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It starts with Christmas at the University of Saint Francis, a 30-year tradition that has gone unnoticed by too many area residents for far too long. See Michele DeVinney's feature on page 4. If you're looking for holiday music, check out Deborah Kennedy's profile of pianist Jim Brickman on page 6 and Ashley Motia's feature on the Fort Wayne Philharmonic's Holiday Pops concerts on page 7. And if you just want to rock out and forget about all this Christmas stuff for a few hours, check out Ryan Smith's feature on Fort Wayne favorites Egypt Central (page 5) and Mark Hunter's feature on another local fave, guitar virtuoso Kenny Wayne Shepherd (page 6).

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------ • University of St. Francis Heralding the Holidays

By Michele DeVinney

December figures to be a busy month at the University of Saint Francis. With classes winding down and faculty and students frantically preparing for finals, the campus is also coming alive as a festive and spiritual attraction for the Christmas holidays. Sharing both historic and religious events and activities, Saint Francis fulfills the many levels of its mission as a faith-based university.

Perhaps the most beloved part of the

USF campus is Historic Brookside, formerly known as the Bass Mansion. Having undergone significant remodeling and restoration a couple of years ago, the building reopened in time for last year's Christmas at USF celebration. Its appeal has only grown in the months since that

"The house really has resonance in the community because of its connection to the Bass family and that history," says Yvonne Schroeder, director of communication at the University of Saint Francis. "People who have seen all the stages the house has gone through are just thrilled

with where it is now, USF alums and the community alike. There are just so many historical underpinnings, and I think the house and seeing it decorated for the holidays take people to a bygone era, a time when people

think everything was perfect. And people also like to see how the wealthy lived back then.'

Christmas in the Castle is an annual highlight of the holiday season at USF, and Schroeder says it's a major attraction for them each year and is now open from noon to 6 p.m. on December 3-4 and 10-11.

"It's very, very popular, and every year thousands of people visit. We've expanded the hours to accommodate the demand for

Another popular attraction at the university is the Schouweiler Planetarium which also has a special feature through the holidays. Located in Achatz Hall of Science on campus, the planetarium is home of the Star of Bethlehem event, an opportunity to see what the skies might have looked like in 3 B.C. as the Wise Men made their journey. You can also expect another treat: a view of the current Fort Wayne skies and a chance to learn more about the stars of winter. The show is perfect for families and is priced to make that possible, but Schroeder does offer one caveat to those attending.

"It is a long time in the dark, so some

But perhaps the most remarkable event that day also takes place at 6 p.m. in the area of Mirror Lake near Spring Street. Schroeder says the Lighting of the Lake is not to be

"It really is one of our most affecting events. People can buy luminaries for loved ones and send out good wishes or memories. and the luminaries will encircle the lake. It's really quite affective and moving. The luminaries are available for purchase, but attending the event is free to everyone.'

The Christmas Music Concert caps off the day at 7 p.m. and takes place at North Campus. across from Brookside. There is also no charge for admission to this performance of USF musical groups which includes a variety of holiday traditional hymns and carols. For those unable to at-

tend that first weekend of activities, there is still plenty to recommend the University of Saint Francis' holiday celebration throughout the month. Two significant exhibits tout the university's strong reputation in the fine arts. and both are free of charge during the runs. which begin December 3 and run into January (both are closed for the holidays from December 22-January 1). The

Alumni/Faculty Exhibition at the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Center provides a forum for not only the university faculty but also artists Audrey Riley, Bob Kiel and Michelle Diller, who provide work in multiple mediums. The Contemporary Ceramics and Paintings exhibit, all culled from the university's permanent collection, remains open through January 27 and features some new acquisitions by artists Lisa Clague, Janis Wunderlich and Mark Goudy, among others. Housed in the Lupke Gallery at the North Campus, the exhibit can be seen Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m.

Working to share so much with the USF and Fort Wayne communities each year is challenging but clearly rewarding to those who work to put it all together. And balancing it with the ongoing duties of a busy university is at the heart of how USF serves both its students and the area in which they live and work.

"It's a wild time, but we're always doing our best to support our students with their studies during finals while welcoming the community to our campus," says Schroeder. "We want to make sure that we take care of everyone."



kids, the little bitty ones anyway, might have a tough time bearing up for that long. But families are certainly encouraged to come, and we have a capped price (\$14) per family so it can be affordable to bring every-

With the show at the Planetarium running the three weekends before Christmas, there are a

few things which are one-time only, most notably the events on Sunday, December 4. The Fair Trade Alternative Shopping Bazaar is noon to 5:30 p.m. that day and offers a unique opportunity to do some Christmas shopping while honoring a commitment to fair trade throughout the world. The Living Nativity takes place at the amphitheatre next to Pope John Paul II Center at 6 p.m., where the character of Saint Francis will narrate the Christmas story while the event is reenacted for the audience. With a lovely rendition of "Silent Night" capping the event, it's sure to stir some Christmas spirit in even the most devoted Scrooge.

Down the Rabbit Hole & Back

By Ryan Smith

Triumph over adversity. That's the message melodic hard rockers Egypt Central want to convey to their audience. It's a lesson the band had to learn for themselves after a host of problems beset the band and its members, one that they seek to deal with honestly in their music, and it's an idea that provides inspiration to their fans.

"We find that we have fans from all walks of life and they find that us being honest gives them something to relate to," says bassist Joey Chicago. "And that also our message is positive and you can overcome any of those things and rise above. And I think that's great; we have a vehicle to inspire [them]."

Egypt Central will be the headliners at 98.9 The Bear's Electric Christmas at Piere's on December 4. Opening for the band that evening will be Kyng, The Dreaming, Man Made Machine and Krimsha. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 day of.

Hailing from the almost-Deep South city of Memphis Tennessee, home of Elvis and Sun Studios, the city many would argue is the home of rock n' roll itself, Egypt Central formed in 2002, naming itself after a local road. The band soon attracted the attention of Lava Records, a division of Atlantic, and thought that they were on the fast track to success.

Shortly after the band had entered the studio to work on its debut album, however, they found themselves the unfortunate recipients of the woes of the music industry. Downsizing at Atlantic led to Lava Records shutting down, and as a result the band was dropped from its label before the album was complete. Without a major label to back them, though, the band soldiered on, eventually releasing the results on independent label Fat Lady Records.

Good fortune did come their way again when they caught the attention of none other than the WWE. It was through that connection that the band was to gain further exposure in 2007 when their song "Over and Under," was included in the "Stone Cold" Steve Austin film *The Condemned*. The WWE also used two more of the band's tracks, "You Make Me Sick" and "Taking You Down" on the soundtrack of the video game WWE SmackDown vs. Raw in 2009.

After coming back from having the rug pulled out from under them with the major label deal and having several of the band's members experiencing personal problems, Egypt Central resolved to take a leap to another level with their next album. The first song they wrote for it, "White Rabbit," which borrows its idea from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, became not just the title song for the album but served as the rest of the songs' inspiration and central metaphor

"We were kind of stuck after we were dropped from Lava," says Chicago. "We felt like we didn't have a place to go, and it's really the story of us trying to cope with those three or four years, not only just overcoming the insecurity of [thinking] 'are we good enough? Are we not good enough to do this? And also dealing with drug addiction and loss of family members ... [but] we came out stronger on the other end."

The band's experiences are contained

this year, the title track (and first single) has been receiving radio airplay nationwide. Additionally, the album's second single, "Kick Ass," was released with a local connection on August 15 of this year, as a live video of the band performing the show at Piere's in



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within the song, following a protagonist who is transported into a strange and magical world, filled with strange and exciting but sometimes frightening characters. The remainder of the album follows in semi-conceptual fashion, its themes center-

ing around the ideas of a loss of innocence, confronting one's demons and coming out triumphant on the other end.

"We really felt as though it was exactly what had happened to us," according to Chicago. "We were being guided by someone we really didn't know into this world where there was so many strange and unknown characters that we were meeting that were huge influences on what we were doing. But all the while coming to realize that we had had the wool pulled over our eyes a little bit, and it was a dream world a little bit, and then [we were] fighting to get back to reality. The idea of going down the hole and not really knowing where we were going."

It's a notion that works as not only a metaphor for what the band has gone through, but for the experience of listening to music itself – i.e., going to a concert or listening to an album can transport the listener out of their ordinary world for a period of time. On top of the lyrical and conceptual strengths of the album, the band goes out of its way not to repeat itself musically. Each track features unique variations on the band's approach while at the same time maintaining a melodic accessibility.

Since White Rabbit debuted on May 31 of

Fort Wayne was featured on Revolver magazine's web site. The song derives its theme from Mark Millar's comic book and the 2010 Hollywood movie about a crime-fighting teenager. Additionally, several NFL teams have featured a re-

vamped version of the song (renamed "Kick Off") in their in-stadium music programs.

With the release of *White Rabbit*, the band is also expanding into the realm of print media. The album includes a four-panel teaser comic strip drawn by Chicago that tells the "White Rabbit Story." The four panels were originally expanded to 12 and can be viewed on Revolver's website; the band is currently working on a more substantial expansion of the comic, which it hopes to eventually publish in a seven-part serialized print form in 2012 and compile into a graphic novel format after its initial run.

The comic storyline involves alter egos of the band members of themselves and their fight against a corrupt antagonist named Fatty Arbuckle (whose name, film buffs will recognize, is the same as a controversial comedic actor from the early 20th century). While the comic book in its booklet and online forms feature traditional hand-drawn comic artwork, Chicago says they plan to incorporate other techniques into the artwork.

"As much as we love traditional comics, we want to take some artistic risks in this through Photoshop and design layouts to make it artistically original itself," he said. "Originality is a rationale."



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----- Feature • Jim Brickman ------

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By Deborah Kennedy

If you believe the testimonials on piano man Jim Brickman's website, just being in the audience at one of this Cleveland native's shows is almost a guarantee you'll fall in love all over again. The power of the man's playing is so great that I'm willing to bet that, even if you're not at the show as part of a couple, you'll fall in love with someone, be it the girl or guy four rows down, the janitor cleaning up the discarded wine cups or Brickman himself.

