatment that has become a favourite of Hollywood stars, and the hugely popular White Chocolate and Cranberry pedicure, which includes fresh strawberries dipped in chocolate served while your feet are being treated. ■
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JAMIN O'DONOVAN is from Cork and is the bassist with the band **FRED**. The five-piece have just released their third album entitled **Go God Go**. Their single **Skyscrapers** is out now. See www.fredtheband.com

FRIDAY NIGHT

DRINK: Cranberry juice on the rocks

RESTAURANT: Yelo in Hoxton Square; they do a mean prawn curry

DISH: Anything with prawns in it

FAVOURITE OUTFIT: My jumpsuit by the Austrian designer "sven"

AFTERSHAVE: The one my girlfriend bought me, Calvin Klein

JEWELLERY: I used to have a ring

VICES: Damn those cigarettes

BAR: Callanan's in Cork; great rings board

SONG: *Houndstooth Shirt* by Ian Whitty.

It's all about the Friday night

BEST CITY FOR NIGHTLIFE: Sligo — I just love to travel

LATE-NIGHT FOOD CRAVING: Cheese sandwich, yes please, yummy cheese

SATURDAY MORNING

MAGAZINE: *Heat*, *Grazia*, and the other one that has the "circles of shame"

BREAKFAST: Croissants with a fresh raspberry coulis, along with plenty of coffee made from the finest beans ground by my Columbian neighbour Fredrico

CD: The Beatles' *Abbey Road*

BOOK: *Cloud Atlas*, I'm nearly finished it. Come on David Mitchell

RADIO SHOW: My house mates are in control of the radio, so whatever they are listening to

HANGOVER CURE: Cranberry juice needs no cure

CAFÉ: Nero. Best coffee in all the western world, apparently

CLOTHES SHOP: Gotta be all the charity shops: so cheap, and you just can't get that rustic aroma from new clothes

ULTIMATE INDULGENCE: Hot stone treatments, hydrodermy facials and lashings of body butter... yummy

FAVOURITE WAY TO SPEND SAT

MORNING: Lying in followed by coffee in the garden. ■

Declan Cashin