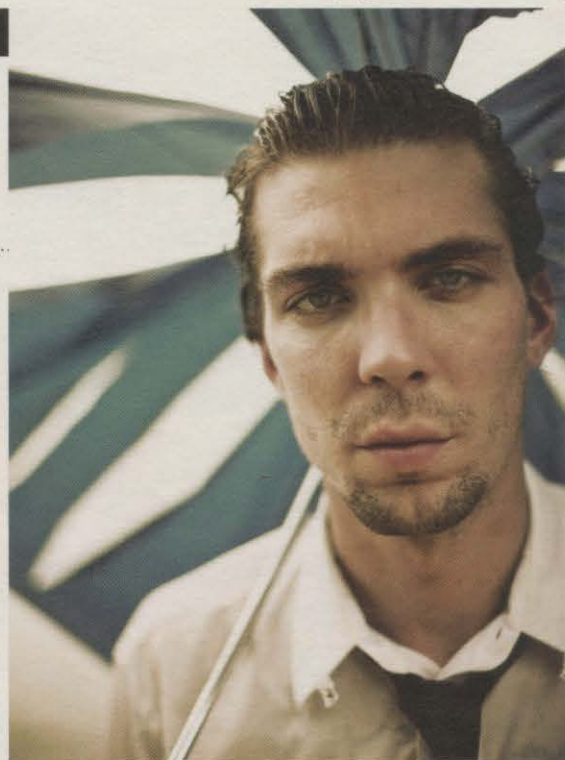


TOP TEN

1 JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE

Son of country outlaw Steve Earle, Justin's Americana hit *Harlem River Blues* continues to climb the indie charts. **Dec. 2, 9PM.** Tickets \$15. *Fitzgerald's*, 2706 White Oak Dr., 713.862.3838, fitzlivemusic.com



2 'MUSEUM OF DYSFUNCTION III'

Mildred's Umbrella theater company takes the audience on a guided tour through the humorous and horrifying aspects of relationships with short plays and monologues. **Dec. 2-4, 9-11, 8PM.** *Obsidian Art Space*, 3522 White Oak Dr., 832.418.0585, mildredumbrella.com

3 VERNON FISHER

The Fort Worth multimedia artist paints illusion-rich abstracts. Opening reception Dec. 4, 11AM. Exhibit **through Jan. 12.** *Devin Borden Hiram Butler Gallery*, 4520 Blossom St., 713.863.7097, dbhbg.com

4 ANDREA BOCELLI

Celebrated Italian tenor Bocelli makes his Houston Symphony debut with his latest album, *My Christmas*. **Dec. 8, 7:30PM.** Tickets \$75. *Toyota Center*, 1510 Polk St., 866.446.8849, houstontoyotacenter.com

5 TONY SMITH: DRAWINGS

Though he's known as a preeminent 20th century sculpture artist, these '50s drawings show Smith working with brilliant colors and an abstract

7 SHEN YUN

Brilliant backdrops, ornate costumes and precision choreography define this internationally acclaimed exhibition of Chinese dance. **Dec. 21-24**, see website for ticketing and schedule. *Jones Hall*, 615 Louisiana St., 713.629.3700, ticketmaster.com

8 'THE NUTCRACKER'

Tchaikovsky's timeless score and the Houston Ballet's iconographic imagery have become synonymous with the season classic. **Through Dec. 26**, see website for schedule. Tickets \$19. *Wortham Theater Center*, 501 Texas St., 713.237.1439, houstonballet.org

9 COLTON & FARB

This group show comprises Indiana-born Terence La Noue's earthy tributaries, as well as works by veteran feminist artist Mary Beth Edelson and part-time Houstonian Molly Gochman, edgy local photographer Jay Rusovich and Polish multimedia artist Christian Tomaszewski. **Through Jan. 29.** *Colton & Farb Gallery*, 2445 North Blvd., 713.869.5151, coltonfarbgallery.com