The movie-star handsome Brickman is proud of the impact his performances have had on generations of lovers. He doesn't shy away from sentiment or romance. In fact, he embraces the power of emotion in his music and wonders when it somehow became uncool to express how we feel about one

"Somewhere along the way the idea of romance became cheesy, but I think that's odd," he said during a recent phone conversation from his hometown "It's Cleveland.

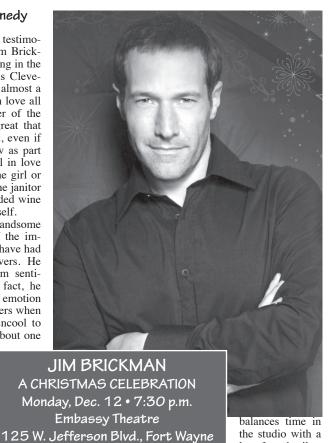
something that feels good. It's a hopeful, beautiful thing between two people. Love is one of the most honest and raw emotions we have, and as a musician I have a wonderful opportunity to help express that emotion. What you can't often say in words is easier to express at the piano.'

Fort Wayne audiences have long shown their love for the 50-year-old Brickman, and they'll have the chance to do so again when he comes to the Embassy Theatre Monday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature a number of guest appearances, including one by Indianapolis Colts tight end Ben Utecht who is as skilled on the stage as he was on the gridiron.

"Ben's a great story. Football the microphone," Brickman said. "I think Indiana audiences will be particularly touched seeing him working his magic."

Brickman, known not only for his love songs but also an impressive Christmas catalogue, said that evening's show will be about 50 percent holiday music and 50 percent Brickman favorites from some of his most beloved albums, including 2003's Peace, 2005's Grace and the more recent Hope, From the Heart, Unspoken, Beautiful World and Home. Two new albums - one of Italian-inspired love songs titled Romanza and a Christmas album, All is Calm – just dropped last month and are available exclusively at Target.

Brickman is undeniably prolific, but he



In fact, he credits 260-424-5665 his staying power his first album,

lot of road miles.

No Words, came out in 1994 - to face-time with fans and staying true to himself.

"You always have to be out there. It's the only way to stay relevant," he said. "The only thing you can really count on, with radio and the press as fickle as they are, is connecting with your live audience, to giving them a great show so they continue to be loyal. I think it's also important that you never change who you are, that if a record company tells you, 'Hey, this is cool; you should change how you do things' that instead you remain true to yourself and your

Brickman had to find out for himself just what that meant when, as a young kid, he discovered a passion for the piano. Unlike many who make it in music today, Brickman did not grow up in a musical family. In fact, he often jokes that his parents, delightful though they may be, have no talents whatso-

"Honestly it just came naturally to me. I didn't go to concerts. I wasn't surrounded by music growing up. Whenever I saw a piano I wanted to play. It was something that was meant to be, I guess. It wasn't something I chose. It chose me."

He studied at the prestigious Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University and later went on to write jingles for some of America's most iconic compa-

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-----Feature • Kenny Wayne Shepherd------

A Phenom Hits His Stride

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By Mark Hunter

It only takes a few seconds of listening to Kenny Wayne Shepherd's latest CD to realize that the one-time prodigy has become a master. The opening track, "Never Lookin' Back," kicks off with a Keith Richard's-like riff, then settles into a comfortable rock shuffle sprinkled with Shepherd's signature solos. The aptly named How I Go goes very nicely indeed.

The record, which came out in August, marks Shepherd's first studio album in seven years and presents clear evidence that the

wonder kid from Louisiana is settling into his prime.

A longtime northeast Indiana favorite, Shepherd and

his excellent band come to Piere's Entertainment Center Saturday December 10.

While it's not easy to feel sorry for a guy like Shepherd, a guy born with a natural feel for the guitar, who figured out how to play guitar on his own, a guy who at seven years old met Stevie Ray Vaughan, at 13 played on stage with New Orleans legend Bryan Lee and at 18 had a No. 1 blues record, it hasn't been all roses for him. After all, very few guitar players, none but him really, had such a reputation to live up to before they reached voting age. The pressure must have

Shepherd came of age in the mid 1990s at about the same time as two other blues guitar prodigies, Jonny Lang and Joe Bonamassa. Despite the crowded field, Shepherd's first release, 1995's Ledbetter Heights reached Billboard's top slot on the blues chart. His second record, Trouble Is, came out in '97 and had the smash hit "Blue on Black." His third, Live On in '99, made Shepherd three-for-three, with each release topping Billboard's blues chart.

But then Shepherd lapsed into drug and alcohol problems that began to sap his time and creative juices. It was five years before his next record, The Place You're In, came

"I really kind of overindulged in those kind of things, and it was really starting to take over my life," he said in a 2004 interview with listenin.org. "I was fortunate. I reached a point where I said I don't want to live like this anymore. I thought I was superman. I was always scared cause so many of my heroes had died, several of them from

drug abuse and stuff. I always scared that one day I'd wake up dead. At the same time I was pushing the limits so

hard because I was like, oh, I'm not going to be that guy. I was fortunate enough to come out on the other side of it. Because sooner or later it was going to catch up to me and I

might not be here today."

With the booze and drugs behind him, Shepherd got back to doing what he was meant to do. Following The Place You're In he embarked on a journey to the past with a record celebrating his blues heroes. 10 Days Out: Blues From the Back Roads. which came out in 2007, matched Shepherd with players like Hubert Sumlin, Pinetop Perkins, B.B. King, Etta Baker, Bryan Lee and Buddy Flett, along with member of the Howlin' Wolf Band and the Muddy Waters Band. It was Shepherd getting back to the source of what got him interested in music in the first place. The record was nominated for a Grammy in 2007 and clearly set Shepherd back on the radar as a force of nature.

In 2006 Shepherd married into a family

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----- Feature • Holiday Pops----

Fort Wayne's Christmas Cornerstone

By Ashley Motia

On December 9, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic kicks off another season of its Holiday Pops concert series at The Embassy Theatre. Many people – Fort Wayne locals and beyond – look forward to this event all year long. The Holiday Pops series has become one of the cornerstones of downtown holiday festivities and a tradition for myriad families.

"Music is such an important part of people's holiday experience, in memories and traditions, whatever they believe," Melissa Shaw, director of communications and regional programs for the Philharmonic, told me.

"The Phil prides itself in bringing a diverse holiday musical program to The Embassy, year after year, that is both entertaining and meaningful to families. Being a part of a long-standing holiday tradition like this in Fort Wayne is pretty special," she said.

The Phil's mission is to inspire new fans while retaining old ones of

symphony-style music, something the organization has been doing since 1924. I asked Shaw how she thought the Holiday Pops series furthers this mission. She replied, "Every year we hear from patrons that Holiday Pops is the first time they are exposed to the full orchestral symphony experience. That full experience of sound can break barriers that a symphony performance is 'boring' or 'old fashioned.'

"When people hear the Phil playing Bruce Springsteen's version of 'Santa Clause is Coming to Town,' they can be given that the Phil is anything but begins."

sure that the Phil is anything but boring."

And to keep music lovers coming back year after year, the Phil looks to shake things up with each Holiday Pops program. Shaw said that programming considerations for the next year begin right after the current year's program wraps up. One of the most important factors in making these programming plans is any lessons learned/fan input from the current year.

"Audience feedback is very important to the Phil and is especially important for Holiday Pops," she said. "We love hearing what our patrons want to hear, what they loved, and even what they didn't. This concert is about the audience experience, and that's not something we take lightly. We want to cover as many musical styles as we can and make sure this is a special evening of holiday entertainment for young and

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old alike."

The Philharmonic works to bring new talent to the Holiday Pops series each year through guest artists. The 2011 series will feature six special guest artists and the Fort Wayne Children's Choir. Shaw said that the Fort Wayne's Children's Choir will have a larger role in the show than in years past.

"There are 42 singers joining the orchestra, and they will be singing on much of the program. In programming this year's Holiday Pops series we not only wanted to feature the singers and dancers, we also wanted to feature more members of the Phil itself," she explained.

"Our principal cellist, Hikaru Tamaki, will be featured during 'Silent Night.' The Phil is also very proud to be playing two pieces from 'Light Songs' – an original Hanukkah composition by our very own principal bass player and orchestra librarian, Adrian Mann. These pieces will feature the Fort Wayne Children's Choir."

These aren't the only changes the Phil has made to keep the Holiday Pops programming fresh and new for the 2011

concert series. They also invited local Fort Wayne artist Mike Conley to provide guitar and vocals. Conley has won many awards and praises throughout his music career in the local scene—both for his solo work and his group projects.

"The Phil is thrilled to welcome Mike Conley as a special guest artist for Holiday Pops this year. Not only does the Phil value the local talent in this community, but Mike brings something very special to the show," praised Shaw. "With the success of his recent Christmas album, It's a Conley Christmas, his overall passion for music, and his mass audience appeal. Mike seemed like a perfect fit for Holiday Pops."

Conley joins other special guests Stephanie Park (soprano), Kelly O'Neill (alto), Christopher Blem (tenor), Blaine Krauss (bass), and Bradley Thachuk (conductor). Thachuk was

formerly an associate conductor with the Phil for nine years. He is now enjoying success as the music director for the Niagara Symphony in Canada.

"He has conducted Holiday Pops for the past several years, and it just seemed fitting to have him back this year with this exciting program," Shaw said of Thachuk.

Because the Holiday Pops is a well-rounded audio and visual event, she added that well-known

local theatre director and actor Christopher J. Murphy joins the program as artistic producer of this year's concerts. Murphy will work with the cast and crew to make sure that the visual and entertainment experience of Holiday Pops is as pleasing as the musical elements.

This year's Holiday Pops program will include traditional holiday standards like "Sleigh Ride" and "O Holy Night" as well as new twists on some Christmas favorites, such as "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

"Sleigh Ride' is a signature holiday orchestra song and

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you part of me."

If this is just a part of Washington's talent, a small slice of what she has to offer the world, then I'm pretty sure all of her would blow out my speakers. A Part of Me is part party, part love letter, part female empowerment anthem, and the DJ Polaris-produced disc sounds perfect. The mix is clear, and while

the beats are infectious and fun, they also allow Washington's versatile voice to dominate the tracks. She belts, she purrs, she conquers. If, like me, you've been suffering from November doldrums, *A Part of Me* is just what the doctor ordered.

