Music

The Jimi Tenor Show LONDON

Not your traditional faceless techno boffin, Jimi Tenor. To redress the balance to faceless techno boffins everywhere, it's worth saying that this is mainly because Jimi Tenor wears a suit and still has all of his birth-issued hair, but there are other moderately interesting points about the somewhat anomalous Finn in the machine. Chiefly, it's down to this: Jimi Tenor has managed to reconcile two hitherto-considered warring factions — a fairly serious techno background (he was on Warp Records for about five years) and easy listening — within his music. He's anticipated a number of current trends in Coffee Table Electronica, notably a reverence for Iggy Pop and a desire to make the genre at least minimally sexy, and really it's only his appearance of a certain smugness within it all that is to his discredit.

JOHN ROBINSON
Barbican Hall, EC2, Sunday 17

Foetus/Coil LONDON

There's everything to be said for going out with a bang, rather less to be said about going out with an incessant looped clank. But this is very much what one can expect from the South Bank's Outro Festival, in part a farewell to its departing creative director, and also a way of hailing autumn's onset with some very aggressive music indeed. The industrial fare on offer here is of a certain age, but very enduring vintage: Coil were up to their necks in Throbbing Gristle, Count Transmissions and the whole slightly bleak and northern angle on experimental music in the early 80s, and have been hard to put down ever since. In his variety of Foetus-preixed pseudonyms (most famously Scraping Foetus Off The Wheel), New Yorker Jim Thirlwell has been involved with cutting-edge sample-based music for years, but — word up, Moby fans — you won't hear this sort of thing in a restaurant. And good job, too. JR Royal Festival Hall, SB1, Tuesday 19

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