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Calgary-based jazz chanteuse **Zoë Theodorou** is celebrating her new CD, *The Essence of Life*, with a concert at The Grand on June 22. Under the direction of Grammy-winning percussionist and producer Eric Boseman, Theodorou will take her audience on a sonic and visual journey, revealing the eclectic sounds of jazz, soul and funk. Performing is what this rising diva does best. Supported by a celebrated ensemble of musicians, *The Essence of Life* is a two-year effort that was recorded in Texas and mixed in L.A. To preview her CD visit [her website](#).

what



Any self-respecting fashionista knows that the bag we tote around says a lot. So why are most of us still seen carrying home our groceries in skimpy plastic sacs? British handbag designer [Anya Hindmarch's](#) reusable **"I'm Not A Plastic Bag"** makes a style - and ecological - statement. Hindmarch's bags sold out in hours in London and will be available at [Holt Renfrew](#) for \$18 at the end of June.

wear



Summer - and [H&M](#) - are finally here in Alberta! And what better way to worship the sun than wearing a little something from the **"H&M Loves Kylie"** beachwear line, inspired by Australian pop princess Kylie Minogue. The line is a limited-edition collection of 'the beach meets disco', that mirrors Kylie's relaxed fun-loving demeanour and show-stopping stage persona. I can't get out of my head that sexy silver one-piece swimsuit, or the eye-catching wave print cover-ups. Even better, ten percent of proceeds from each "H&M Loves Kylie" item will be donated to WaterAid, an international charity dedicated to the provision of safe domestic water, sanitation and hygiene to the world's poorest people. For more hot summer looks, visit H&M in West Edmonton Mall or Market Mall in Calgary.

when



For the entire month of June, green is the new black at [the Core](#). **Green to the Core** is a series of incredible eco-friendly events and the launch of an expanded recycling program within its downtown shopping core centres. The green festivities begin June 7 with an eco-couture collection created by [Paul Hardy](#). His collection of 8 one-of-a-kind designs makes its way from the recycle pile to the runway, and will be on display throughout the month on the +15 level of Calgary Eaton Centre. On June 20, join the [Rocky Mountain Soap Company](#) over lunch and create and take home your own enviro-friendly bath salts or body butter. To wrap up the events and do your part, there will be a cocktail party at the Metropolitan Grill, where you can make a donation starting at \$2 to the Bow Riverkeeper, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the Bow River watershed. For full event listings and ticket information visit www.coreshopping.ca or call 403 441 4914.

wine



Edmonton based cake designer Ailynn Santos of [Whimsical Cake Studio Inc.](#) is baking up something special for her devoted clients. By mid-June, she will officially open her first studio space at 14910-45 Avenue (at Riverbend Rd). Originally located at Edmonton's Farmers Market, Santos has been delighting Edmontonians with her gorgeous, made-from-scratch creations. For the couple looking for an unusual wedding cake, try the Snowball, which is a sour cream cake with a tart lemon frosting rolled in coconut. For a quick chocolate indulgence, the New York at Heart or Razzle Dazzle will do the trick. In the new location, Santos will be adding a few new items to the menu. Try homemade cookies, brownie-pops (a fudge brownie on a stick dipped in Callebaut chocolate), or her latest chocolates and truffles.

- Lincoln Phillip



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