And, speaking of doctors, following the poetic introduction is "Addiction." This is not your Amy Winehouse's rumination on rehab. If her refrain was no, no, no, Washington's is yes, yes, yes. Yes to breaking free of the bonds of bad love. Yes to dumping the chump.

Decades ago Robert Palmer whined about being addicted to love. If only he'd had a time machine and a dose of Washington. She would have saved him a lot of heartbreak. The music here is as irresistible as the writing is clever. Consider this line: "Checked out of Betty Ford. I've been to Dr. Drew and Dr. Phil told me I'm over you." She doesn't need any of those people. Washington is her own best MD.

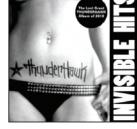
The sexy "Please" features the smart and spot-on rappings of 2RQ and is like "Paradise by the Dashboard Lights," only good and with an obvious and delicious R&B flavor. It's lightening-speed give-and-take between a woman who wants to hear a man say he needs her and a man who needs to say anything but. "Please" melts into the mellow "Follow Me" – okay, I'm there – and the bittersweet breakup tune "Loving You." The middle of the album slows things down and invites you to light some candles and let Washington's beautiful voice wash over you.

Listen to Washington's "Over," "Feels Like," "Promise" and "Melt Away" and compare them to the work of R&B superstars like Alisha Keys, Gladys Knight and Whitney Houston before she was a train wreck. I dare you to find anything lacking in Washington's delivery. The real difference between Fatima and many of the radio-friendly divas you hear these days is the intelligence of her writing. Her voice is not just courtesy of her crazy good cords – it's also her unique take on the world, her writer's voice. She is a star in the making. Actually, she's a star already. Fort Wayne, pay attention. Give this girl the ear and accolades she deserves.

In the first few lines of *Part of Me*'s intro track, Washington lets us know that these 12 songs are just the beginning – that it just gets better from here. It's the perfect note to begin this accomplished and incredible debut, but it's also a smart signal that her career is just beginning. I would like to personally entreat Fatima Washington to give us more of her. For now, though, I'll just keep spinning this disc as a cure for what ails. It's like Washington sings in her sparkling song "Basics": "just let the music play." Let the music play. (*Deborah Kennedy*)

Thunderhawk Invisible Hits

Whether or not the title of Thunderhawk's latest album, *Invisible Hits*, is a nod to The Soft Boys' 1983 release of the same name is hardly the most important question here. The first hard inquiry is why oh why, Josh Hall, can't your loyal and adoring fans own a copy of *Invisible Hits*? I mean,



releasing an album as a Brass Rail jukebox-only album is clever-ashell and all, but it's also a bit too precious for comfort. The fans have spoken! Other questions that come to mind: (1) Who is the naked chick on the album's cover?; (2) Why does the album cover say "the last great Thunderhawk album of 2010" when the album was kinda/sorta released in 2011? Is that a hint? Was the album completed in 2010 or even 2009?; and (3) How do you have so damn many great songs just sitting around? And when will it stop? We could go on

BACKTRACKS

The Blues Brothers

Music From the Soundtrack (1980)

One of the greatest movies ever released has an equally excellent soundtrack. It's a musical comedy, with numbers by James Brown, Ray Charles, Cab Calloway and Aretha Franklin. Also appearing in the film are legends Johnny



Lee Hooker and Pinetop Perkins (unfortunately they do not appear on the soundtrack).

Backed by the house band from Stax Records, Elwood (Dan Akroyd) and Jake (John Belushi) cover these classics from a catalog of soul and blues so well that it's hard to not take it seriously.

"She Caught The Katy," written by Taj Mahal in '68, opens the album with the fat sounds of brass behind Belushi's better than expected vocals. The "Peter Gunn Theme," a bawdy instrumental which earned Henry Mancini a 1958 Grammy, follows; and The Spencer Davis group's "Gimme Some Lovin'" continues the bluesy rock vibe.

Ray Charles handles "Shake A Tail Feather," and the Blues Brothers cover Solomon Burke's "Everybody Needs Somebody To Love." James Brown shows up with all of his soul in the gospel version of "The Old Landmark," and Aretha Franklin brings it in the diner scene with her classic "Think." All of these tracks fit perfectly within the context and plot of the movie, and although a great soundtrack, it's better to see them in their entirety of the film.

The legendary Cab Calloway performs his 1931 classic, "Minnie The Moocher," and one of the best versions of "Sweet Home Chicago" is on the soundtrack. The Blues Brothers also cover "Rawhide" and Elvis' "Jailhouse Rock."

With Steve Cropper and Hiram Bullock on guitars, Donald

With Steve Cropper and Hiram Bullock on guitars, Donald Dunn on bass and Lou Marini on sax, this may be the greatest band to not play themselves in a movie.

Fun Fact: Steven Spielberg played the clerk at the Cook County Assessor's office. (Dennis Donahue)

with the questioning, but let's get to the music.

As you may or may not know, Thunderhawk helmsman Josh Hall was signed to Standard Recordings a year or two ago, releasing under their umbrella a great record called *Thunderhawk VI*. A few months after the release of that record, Hall planned to self-release a great album called *The Rise and Fall of Josh Hall* under his Black Label Summer moniker. That album never came out. Now, finally, we have some new music via *Invisible Hits*, an album you'll only hear in full if you stop by Fort Wayne's Brass Rail bar and stuff the jukebox with quarters. What you'll hear if and when you do that is a seriously solid 11-song batch of often twangy indie rock.

Now, since I've only heard these new songs while sitting at a loud bar, deeply buzzed and normally disturbed, I can only guess at the song titles. The opening track, which I believe is called "Gunshy," sounds like a mix of classic Thunderhawk mixed with Ryan Adams' Rock N Roll album. Like many of Hall's songs, the whole track feels like a hook, coming off as instantly memorable - just ready to be anyone's anthem. It also feels quite loose. And trashed. Another great Thunderhawk track that sounds perfectly at home blasting through a jukebox at a rock n' roll dive - perfect. Track two which we'll just call "Where Are You Now" for the time being, is another single-worthy track that lives up to the record's frustrated title. More melodic than "Gunshy," "Where Are You Now" sees Hall again channelling his tier two master, Stephen Malkmus, on guitar while belting out the smoke-and-whiskey howl he's been using since quietly releasing a little known album called Simple Twist of Hate on New Year's Eve of 2009.

Another highlight, track three (we'll call it "Breaking Down"), is one of Hall's most interesting songs to date, lyrically speaking. Singing "Here comes another country song from that hip kid down at the bar / If he sings us another broken heart I'm gonna punch him right in the gut / I'm breaking down / I'm sorry for what I've done / I'm breaking down / You know I'm not the chosen one," Hall then goes on to seemingly mock some of his own songs, even singing "I recycle Bob Dylan and rip Hank Williams off at the heart, at the knees / I sold you a line in 'Dead Is the Drunkest.'" The track does

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a fine job at continuing Hall's reputation for being funny, confusing and mysterious. Whether you hear the song as a pseudo-confessional or a tease likely relates to how deep your fandom digs.

Track five, the one with dirty riffs, a big hook and lyrics about drinking and dying? Yep, another highlight. Track nine, the one where Hall sings "how can you live with regret?" - another killer country track where our man sings about drugs and drinks and other good parts of life. Finally, towards the end of the record, we stumble upon "Follow the Screaming Voice," a track included on the short-run original version of Thunderhawk VI. Hall released that album with a fake compilation theme, crediting the record's 14 tracks to eight different bands, claiming at the time to have five records completed under different monikers. Could it be? Could the great "Screaming Voice" be another clue in the mystery of Josh Hall? Could it be that Invisible Hits was recorded even before Thunderhawk VI was released?! Meh, who cares? Invisible Hits is another rocking document of songwriter Josh Hall, made to bewilder, inspire and entertain - the musical equivalent of an often aloof, sometimes genuine drinking buddy who doesn't get hangovers.

If you count yourself a fan, be sure to check out the acoustic closer. It's a track anyone who ever wrote a rock n' roll song just might simultaneously love, hate and appreciate. "If you keep your guitar and you live long enough / Eventually every band starts to suck." (Greg W. Locke)

Atlas Sound

Parallax

Sometime soon after the release of Deerhunter's *Microcastle*, while drinking cheap booze and stuffing a friend's head with my normal nonsense, I started an argument that echoes today, almost exactly three years later. For my side of the battle, I argued that Deerhunter and Atlas Sound frontman



Bradford Cox was not only the most interesting dude in music, but also ... ahem ... the future of indie rock. Ha. My opponent, whom I no longer talk to for reasons only distantly connected to this one bout, argued the case of My Morning Jacket frontman Jim James as Indie Rock Messiah. The fight ended when I drunkenly juxtaposed the poseur steps James has taken through his career with the if-nothing-else obviousness of Cox's originality. Now, with the release of his third Atlas Sound record, Parallax, Cox has more or less fulfilled my drunken prophecy. Whether he likes it or not, Bradford Cox does suddenly seem to be the most talked about - and certainly one of the most listened to - artists whose albums are currently filed under the undefinable tag of "indie rock." And, if you've read any of his recent interviews, all of which are hugely revealing and pleasantly crazy, you also know that Cox has become, very possibly, the "most interesting dude in music." And he did so not by ducking behind the boring cloak of irony everyone else in the Indieverse is currently gathered behind, but by trying to tear the thing down.

That sentiment echoes throughout *Parallax*, a very honest and personal record that, rather than following the trends of the day, continues in the development of Cox's unearthly sound. The songs, all 12 of 'em, feel, as Cox himself has said, very lonely – very haunting. They also feel somewhat indebted to the extraterrestrial-obsessedera Bowie, a vibe Cox has always toyed with, though more here than ever. And while he will tell you that *Parallax* is "just a rock n' roll record," I can't quite agree. Like much of his music, the record has a strange, almost indescribable sound that links directly to Cox's unique vocals and production style (that he plays 99 percent of the music himself also factors). At almost every second, the record feels like it's melting, or like it's being played underwater. The whole sound is not juicy but gooey, almost as if you're chewing on the songs while you listen.

