

MUSIC

Daddy dearest

Paula Yeoman checks out some of the best albums to consider for Father's Day next weekend.

XAVIER RUDD
Dark Shades of Blue
(Out now)
★★★★☆

Xavier Rudd could not be cooler if he tried. His latest album is a masterpiece laden with moments of tension contrasted with moments of beauty. The title track, *Dark Shades of Blue*, is four minutes of pure psychedelic rock with heady guitar riffs clearly influenced by the album's mixer, Joe Barresi — one of the maestros behind Queens of the Stone Age. But skip a few tracks on and



you'll find the rhythmic and earthy *Guku* sung in a voice so dripping in raw emotion it will send shivers down your spine.

BUDDY GUY
Skin Deep
Out now
★★★★☆

Blues fans often argue that Buddy Guy produced his best work in the 60s, but those who started listening after his career exploded with his 1991 Grammy-winning *Damn Right, I've Got the Blues*, beg to differ.



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Sam Edwards, Waikato Times

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