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How to Be Cool in the Summer

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WORLD FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC Los Angeles, Sept. 17-Oct. 2. Coming at the tail end of the season is one of the planet's biggest and most intriguing world-music festivals. Founded in 1999 as a triennial, it faced a logistical nightmare in 2002, when visa problems and other post-9/11 complications wreaked last-minute havoc with its lineup. But it has returned strong, with 45 events over 16 days. Highlights include the Czech folk group Hardistan; the Hun Lakorn Lek Puppet Theater of Thailand; the Palestinian-born oud master Simon Shaheen; the Indian group Sidi Goma, which plays an ecstatic Sufi music derived from East Africa; the Tuvan throat singers Chirgilchin; and Amadou Kienou, from Burkina Faso. (310) 825-0507 or <http://www.festivalofsacredmusic.org/>.