Whether or not it's indie rock (a term Cox says he *hates*), rock n' roll, space rock, prog rock or pop rock doesn't matter. It's good. Very good. Where the other two Atlas Sound records felt, to me, overly long, with spots of dragging boredom, *Parallax* is top-to-bottom entertaining (aside from maybe "Doldrums"). It's an album stuffed full of ideas and melodies and layers and interesting lyrics that make you feel closer to the artist than ever. Here and there we hear nods to Spiritualized, Brian Eno, Stereolab, Animal Collective and even Radiohead, sure; but, for the most part, this is Bradford Cox's sound, and it's inimitable and hard to define. His sound – not the wild things he says in interviews, the uncommon disease he has or his goofy album cover – is why Bradford Cox is both the most interesting dude

in music and maybe even the living future of indie rock.

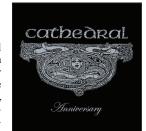
Of the many, many great moments here, on what is certainly the best Atlas Sound record to date, a few stand out, starting with the album's beautiful, deeply textured titled track which sees Cox singing about (we can only assume) one of the main topics of his recent interviews: his homosexuality. "He gave me pain / Gave me bruises / After the first time / The muscle loosens / Your pain is probably deeper," Cox sings, boldly. Interestingly. Like the record's other 11 tracks, the song floats off towards the top of the room, light to the point of almost dissolving.

Another big standout, "Mona Lisa," is a should-be college radio hit that by this time next year every buffoon wearing the big fake glasses and tattooing beer logos on their body should know by heart. And others, too. *Parallax*, really, is full of those tracks. It's a new indie rock classic that, Chris Isaak-friendly cover art and all, will easily go down as one of the most personal, un-ironic and deeply haunting *indie rock* records of this era. (*G.W.L.*)

Cathedral

Anniversary

Doom metal stalwarts Cathedral have been trudging their way through metaldom since 1990. While they may not be the originators of the genre (that honor belongs, obviously, to Black Sabbath), they were possibly the most conspicuous torchbearers keeping the genre alive. Hailing



from the U.K., they were formed when lead singer Lee Dorrian left grindcore originators Napalm Death to form a band that was to focus more on the slow doom dirge in contrast to the speedy aggression of grindcore.

Over the past two decades the U.K.-based band has released 13 proper studio recordings but no live albums. On December 3 of 2010 the band celebrated its 20th anniversary by playing a concert at the Islington Academy in London. The concert consisted of two sets, with the first featuring the original lineup playing their debut album, Forest of Equilibrium, in its entirety and the second featuring its longstanding lineup of Lee Dorrian, Garry Jennings, Brian Dixon and Leo Smee performing a mix of songs from throughout their career. Anniversary is the two-disc recording of that show.

Earlier this year the band revealed that 2011 would be their last year as a live band, and that 2012 would see the release of their final studio effort. Since the band has never released an official live recording before, *Anniversary* may well be a necessity for die-hard fans of the band. For others, though, the album may hold less value.

While the band sounds great on the recording, and it makes sense for sentimental reasons why they would have the original lineup playing *Forest*, it's not their best studio effort. The songs are adequate but fairly standard, nearly interchangeable, doom-laden dirges that lack the spectacular riffery of Black Sabbath or the more creative flourishes the band would later develop. (Aside from developing their doom style over the years, the band has more recently begun to incorporate psychedelic flourishes into their sound.) In fact, the fifth track, "Soul Sacrifice," with its more up-tempo attack, is the only song that distinguishes itself from the others. The original lineup, too, sounds competent but uninspired, possibly due to going years without sharing the stage.

It's the second disc of *Anniversary* that really takes off. The band clearly has a stronger rapport here, and the songs feature improved riffery, varied tempos and instrumentation, and occasionally the band lets its wicked sense of humor show through. In fact, Cathedral occasionally venture into near-jazzy territory, complete with the occasional flute passage, without abandoning its trademark doom attack entirely.

Overall, *Anniversary* serves its purpose as the sole document of an important band playing live. The first disc is probably more important historically than it is a good listen, but the second disc is first-rate for fans of the band or the genre. It may have made for a better listen if the band had weeded out some of the material and whittled the album down to a single disc, but there's still enough quality material here to make it a satisfying delve into doom metal territory. (*Ryan Smith*)

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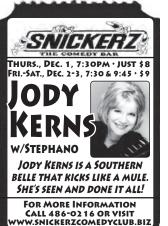
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Furious George — Rock at the VIP Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 387-7960

GROUPIES WANTED - Classic rock at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002

HALEY JANE — Cabaret folk at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6-7:30 p.m., no cover, 373-0505

THE J TAYLORS — Rockin' Christmas show at Pie Eyed Petey's, Leesburg, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 574-453-9741

Jason Paul — Rock variety at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 489-0286

JODY KERNS W/STEPHANO — Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, 486-0216

Joe Sтавецц — Jazz guitar at Hall's Old Gas House, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411

JOEY O BAND - Classic rock at the Eagles, Kendallville, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 347-9720

Kontraband — Rock at Piggy's Brew Pub, Angola, 9:30 p.m., \$5, 665MARK MAXWELL SAXOPHONE EXPERIENCE Jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne,
 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 436-3442

JNGEN — Rock metal punk at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort MUNGEN Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

PARADISE — Pop rock at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 422-5055

Punching Buda — Rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922

RACHEL TIMBERLAKE - Country at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465

THE RECENT - Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979

RETRO — Country at Lucky Lady, Churubusco, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 693-0311

Sugar Sнот — Country at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 459-1352

SYNERGY — Rock at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.,-2 a.m., no cover, 637-0198

TODD HARROLD TRIO — R&B jazz at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-8966

Valhalla w/Slowpokes - Rock at Wooden Nickel, N. Anthony, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m., no cover, all ages, 484-3635

WALKIN' PAPERS - Rock n' roll at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., cover, 490-6488

WHAT SHE SAID — Rock variety at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 484-5561

WORLD FAMOUS DUELING PIANOS -Variety at Rum Runners, Marriott, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., cover, 484-

Sunday, Dec. 4

GRATEFUL GROOVE - Jam at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads and Spirits, Fort Wayne, 2-6 p.m., all ages, \$5, 456-

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA AND COLLEGE PARK UNITED BRETHREN CHOIR — Handel's Messiah at St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington, 7:30 p.m., no cover, 260-359-4262

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS JAZZ UNIVERSITY SINGERS 399-7700 ext. 6413

Monday, Dec. 5

ВLACK САТ МАМВО — Reggae ska rock at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 484-5561

Dan Smyth — Acoustic rock at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8 p.m., no cover. 432-8966

OPEN MIC HOSTED BY SUNNY TAYLOR -At C2G Music Hall. Fort Wavne. 7:30-9:30 p.m., canned food item, 426-6464

Tuesday, Dec. 6

DEUCE FEAT. KENNY TAYLOR AND PATRICK BORTON — Rockabilly at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526

Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 459-1352

ENSEMBLE, GUITAR ENSEMBLE AND concert at North Campus Auditorium, USF, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover,

Hubie Ashcraft - Acoustic iam at

OPEN JAM HOSTED BY JON ROSS - At O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover,





NIGHTLIFE

C2G MUSIC HALL

Music • 323 W. Baker St., Fort Wayne • 260-426-6464 EXPECT: Great live music on one of Fort Wayne's best stages. Diverse musical genres from local, regional and national performers, all in a comfortable, all-ages, family-friendly, intimate atmosphere. Excellent venue for shows, events, presentations, meetings and gatherings. EATS: Local vendors may cater during shows. GETTING THERE: Downtown on Baker between Ewing and Harrison, just south of Parkview Field. Hours: Shows typically start at 8 p.m.; doors open an hour earlier. ALCOHOL: Beer & wine during shows only; PMT: Cash, check

CALHOUN STREET SOUPS, SALADS & SPIRITS "CS3"

Music/Variety • 1915 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne • 260-456-7005 EXPECT: Great atmosphere, jazz DJ Friday night, live shows, weekly drink specials, private outdoor patio seating. Eats: Daily specials, full menu of sandwiches, soups, salads, weekend dinner specials and appetizers. Getting There: Corner of South Calhoun Street and Masterson; ample parking on street and lot behind building. Hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; 11 a.m.-midnight or later, Thurs.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

CHAMPIONS SPORTS BAR

Sports Bar • 1150 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne • 260-467-1638 EXPECT: High-action sports watching experience featuring 30 HD TVs, state-of-the-art sound systems and booths with private flat screen TVs. Wine about Wednesday every Wed. 5-9 p.m. (cash only); Live Music every Wed. 6-9 p.m. EATS: Varied menu to suit any palate. GETTING THERE: Corner of Jefferson Blvd. and S. Harrison St., inside Courtyard by Marriott. Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri.-Sat. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Amex, Disc, ATM

CHECKERZ BAR & GRILL

Pub/Tavern • 1706 W. Till Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-489-0286 EXPECT: Newly remodeled, 10 TVs to watch all your favorite sports, pool table and games. Live rock Fridays & Saturdays. Eats: Kitchen open all day w/full menu & the best wings in town. Daily homecooked lunch specials. GETTING THERE: On the corner of Lima and Till roads. Hours: Open 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Fri., noon-3 a.m. Sat., noonmidnight Sun. ALCOHOL: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, ATM available

CLUB V

Hip-Hop • Piere's, 5629 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-1979 EXPECT: The best in hip-hop dance music, with two dance cages, two full-service bars and multiple VIP areas to make your night stand out. VIP bottle service available. Party with Wild 96.3 every Friday. EATS: Sandwiches and appetizers always available. GETTING THERE: Marketplace of Canterbury, 3 mi. east of Exit 112A off I-69. Hours: Open 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт: МС, Visa, Disc, Amex

COLUMBIA STREET WEST

Rock • 135 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5055 EXPECT: The Fort's No. 1 rock club — Live bands every Saturday. DJ Night every Friday w/ladies in free. EATS: Wide variety featuring salads, sandwiches, pizzas, grinders, Southwestern and daily specials. GETTING THERE: Downtown on The Landing. Hours: Open 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

CROONERS

Karaoke • Piere's, 5629 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-1979 EXPECT: Fort Wayne's top karaoke club with over 17,500 selections and 100 varieties of beer. Eats: Sandwiches and appetizers always available. GETTING THERE: Marketplace of Canterbury, 3 mi. east of Exit 112A off I-69. Hours: Open 9 p.m.-3 a.m. daily Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

