

artscenelistings



Hot tip

The only book

vou ever really

need to read is

Peter Boxall's

You Must Read

Before You Die

(Cassell, £20)

It's like a library

in your pocket

well informed

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1001 Books

arty people

Camilla Long shows you a good time

The Snow Show at the Winter Olympics

Have you heard...

If you can't make the Paris couture. there's always Americans in Paris at the National Gallery (tel: 020 7747 2885) from 22 February - no, not those sleazy types who hang out at the Ritz, but the artistic types who flocked there at the end of the 19th century. Binge on the paintings of Sargent, Whistler and more. There's an influx of new artists at the Tate Modern (tel: 020 7887 8888), whose Tate Triennial from 1 March includes Peter Doig, Angela Bullock and Rebecca Warren. For even loopier



art-lovers, Modern Art Inc (tel: 020 8980 7742) hosts a show by German sculptor Jonathan Meese from 16 February. The jet-set will be out in force at the Turin Winter Olympics, which has its own art exhibition. The Snow Show – a synthesis of art and architecture teaming Norman Foster with Jaume Plensa, and Yoko Ono with Arata Isozaki. Stick that up your toboggan run. Meanwhile, photographer Perry Ogden enters the world of film with Pavee Lackeen: The Traveller Girl, about Irish gypsies. For theatre-lovers, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford (tel: 0870 609 1110) stages The Crucible from 16 February. Watch out for Elaine Cassidy as Abigail: she's the new Jodie Foster. There's more









Five minutes with **Peter Blake**

The godfather of pop art

curates his own exhibition. Favourite work of art? Las Meninas by Velázguez. What do you like about England? Living in London. I also like, on a long journey. realising how much green space there still is. What do you dislike most about England? Loutism, chewing gum in public, dirty streets. Is there anything you'd never do? Vote. Run to catch a bus. Do you believe in fairies? Yes, until somebody can prove they don't exist. Are you a good dancer? No. I only dance when I am very drunk and the steps are really about staying on my feet. Who are you avoiding? I'm not really avoiding him, as he never seems to appear in public, but I don't like Brian Sewell. What makes you laugh? Max Miller, Little Britain. What makes you cry? Most recently, the death of my mother. Best period of history? Now. What do you do on

Friday nights? I usually go out to eat. currently to Sam's Brasserie on Chiswick

High Road. What's up next? I've been finishing one of the paintings for my Marcel Duchamps World Tour show and making quite a lot of prints. Peter Blake is at Fine Art, Design & Antiques. Olympia (tel: 0870 126

1725) from 1 March.