

TOP 5 SHOWS OF THE WEEK

1. Guys And Dolls

Final two weeks for Hollywood star Patrick Swayze (*pictured above with Samantha Janus*) as Nathan Detroit in Michael Grandage's triumphant re-invention of this best of all musicals.

2. The Seafarer

Conor (The Weir) McPherson's latest piece about the effect of alcohol on the human psyche. Here, the devil himself fights for human souls in a Dublin house. Superbly acted.

3. Rock 'n' Roll

Tom Stoppard's superb new drama about the upheavals of the last forty years in his native Czechoslovakia and their repercussions on a communist Cambridge academic. All filtered through the music of the title.

4. A Moon For The Misbegotten

Colm Meaney, Eve Best and Kevin Spacey on fine form in Eugene O'Neill's darkly poetic piece about love and loss, set on a bleak farm in the eastern US.

5. 2Graves

Riveting verse-drama (*see reviews*) set in the East End underworld, about the son of a darts-player who sets out to avenge the death of his father. Brilliantly acted by Jonathan Moore.