DEER PARK PUB

Eclectic • 1530 Leesburg Rd. Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-432-8966 EXPECT: Home to Dancioke, 52 imported beers, assorted wines, St. Pat's Parade, Irish snug, Irish blarney and USF students. EATS: Specials every Monday, taco Tuesdays, Friday/Saturday live music, holiday specials. Outdoor beer garden. www.deerparkpub.com. Wi-Fi hotspot. GETTING THERE: Corner of Leesburg and Spring, across from UFS. Hours: 2 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 1-9 р.m. Sun. Alcohol: Beer & Wine; Рмт: MC, Visa

DICKY'S WILD HARE

Pub/Tavern • 2910 Maplecrest, Fort Wayne • 260-486-0590 EXPECT: Live bands Saturday nights; Family-friendly, laid back atmosphere; Large selection of beers. EATS: An amazing array of sandwiches & munchies; Chuck Wagon BBQ, seafood entrees and pizza. Getting There: 2 blocks north of State St. on Maplecrest at Georgetown. Hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Fri.-Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Amex, Visa, Disc

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DON HALL'S FACTORY PRIME RIB

Dining/Music • 5811 Coldwater Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-484-8693 EXPECT: Private rooms for rehearsal, birthday, anniversary celebrations. Eats: Fort Wayne's best prime rib, steaks, chops, seafood & BBQ. Getting There: North on Coldwater to Washington Center, 1/4 mi. from I-69, Exit 112A. Hours: 11 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 а.m.-11:30 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, DC

DON HALL'S TRIANGLE PARK BAR & GRILLE

Dining/Music • 3010 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-482-4343 EXPECT: Great Prime Rib, Steak, Chops and excellent Seafood menu, along with sandwiches, snacks and big salads. Very relaxing atmosphere, with a huge sundeck overlooking a pond. Daily dinner and drink specials, live music every Wednesday and Saturday night, and kids love us too! More online at www.donhalls.com. Getting There: Two miles east of Glenbrook Square, on Trier Road between Hobson and Coliseum Blvd. Hours: Open daily at 11 a.m. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: Checks, MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

Dancing/Music • Behind Evans Toyota, Fort Wayne • 260-483-1979 EXPECT: Fort Wayne's home to a whole new level of sophisticated nightlife. Offering amenities such as exclusive V.I.P. rooms, bottle service, a martini bar and party deck. Ladies always in free. EATS: Free pizza. Getting There: Behind Evans Toyota at Coliseum Blvd. and Lima Rd. Hours: 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

FIREFLY COFFEE HOUSE

Coffeehouse • 3523 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-373-0505 EXPECT: Peaceful, comfortable atmosphere; live music on Friday & Saturday, 5-6:30 p.m.; local artists featured monthly; outdoor seating. (www.fireflycoffeehousefw. com). Free wireless Internet. Ears: Great coffee, teas, smoothies; fresh-baked items; light lunches and soups. GETTING THERE: Corner of North Anthony Blvd. and St. Joe River Drive. Hours: 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat.; 8 a.m.-8 р.m. Sun. Alcohol: None; Рмт: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

FLASHBACK ON THE LANDING

Retro Dance Music • 118 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5292 EXPECT: Fort Wayne's only retro dance club spinning the best of the 70s, 80s and 90s. Lighted dance floors and multiple disco balls take you back in the day. VIP bottle service available. Ears: Free pizza. GETTING THERE: Downtown on The Landing. Hours: 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

THE GIN MILL LOUNGE

Sports Bar • 3005 E. State, Fort Wayne • 260-484-5561 EXPECT: Smoker-friendly beer garden, great atmosphere, 12 TVs, including 110" HDTV. Darts, boxing machine. Karaoke Thursdays at 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Live bands on Monday thru Wednesday and Friday Saturday. Open at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Great drink specials. Eats: Full menu; lunch and dinner specials. GETTING THERE: Corner of East State

and Santa Rosa. Hours: Open 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 5 p.m.-3 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

KAYSAN'S 5TH DOWN BAR & GRILL

Sports Bar • 5830 Challenger Parkway, Fort Wayne • 260-490-4447 EXPECT: NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL and NCAA tickets on our high-definition plasma and projection TVs, pool tables, Golden Tee and PGA. Live music. Daily drink specials. Check out the clean, roomy atmosphere and our family room. EATS: Famous menu including Mexican, American and Asian cuisine. GETTING THERE: Located at the southwest corner of Lima and Washington Center roads, next to Cracker Barrel. Hours: Open 11 a.m.-2:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Sun Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

LATCH STRING BAR & GRILL

Pubs & Taverns • 3221 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne • 260-483-5526 EXPECT: Fun, friendly, rustic atmosphere. Daily drink specials. Music entertainment every night. No cover. Tues. Deuce & \$2.50 imports; Thurs. DJ Spot & \$1.50 longnecks; Sun. \$3.50 Long Islands; Mon., Wed. & Sat. Ambitious Blondes Karaoke. GETTING THERE: On point where Clinton and Lima roads meet, next to Budget Rental. Hours: Open Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Sun., noon-12:30 a.m. Alcoнol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa

MAD ANTHONY BREWING COMPANY

Brew Pub/Micro Brewery • 2002 S. Broadway, Fort Wayne • 260-426-2537 **EXPECT:** Ten beers freshly hand-crafted on premises and the eclectic madness of Munchie Emporium. **EATS:** 4-1/2 star menus, 'One of the best pizzas in America,' large vegetarian menu. Getting There: Just southwest of downtown Fort Wayne at Taylor & Broadway. Hours: Usually 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 4PM-3AM \$8 ADV./\$10 D.O.S. • ALL AGES TILL 10PM FREE PRE-SHOW AT NEAT NEAT NEAT, 2PM

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----- Calendar • Live Music & Comedy-----

OPEN MIC AND TALENT SEARCH - At Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover, 432-8966

Wednesday, Dec. 7

BETH AND JOHN — Acoustic at the Tilted Kilt, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 459-3985

HUBIE ASHCRAFT - Acoustic at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$5, 755-3465

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF Music — Student recital at Longaker Recital Hall. Merillat Centre for the Arts, Huntington, 4 p.m., no cover, 359-4262

JAMES LEG W/LEFT LANE CRUISER -Rock, punk blues at the Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., cover, 422-0881

Joe Justice - 60s-80s variety at 469 Sports & Spirits, New Haven, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 749-7207

LEE LEWIS - Rock variety at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 484-5561

OPEN MIC AND TALENT SEARCH HOSTED BY MIKE Mowry — At Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

PAUL NEW STEWART AND J.J. McCoy — Variety at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 490-6488

Thursday, Dec. 8

AL GOODWIN, CHIRS DUBAIL - Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$8, 486-0216

CAR'N JOE — Acoustic at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

CHRIS & PAUL - Rat pack at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m, no cover, 432-6660 Jason Paul — Rock variety at Checkerz

Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 489-0286

JEFF McDonald — 60s-70s acoustic at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m.., no cover, 489-2524 Joe Justice - Variety at the Trolley

Bar, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 490-4322

OPEN MIC HOSTED BY MIKE CONLEY At Mad Anthony Brewing Company Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., no cove 426-2537

TIM SNYDER — Acoustic at 4D's Bar Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cove

Friday, Dec. 9

AL GOODWIN, CHIRS DUBAIL - Comed at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, 486-0216

ANDY RICE — Bassist singer at Firefl Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6-7:3 p.m., no cover, 373-0505 BORROWED TIME - Classic rock at Luck

Lady, Churubusco, 10 p.m.-2 a.m no cover, 693-0311

CHRIS DODDS AND ADAM STRACK Acoustic at Columbia Street Wes Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m., no cove 422-5055 CHRIS WORTH AND COMPANY — Variety a

Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m 1 a.m., no cover, 484-5561

More Than 12 Bands This Christmas

With Thanksgiving now in rear view, Christmas will be the topic of discussion for the next few weeks. Perhaps you're deciding when the family is getting together, if your credit card is going to be kind to you or where and when you can throw back some cold ones with your buds during the holiday.

Unfortunately, there are many folks out there that don't have the luxury of making such decisions. That's why it's always beneficial to lend a hand to those less fortunate whenever we can. That just so happens to be the mission on Saturday, December 17 at the annual 12 Bands for Christmas event. This year's benefit will be held at Fort Wayne's Sunset Hall and will be open

Taking the stage will be Bludspyre, Plethura, Carl on Duty, Sean Goodpastor, The Snyders, Koheleth, The Smokin' Gorillas, Mr. D"Y"E, Selenium, Creep, Krimsha, Valhalla, Maria Hill, Taylor Fredricks, the 1947 California Cupcake Co., Frankie & the Bananas, Kenny Bergle and Thank You & Goodnight. As you can see, there are a few more than 12 bands on the bill this year, making the \$8 in advance and \$10 dayof price an even better bargain. Things get underway that day at noon, and proceeds from ticket sales will go to DAV (Disabled American Vets). Canned goods and used coats will also be accepted and donated to local charities for distribution to those in need. Additional highlights include a cash bar, luncheonette, gift shop, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, face painting and



Out and About **NICK BRAUN**

Santa Claus. Slide on out and bring a donated item and spread the love.

Speaking of Christmas, a great stocking stuffer for the music lover in your family would be the 2012 "Girls of Ghetto Recorders" calendar. In the spread, you'll find a mug shot of our very own, The Elky Summers, amongst other Ghetto Recorders alums. Ghetto Recorders is a studio out of Detroit which has worked with a number of acts from all over, including the ladies from The Elky Summers who recorded with them back in July. The calendar is right around \$20. and ordering info can be found on Elky's Facebook

A glimpse of their calendar pic and you can see why the band snagged the "Sexiest Act" award at the Punk Rock Night Awards in Indianapolis back in October. A well-deserved award indeed! As for catching them live, the only show they have scheduled so far is on February 25 at the Melody Inn (Indy) with Riverbottom Nitemare Band, The Lickers and Stealing

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-- Calendar • Live Music & Comedy------

COLIN MOCHRIE & BRAD SHERWOOD — Comedy at the Honeywell Center, Wabash, 7:30 p.m., \$19-\$75, 563-1102

COUGAR HUNTER — 80's glam rock at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526

DAVE AND RAE BAND — Rock at Piere's,

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Don't Look Down — Pop punk at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

EMILY ANNE GUFFY — Country at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465 **FM 90** — Rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922

FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC FEAT. MIKE CONLEY AND FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S CHORUS — Holiday Pops at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$25-\$65, 481-0777

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SHOW — Christmas concert at the Fort Wayne Sport Club, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., \$20, 244-6964

JARON CLARK — Acoustic at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 6-8 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

Joe Stabelli — Jazz guitar at Hall's Old Gas House, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411 Joel Young Band — Country classic rock at North Star Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-3798

KILL THE RABBIT — Hard rock at Jilli's Pub, New Haven, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$2, 749-8116

Pick SLIDE — Rock variety at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286

Todd Harrold Trio — R&B jazz at the Dash-In, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., cover, 423-3595

a.m., cover, 423-3595 Unwrapped — Classic rock at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002



Saturday, December 3 @ Piere's Electric Christmas '11

w/Egypt Central, Kyng, The Dreaming & Man-Made Machine

\$12 Advance • \$15 Day of Show Doors @ 6 p.m. • Show @ 7 p.m.

