



THE GQ BRIEF

FRANZ FERDINAND RELEASE FIFTH STUDIO ALBUM, *ALWAYS ASCENDING*, ON FEBRUARY 9. IT FEATURES TWO NEW BAND MEMBERS, FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF GUITARIST NICK MCCARTHY IN 2016.

FIVE THINGS TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THE POST-HOLIDAY BLUES.

The hit list



THE FILM

The new fantasy film from Guillermo del Toro (*Pan's Labyrinth*) tells the story of a lonely worker in government lab, who uncovers a strange creature that's part of a top-secret experiment. While it's set during the Cold War, *The Shape of Water* is packed with modern political references - and a stellar cast, with Octavia Spencer, Sally Hawkins and Michael Shannon, who can do no wrong. **IN CINEMAS JANUARY 18**



THE GEAR

Best known for its shaving sets, fragrances and toiletries, Milan-based company CzechoSlovak has just launched a new range of everyday leather items. It features a collection of briefcases and black leather travel cases, as well as wash bags and travel cases. Priced at around \$485 for a leather zip-around wallet. It's available now. CZECHOSLOVAK.COM



THE GIGS

Lana Del Rey is heading to Australia for her first set of tour dates since 2012; indie rockers The National are hitting Melbourne, Brisbane and the Sydney Opera House; and this year's Bluesfest in Byron Bay has another killer line-up, featuring Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, Lionel Richie, Jackson Browne, Seal and many more. **LANA DEL REY PLAYS BRIS, MAR 29, MELB, MAR 31, SYD APR 2; THE NATIONAL PLAY SYDNEY, FEB 21, BRIS, FEB 27, MELB, MAR 1; BLUESFEST, MAR 28-APR 2; BLUESFEST.COM.AU**



THE FESTIVAL

Back for another year, the Adelaide Festival in 2018 boasts a mixed bag of theatre, opera, dance, film, music and visual arts from around the world. A few of the highlights include The Lost and Found Orchestra (pictured), a symphony orchestra that perform using everyday objects; Bangarra Dance Theatre's latest work, *Bennelong*; and legendary singer Grace Jones, who is performing for one night only. **MARCH 2-18; ADELAIDEFESTIVAL.COM.AU**



THE COLLAB

Porsche Design has teamed up with Chinese tech firm Huawei for a limited-edition new phone. The Huawei 'Mate 10' features some key Porsche design elements but the key here is subtlety, with a polished 'diamond black' finish and a premium leather case. It also packs 6GB RAM, 256GB ROM storage - and a price tag that puts it in iPhone 'X' territory. **PORSCHE DESIGN HUAWEI 'MATE 10' PHONE, \$1699; CONSUMER.HUAWEI.COM**