

On the agenda

We've got a hankering for Herzog this week. Though we're twitching to get reading, too

Music

From the home of Radiohead, Supergrass and the Foals comes a festival that's not so much a festival as a big street party (albeit indoors). On 10 October, down Cowley Road in the east of Oxford, 10 bands will be playing 10 venues, including **The Big Pink**, receiving rave reviews for debut album *A Brief History of Love* and critics' favourite **Stornoway** (right). Staged by the team that puts together the Truck festival, this local-music spectacular will be supplemented by poetry performances and an open-mic event. Time to warm up that larynx. www.thisistruck.com **Robert Epstein**



read on a line further, the mourning would have turned to joy (or as close as a sarky nation can get). For Amstell has given up the series to focus on his stand-up – and here he is, starting his nationwide **Do Nothing** tour today. Expect the usual wit and neuroses. www.simonamstell.co.uk **RE**

Books

A treat for your inner twitcher, *The Poetry of Birds* is a new anthology of the best winged poetry ever written. From **Sylvia Plath's** gloomy "Rook" to **Andrew Motion's** wittily wordy "Sparrow", this is a glorious collection of works both old and new. Arranged by ornithological species, it helpfully features a section of notes giving further information about the birds mentioned. Binoculars not required. Edited by **Simon Armitage and Tim Dee**. Published by Viking at £25 **CA**

Fashion

The shows in London last week had their eye on what we'll be wearing next summer, but some of us haven't sorted our autumn wardrobes yet. Take a tip from those in the know and revamp with a versatile high-street investment. Stylist Beth Dadswell's top buy is a **Whistles** silk biker blouse, £85, (www.whistles.co.uk): "It looks great with a mini, pencil skirt or skinny jeans and eases the transition from office to night out." Stock up also on **ballet flats** in this season's lively animal prints, £150, from **Pretty Ballerinas** (above right, www.prettyballerinas.com). "Wear them with your favourite LBD or black leggings, and your feet will thank you for years to come." For more advice from Beth, visit www.mypersonalstylist.co.uk **Harriet Walker**



Art

Where Art London, the Affordable Art Fair and Frieze leave off, **Troika Editions** picks up, offering a year-round gallery of contemporary photography, and giving award-winning snappers the opportunity to sell their art at accessible prices (including *Maria* by Noemie Goudal, above right). Each print comes complete with white gloves for that authentic "gallerist" feel. www.troikaeditions.co.uk **Claire Alexis**

Comedy

When, on 25 April, **Simon Amstell** (right) revealed that he intended to give up presenting the BBC's *Never Mind the Buzzcocks*, a sarky nation mourned. No more pricking of over-inflated celebrity egos. No more unashamedly biting the hand that feeds. But had the nation

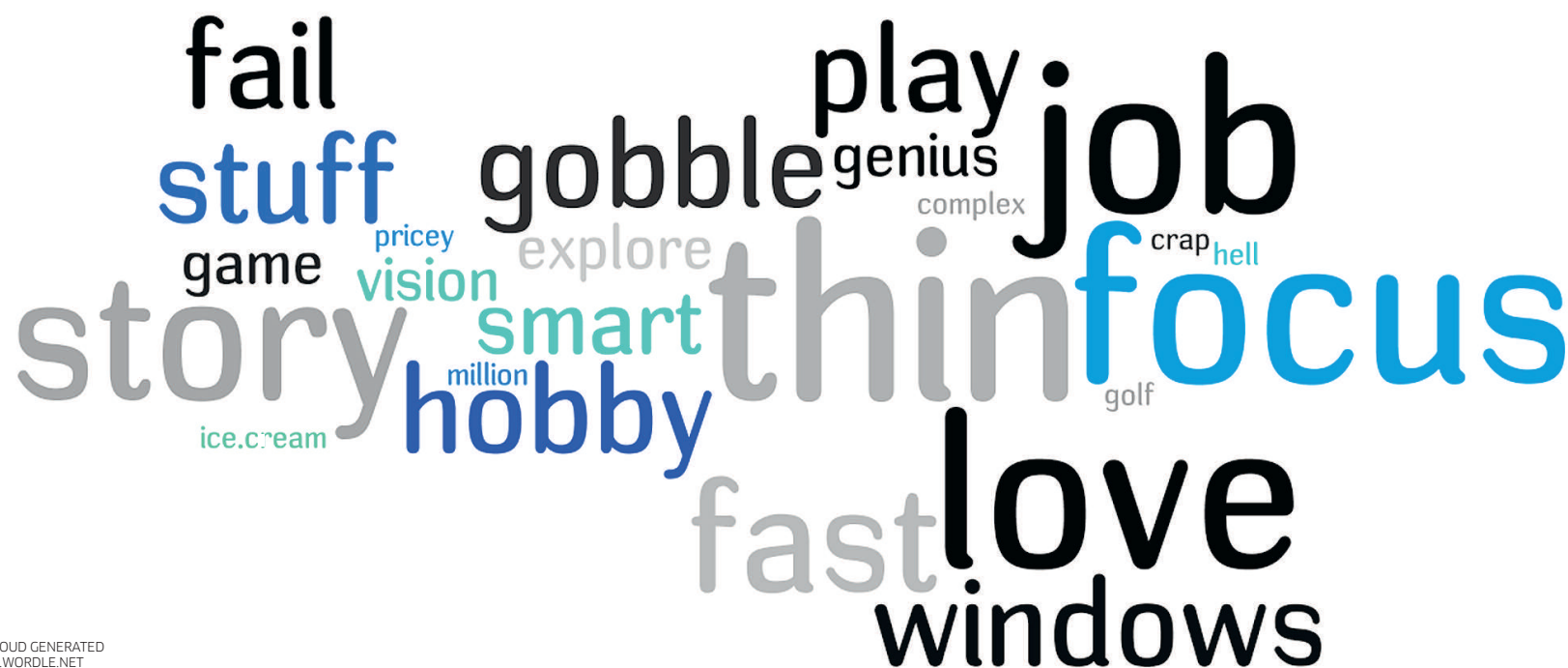


Film

Want to know what makes **Werner Herzog** tick? Brace yourselves, because the swivel-eyed cinematic genius will be spilling his brains all over the **Royal Festival Hall** on Saturday. The man with the unenviable task of probing the recesses of the Herzog psyche on stage is Paul Holdengräber, a big kahuna at the New York Public Library, who will grill Herzog using a multimedia extravaganza of stills, clips and music. Expect the dark master's thoughts on directing dwarfs, why real men can milk cows and, with a bit of luck, a running commentary on his first ever film, a Western. Be afraid... www.southbankcentre.co.uk **Mike Higgins**

Word cloud

Five months after a liver transplant, Apple chief **Steve Jobs** returned to get hyperbolic about its latest gizmos. His response to any questions he doesn't like? 'Gobble, gobble, gobble.' Don't ask...



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