All proceeds to benefit Ronald McDonald House

NIGHTLIFE

NORTH STAR BAR & GRILL

Pubs & Taverns • 2915 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne • 260-471-3798

EXPECT: Daily food and drink specials. Sunday NFL package. Thurs. Karaoke w/Mike Campbell. Fri. & Sat. Live Bands. Sun. & Mon. \$1 drafts. Tues. & Thurs. \$1.75 domestic longnecks, Wed. \$2 well drinks and \$1 DeKuyper, Fri. beer specials. EATS: Full menu feat. burgers, pizza, grinders and our famous North Star fries. GETTING THERE: State Blvd. at Beacon St. Hours: 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., 3p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.; 1 p.m.-3 a.m. Sat.; noon-midnight Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

O'SULLIVAN'S ITALIAN IRISH PUB

Pub/Tavern • 1808 W. Main St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5896

EXPECT: A Fort Wayne tradition of good times, good food & great drinks! Darts, foosball & entertainment. Tuesday karaoke. EATS: O's famous pizza every day. Italian dinners every Wednesday, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations accepted. Getting There: West of downtown at the corner of Main and Runnion. Hours: 4 p.m.-3:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., noon-3:30 a.m. Sat., noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

PEANUTS FOOD & SPIRITS

Rock • 5731 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-2822

EXPECT: New food menu; daily drink specials; 3 pool tables; darts; no cover. EATS: Burgers; 35¢ wings & 39¢ boneless wings on Tuesdays and Thursdays (no carryouts). GETTING THERE: Marketplace of Canterbury, 3 mi. east of Exit 112A off I-69. HOURS: 2 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-12:30 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa Amex

THE PHILMORE ON BROADWAY

Jazz & Blues • 2441 Broadway, Fort Wayne • 260-745-1000

EXPECT: Built in 1923 and conveniently located minutes from downtown, this Fort Wayne landmark hosts regional and national jazz and blues acts in a one-of-a-kind venue offering upscale historical charm and style. Holiday and themed events as well. Call the ticket office for details on corporate packages. EATS: Varied appetizer menu. Getting There: Broadway Ave., one mile south of downtown. Hours: Varies, check website for event schedule: http://www.philmoreonbroadway.com. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Amex, Disc

PIFRF'S

Rock • 5629 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-1979

EXPECT: Multi-level nightclub featuring a \$1 million sound and light show with top regional & national bands appearing weekly.

EATS: Sandwiches and appetizers always available. Getting There: Marketplace of Canterbury, 2.5 miles east of Exit 112A off I-69

HOURS: Open 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Thurs.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

RUSTY SPUR SALOON

Music/Country • 10350 Leo Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-755-3465

Expect: Wednesday and Thursday DJ, Friday and Saturday live bands; local, regional and national acts. Eats: Full kitchen with new menu; food you have to taste to believe. Getting There: Located in Leo Crossing at the intersection of Dupont, Clinton and Tonkel roads. Hours: 5 p.m.-3 a.m. Wed.-Sat. Alcohol: Full Service Pmt.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

SHOWGIRL II

Adult Entertainment • 930 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne • 260-483-8843 Expect: Gentlemen's Club voted among the Top 10 in the U.S. Four stages, two bars, five big screens. 24-hour limousine service, VIP room, champagne room and free buffet served 4-7 p.m. Lingerie Shows Tuesdays, Amateur Contest with cash and prizes Wednesdays. Menage-a-trois wine now being served. Eats: Full kitchen available daily till close. Getting There: Coliseum Blvd. next to Hooters. Hours: 2 p.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Thurs., 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Fri.-Sat., 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PmT.: MC, Visa, Disc., Amex

SKULLY'S BONEYARD

Music/Variety • 415 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-637-0198 Expect: Daily drink specials. Karaoke Tuesdays, Jazz or Motown Wednesdays, Acoustic Thursdays and live bands Fridays and Saturdays. 17 TVs, 2 lounge areas and covered smoking patio. Eats: Full menu available featuring our New York Deli Style sandwiches, pizza, wings and daily food specials. Getting There: 1/4 mile west of Coldwater Rd. on Dupont Rd. On north side of road. Hours: 3 p.m-3 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; 12 p.m.-3 a.m. Sat.; 12 p.m.-12 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex, JCB

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SNICKERZ COMEDY BAR

Comedy • 5535 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-486-0216

EXPECT: See the brightest comics in America every Thurs. thru Sat. night. Eats: Sandwiches, chicken strips, fish planks, nachos, wings & more. GETTING THERE: In front of Piere's. 2.5 miles east of Exit 112A off I-69. Hours: Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thurs. & 7:30 & 9:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

STADIUM BAR & GRILL

Pub/Tavern • 2607 Goshen Rd., Fort Wayne • 260-471-0172

EXPECT: Mon. night: weekly drawing; Wed.: 30¢ jumbo wings and \$1 draft; Fri.: karaoke w/Ambient Noise and Rooster and \$2 wells & longnecks; Saturday; karaoke w/Hector & Moe; Sun.: 40¢ jumbo wings, \$5 large pitchers! Friendly atmosphere and "the Best" smoking room in town. Ears: Burgers, pastas, pizzas, subs, chicken, Mexican and daily homemade lunch specials. **Getting There:** 1/4 mile south of Coliseum on Goshen Rd. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 a.m. Mon.-Sat.; noon-3 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; Рмт.: МС, Visa, Disc

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West Central Quartet - Jazz at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 436-3442

What She Said — Rock Variety at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 459-1352

YELLOW DEAD BETTYS - Rock original at the Tilted Kilt, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 459-3985

Saturday, Dec. 10

AL Goodwin, Chirs Duball — Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, 486-0216

April's Alibi — Rock variety at North Star Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-3798

BACKWATER - Country rock at the Alley Sports Bar, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover,

BRETT DETAR W/FRANK SCHWEIKHARDT, BRO. STEPHEN, SUPPORT THE TROOPZ, CLOSE ONLY COUNTS, THE F'ING PANTHERS, DEAD HORSE, LOVE OF EVERYTHING, METAVARI, FRONTIER(S), SAINTHOOD REPS, FRESH BEN & KYLE GEIGER COLLABORATIVE SET, SHIVA & Jay — Variety at Neat, Neat, Neat Records and Music, Fort Wayne, 2-4 p.m., no cover, 241-3956

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CADILLAC RANCH — Classic rock at Spudz, New Haven, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 493-7292

Cougar Hunter — 80's glam rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979

EXTERMINATE ALL RATIONAL THOUGHT -Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

FM 90 - Rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922

FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC FEAT. MIKE CONLEY AND FORT WAYNE CHILDREN'S Cноrus — Holiday Pops at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$25-\$65, 481-0777

FRANKLY SCARLET — Classic rock at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-

G-Money and the Fabulous Rhythm - Blues at Mad Anthony Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-2537

Hubie Ashcraft - Acoustic at Shady Nook, Hudson, 10 p.m., no cover, 351-2401

JAMIE SIMON TRIO — Jazz blues at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 436-3442

Jesse Brown — Country at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465

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BRICKMAN - From Page 6

nies, including McDonald's, Pontiac and Kellogg's. Later came fame and world tours and PBS specials, but first came struggle and hard work. A man, even an artist, has to eat, and Brickman is one of those rare breeds: a musician devoted to his craft but who manages somehow to make art without a shred of pretention. His shows are as funny as they are dreamy, and Brickman said he just wants his audience to be com-

fortable and enjoy themselves.

"I often tell the story that I stick to the white keys, that the black keys are too hard, and it's not really a joke exactly. It's my way of trying to get the audience to relax, to take the highbrow nature out of seeing a pianist and to let them know that I don't take myself too seriously. I'm just a regular guy who happens to play piano."

SHEPHERD - From Page 6

with a force of nature of it's own when he exchanged vows with Hannah Gibson, Mel Gibson's oldest daughter. Shepherd and Gibson went on to have three children, the youngest nine months old. The experience of fatherhood has had a huge impact on Shepherd.

"It's probably the most profound thing that's ever happened to me in my life," he told Premier Guitar Magazine. "It's given me a renewed sense of motivation and inspiration to be the best parent I can be, as well as the best musician I can be. I want to give my kids something to be proud of. I want to set a good example in what I do.

"Everything I record and the way that I perform, I think, 'Would my kids be proud of this? Would this be okay for them to see?' Are they going to grow up and say, 'Man, I wish Dad would have never done that!' That's where the responsibility comes into my mind in everything that I do."

If *How I Go* sprang from parenthood, let's hope he keeps having kids. With his longtime vocalist Noah Hunt, drummer Chris Clayton, who played with Stevie Ray as half of Double Trouble, former Firm bassist Tony Franklin and Hammond B-3 player Riley Os-

bourn, $How\ I\ Go$ splits its time nicely between blues and rock.

The album pairs Shepherd's deeply soulful and impassioned takes on classic material like Bessie Smith's "Backwater Blues," Albert King's "Oh, Pretty Woman" and The Beatles "Yer Blues" alongside the strongest writing and co-writing of his career.

He displayed his songwriting chops early on, having co-written "Blue on Black" when he was 20. The song was No.1 on the Rock Charts for 17 consecutive weeks.

This new record follows *Live in Chicago!*, a steaming disc of Shepherd's guitar work and a taste of what you can expect at Piere's – a more mature, selective Shepherd who can pull out the stops when he wants.

"At this point, most people who know about me know I can play guitar," Shepherd said is his bio. "As far as my approach to guitar on this record, it's not about showing people how much I can play. It's about really choosing the right notes and playing them at the right times so that every note penetrates people, and they feel it inside and it's not just some fleeting thing that just goes right by them."

HOLIDAY POPS - From Page 7

always an audience favorite whether we are playing Holiday Pops at the Embassy or at one of our many shows out in the region. Audiences love to hear the horse whinny sound made by the trumpet, the crack of the whip and the horse's clip clop," Shaw said with a smile.

She said that audiences can look forward to the other Holiday Pops staple too: the sing-along towards the end of the show. "People love to join the orchestra and guest artists in singing all the beloved carols of the season. The sing-along always commences with Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus."

Last year the Phil tried something different with Holiday Pops and left the sing-along out of the program. Shaw said that audiences gave unanimous feedback that they missed the song, requesting that it be added back in. "Needless to say, we have included the 'Hallelujah Chorus' back in the sing-along," she laughed. What the fans want, the fans get!

Seeing how beloved this event is within the community is a humbling honor, admitted Shaw. "It is pretty amazing to think that over 10,000 people make Holiday Pops a part of their holiday celebration. And that's just in Fort Wayne. There are nine Holiday Pops run-out concerts presented around the northeast Indiana region. We perform for an additional 6,000 people everywhere from Rochester to LaGrange County and everywhere in between."

And because the Holiday Pops is the most attended concert series that the Phil performs all year, tickets sell quickly. It's so popular that Shaw said they begin selling tickets for the Holiday Pops in the summer. Naturally, you'll want to get your tickets sooner rather than later to ensure a good seat (or a seat at all).

"To know that the music we play touches so many maintains our passion about keeping Holiday Pops entertaining, accessible and memorable for all of our audiences," Shaw said.



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Sunday, Dec. 4

After Dark — Dance videos & karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m. Foster's Sports Pub — Shooting Star Prod. w/Stu, 10 p.m. Gin Mill Lounge — American Idol Karaoke contest w/Jay, 8 p.m. Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Carma, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 5

After Dark — Karaoke, 10:30 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m. Latch String Bar & Grill — Ambitious Blondes Ent., 10 p.m. Office Tavern - Swing Time Karaoke, 7 p.m. Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Carma, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m. Uptown Bar — American Idol Karaoke w/Matt, 9 p.m. Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke, 10 p.m. GARRETT

CJ's Canteena — Classic City Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Rack & Helen's — American Idol Karaoke w/TJ, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

ALLEN COUNTY

Rusty Spur Saloon — DJ Jesse, 10 p.m.

ANGOLA Piggy's Brew Pub — Karaoke w/DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

After Dark — Karaoke, 10:30 p.m.

A.J.'s Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Wendy KQ, 8 p.m. Chevvy's Pizza & Sports Bar — American Idol Karaoke, 10 p.m. Crazy Pinz — Swing Time Karaoke, 7 p.m.
Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m.
Latch String Bar & Grill — Ambitious Blondes Ent., 10 p.m.

Office Tavern — Shooting Star Productions w/Stu, 9 p.m. Rum Runners — Ambient Noise Karaoke w/Rooster, 8 p.m.

Wrigley Field Bar & Grill - Karaoke, 10 p.m.

Martin's Tavern — WiseGuy Entertainment w/Juice, 10 p.m.

The Willows — Karaoke, 7 p.m.

NEW HAVEN

Jilli's Pub — Terryoke Prod., 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8

ALLEN COUNTY

The Rusty Spur Saloon — DJ Jesse, 10 p.m.

Club Paradise — American Idol Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. Piggy's Brew Pub — DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

Skip's Party Place — Rainbow You Karaoke, 8 p.m.

AUBURN

4 Crowns — Shotgun Prod. Karaoke, 10 p.m.

FORT WAYNE

4D's Bar & Grill - DJ Trend, 10 p.m. Arena Bar & Grill — American Idol Karaoke w/Jay, 8 p.m. Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Columbia Street West — American Idol Karaoke, 9 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m.

Deer Park Irish Pub — Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca, 10 p.m. Foster's Pub — Shooting Star Prod. w/Stu, 10 p.m. Gin Mill Lounge — Terryoke, 9 p.m. Latch String Bar & Grill — DJ Spot, 10 p.m.

North Star Bar — Karaoke w/Mike Campbell, 8 p.m. O'Sullivan's Pub — Tronic, 10 p.m.

Piere's- House DJ, 9 p.m.

East Haven Tavern — Flashback Karaoke, 9 p.m. Jilli's Pub — Mantra Karaoke w/Jake, 9 p.m. Rack & Helen's — American Idol Karaoke w/TJ, 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 9

ANGOLA

Club Paradise — American Idol Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. Piggy's Brew Pub - DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

4 Crowns — Shotgun Prod. Karaoke, 10 p.m. Meteor Bar & Grill — Classic City Karaoke, 9 p.m.

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Arena Bar & Grill — American Idol Karaoke contest w/Jay, 8 p.m.

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Columbia Street West — DJ Fusion, 10 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — KJ Jessica, 9 p.m.

Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Piere's — House DJ, 9 p.m.

The Zone — House DJ, 9 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 3

Babylon — Plush, 10 p.m.

Flashback — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Piere's — House DJ, 9 p.m.

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Chevvy's — Karaoke w/Total Spectrum, 10 p.m.

Curly's Village Inn — American Idol Karaoke, 9 p.m. Elks — Shooting Star Prod. w/Dusty, 10 p.m.

Hook & Ladder — Shooting Star Prod. w/Stu, 9 p.m. Office Tavern — Swing Time Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Flashback — House DJ, 9 p.m. Green Frog — American Idol Karaoke w/Jesse, 9:30 p.m.

Peanuts Food and Spirits — Ambitious Blondes Ent., 9 p.m.

Rum Runners — DJ dance party w/Gunn Sho, 8:30 p.m.

Stadium Bar & Grill — Karaoke and DJ w/Rooster, 9 p.m. Tower Bar & Grill — Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca, 10 p.m.

Club Rio — Classic City Karaoke w/Juice, 9 p.m.

Sit n' Bull — Classic City Karaoke w/Melissa, 9 p.m.

J.R.'s Pub — American Idol Karaoke w/Doug, 9 p.m.

Spudz Bar — Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca, 9 p.m.

Club Paradise — DJ Sockwater, 9:30 p.m.

A.J.'s Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Wendy KQ, 8 p.m.

Chevvy's — Karaoke w/Total Spectrum, 10 p.m.

Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9:30 p.m.

Jag's Bar & Grill — American Idol Karaoke w/TJ, 9 p.m.

Tower Bar & Grill — Bucca Karaoke w/Bucca, 10 p.m.

Hamilton House — Jammin' Jan Karaoke, 10 p.m.

Pike's Pub — Shooting Star Prod. w/Stu, 10 p.m.

Latch String Bar & Grill — Ambitious Blondes Ent., 10 p.m.

Pine Valley Bar — American Idol Karaoke w/Jesse, 9:30 p.m. Stadium Bar & Grill — Karaoke with Hector and Moe, 9:30 p.m.

Uncle Lou's Steel Mill — Shooting Star Prod. w/Barbie, 10 p.m.

VFW 8147 — Come Sing Witt Us Karaoke w/Steve, 9 p.m. The Zone — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Hoagland Pizza — Shooting Star Prod. w/Nacho, 10 p.m.

Duty's Buckets Sports Pub — DJ, 9 p.m.

Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke & DJ Teddy Bear, 8 p.m.

Coody Brown's USA — American Idol Karaoke w/Matt, 9 p.m.

Pine Valley Bar & Grill— American Idol Karaoke w/Josh, 9 p.m.

Area 33 Lounge — Karaoke w/DJ Doug, 10 p.m.

- Karaoke w/DJ Shane, 9:30 p.m.

Jilli's Pub — Mantra Karaoke w/Jake, 9 p.m. Rack & Helen's — American Idol Karaoke w/TJ, 9 p.m.

Piggy's Brew Pub — DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

4 Crowns — Shotgun Prod. Karaoke, 10 p.m.

Piggy's Brew Pub — DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

4D's Bar & Grill — DJ Trend, 10 p.m.

Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Piere's— House DJ, 9 p.m.

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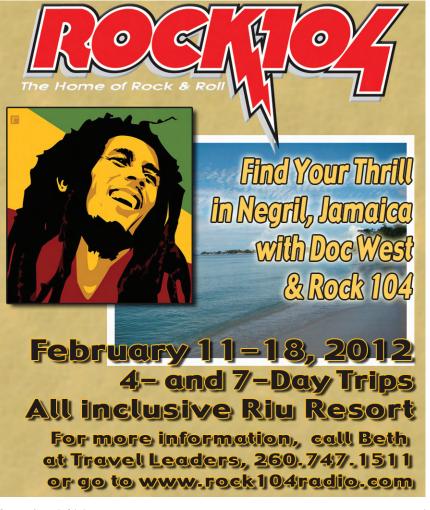
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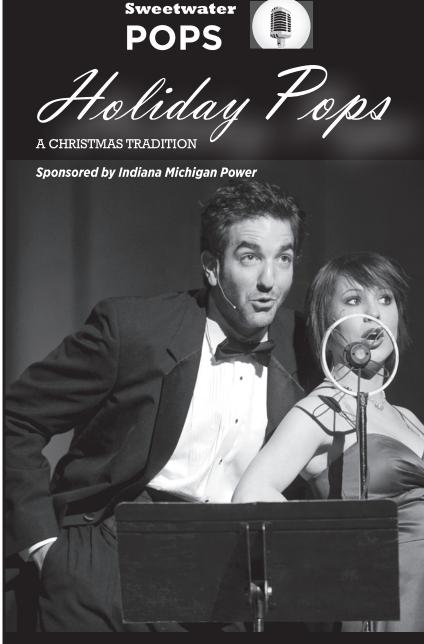
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Aaron Lewis	Jan. 8	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Aaron Neville	Dec. 7	Heinz C. Prechter Performing A	
Adam Carolla Abmod Abmod (\$20)	Dec. 3	Park West	Chicago
Ahmed (\$20) Al Goodwin w/Chris Dubail (\$8-\$9)	Mar. 2 Dec. 8-10	Magic Bag Snickerz Comedy Bar	Ferndale Fort Wayne
Alice Cooper	Dec. 9	Star Plaza Theatre	Merrillville
Alice Cooper	Dec. 12	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 25	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 26	House of Blues	Chicago Ann Arbor
Altan (\$25) Amy Schumer (\$20)	Mar. 4 Mar. 9	The Ark Magic Bag	Ann Arbor Ferndale, MI
Annie Moses Band (\$5-\$20)	Dec. 15	First Assembly of God	Fort Wayne
As I Lay Dying w/Of Mice and Men and the Ghost Inside	Dec. 6	House of Blues	Chicago
August Burns Red w/Silverstein & Texas in July	Feb. 18	House of Blues	Chicago
August Burns Red w/Silverstein & Texas in July	Feb. 21	Bogart's	Cincinnati
August Burns Red w/Silverstein & Texas in July	Feb. 22	House of Blues	Cleveland
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Average White Band Badfish-A Tribute to Sublime (\$53-\$75)	Feb. 4	House of Blues	er Park Kokomo Chicago
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Band of Skulls	Apr. 3	House of Blues	Chicago
Barry Manilow	Feb. 2-4	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Béla Fleck & the Flecktones (\$30-\$40)	Mar. 30	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Bernadette Peters w/Fort Wayne Philharmonic	Feb. 4	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (\$35)	Apr. 9	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy w/Fort Wayne Philharmonic Big Gigantic	May 5 Dec. 31	Embassy Theatre The Vic Theatre	Fort Wayne Chicago
Big Gigantic Big Head Todd and the Monsters	Dec. 31	House of Blues	Chicago
Big Sugar w/ Wide Mouth Mason (\$18 adv.)	Dec. 4	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Big Time Rush	Feb. 25	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Bill Engvall	Dec. 3	Wolstein Center	Cleveland
Bill Engvall	Jan. 28	The Palace of Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills, MI
Bill Engvall (\$27-\$75)	Mar. 17	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Brad Paisley w/The Band Perry (\$25-\$59.75)	Jan. 12	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Brad Paisley w/The Band Perry and Scotty McCreery Brandi Carlile	Feb. 24 Dec. 1	i wireless Center Park West	Chicago Chicago
Brandi Canile Brendan Bayliss and Jake Cinninger	Dec. 10	Park West	Chicago
Brian Johnson of AC/DC	Feb. 18	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Brian Johnson of AC/DC	Feb. 19	The Filmore	Detroit
Bryan Adams (\$35-\$75)	Jan. 17	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Bryan Setzer and the Riot Squad (\$56-\$60)	Dec. 1	Sound Board	Detroit
Bryan Setzer and the Riot Squad	Dec. 2	House of Blues	Chicago
The Buckinghams w/Grass Roots and Herman's Hermits	Feb. 3 Dec. 31	Star Plaza Theatre Aragon Ballroom	Merrillville
Cage the Elephant Celtic Thunder (\$37.50-\$65)	Dec. 7	Fox Theatre	Chicago Detroit
Celtic Thunder (\$57.50-\$65)	Dec. 10	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Charles Bradley & the Extraordinaires (\$18)	Feb. 12	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Cheryl Wheeler	Jan. 28	Canal Street Tavern	Dayton
Cheryl Wheeler (\$25)	Feb. 3	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Chicago	Dec. 6	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Chimaira Christmas 12 w/Skeletonwitch, Salt the Wound, The World We Knew (\$12-\$50)	Dec. 30	House of Blues	Cleveland
Chris Botti Chris Cornell (sold out)	Feb. 26 Dec. 3	Cincinnati Music Hall Lakewood Civic Auditorium	Cincinnati Cleveland
Chris Cornell	Dec. 4	Michigan Theatre	Ann Arbor, MI
Chris Cornell (\$39)	Dec. 4	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Chris Cornell (sold out)	Dec. 7	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Chris Isaak	Dec. 9	The Palladium	Carmel
City & Colour w/The Low Anthem	Feb. 8	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Cocin Montoya (\$30-\$35)	Feb. 29	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Colin Hay Colin Hay	Mar. 10 Mar. 11	Park West The Vogue	Chicago
Colin Hay	May 17	20th Century Theatre	Indianapolis Cincinnati
Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood (\$19-\$75)	Dec. 9	Honeywell Center	Wabash
The Commander Cody Band	Dec. 9	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Damon Williams	Dec. 31	Star Plaza Theatre	Merrillville
The Dan Band	Dec. 9	House of Blues	Chicago
Dark Star Orchestra	Feb. 4	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Dark Star Orchestra	Feb. 10	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Dark Star Orchestra Dave Koz & Friends	Feb. 18 Dec. 2	Bogart's Auditorium Theatre	Cincinnati Chicago
David Garrett	Jan. 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
David Sedaris	Apr. 24	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
David Wilcox	Mar. 18	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Davy Jones	Jan. 28	Star Plaza Theatre	Merrillville
Delbert McClinton (sold out)	Dec. 14	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Demi Lovato	Dec. 3	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Demi Lovato and Joe Jonas	Dec. 5	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
The Devil Wears Prada Dis En Crow with Reinthday Massacro	Dec. 18	Bogarts House of Pluce	Chicago
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Donny & Marie (\$30-\$100)	Dec. 1-4	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Dougle MacLean (\$30)	Apr. 26	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Dropkick Murphys	Feb. 23	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Eddie Griffin	Dec. 29	Cincinnati Music Hall	Cincinnati
Eddie Money w/Lou Gramm and Mickey Thomas (\$39-\$43)	Dec. 11	Sound Board	Detroit
	Dec. 3	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Electric Six	Dec. 23	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Emilie Autumn	Feb. 25	House of Blues	Chicago
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Emmylou Harris w/Glen Campbell, Nancy Griffith, Joe Henry, Sarah Jarosz, Caravan of			
Thieves, Seth Giler and Heywood Banks (\$47.50-\$160)	Jan. 28	The Ark	Ann Arbor
En Voque (\$35-\$38)	Dec. 8	Sound Board	Detroit
Eric Johnson Band (\$25)	Jan. 11	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Eric Johnson w/Andy McKee	Jan. 12	House of Blues	Chicago
Every Avenue	Dec. 22	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Excision	Mar. 18	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Five Finger Death Punch w/Hatebreed, All That Remains & Rains (\$33 adv., \$36 d.o.s.)	Dec. 17	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Five Finger Death Punch w/Hatebreed, All That Remains & Rev Theory	Dec. 18	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Flogging Molly	Feb. 19	House of Blues	Cleveland
Foreigner	Jan. 19	House of Blues	Chicago
Foreigner	Jan. 22	Michigan Theatre	Detroit
Foreigner	Jan. 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Foreigner (\$27-\$200)	Jan. 26	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Foreigner	Jan. 27	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Frankie Ballard (\$15-\$18)	Dec. 17	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
The Fray w/Kelly Clarkson and Christina Perry	Dec. 2	The Chicago Theatre	Chicago
The Fray w/Simple Plan	Dec. 7	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Fred Eaglesmith Traveling Show (\$27.50)	Dec. 31	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Fred Hammond (\$47.50 adv., \$55 d.o.s.)	Dec. 30	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
The Fresh Beat Band	Mar. 4	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
The Fresh Beat Band	Mar. 7	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
The Fresh Beat Band	Mar. 14	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
G. Love and Special Sauce	Mar. 17	The Metro	Chicago
Gabriel Iglasias	Mar. 8	Veterans Memorial Auditorium	Columbus, OH
Gabriel Iglasias	Mar. 9	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Gabriel Iglasias (\$40.50)	Mar. 11	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Gabriel Iglasias	Apr. 21	Murat Theatre	Indianapolis
Gabriel Iglesias (\$40.75)	Apr. 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Gaither Homecoming (\$29-\$39)	Dec. 9	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 22	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 25	House of Blues	Cleveland
Girlyman (\$22.50)	Feb. 8	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Girlyman	Feb. 9	Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago
Glen Campbell	Dec. 16	French Lick Resort	Fench Lick
Guns N' Roses	Dec. 1	Palace of Auburn Hills	Aubum Hills, MI
Guns N' Roses (\$30-\$75)	Dec. 8	Conseco Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Halestorm w/Adelitas Way & Black Tide (\$17)	Dec. 10	Club Fever	South Bend
Hanson w/Hot Chelle Rae and Kelly Taylor	Dec. 1	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Hayes Carll w/Caitlin Rose	Dec. 29	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Henry Rollins (\$25-\$30)	Mar. 21	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Henry Rollins	Mar. 22	Michigan Theatre	Detroit
Herman's Hermits feat. Peter Noone	Jan. 14	Stranahan Theater	Toledo
HonevHonev	Dec. 27	House of Blues	Cleveland





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Since the music thing has kinda gone south on him, Billy Corgan, singer for Smashing Pumpkins, has taken to other projects in order to keep himself occupied. One such project is Resistance Pro, an independent wrestling company that debuted last week



at Excalibur in Chicago. Corgan describes himself as a childhood wrestling fan who got away from the sport but has now rediscovered it and taken time to learn the business. He reportedly has some credible people working with him in the operation and knows his name will add that curiosity element to the shows.

Neil Diamond will take his unrivaled live show to the people once again next summer. There is no doubt the 70-year-old Diamond can still rock with the best in the business, so this show is one you won't want to miss. He will visit Cleveland July 1, Detroit July 3 and Chicago July 6. Tickets are on sale December 5.

Who plays Rock on the Range 2012 is apparently irrelevant. The festival has gotten a name for being one of the premier rock shows in the country, so it can get away with selling tickets before any performers have been announced. In fact, they're already on sale for the May 18-20 event at Columbus, Ohio's Crew Stadium. Get them while you can, as the shows are virtually guaranteed to sell out, no matter who plays.

Eric Church will bring his "Blood, Sweat and Beers" tour to the area just after the holiday break. The high-energy country artist has decided to ask the equally energetic **Brantley Gilbert** to come along for the ride to Battle Creek February 23 and Cleveland February 24. **Sonia Leigh** also appears.

Bruce Springsteen has announced he will tour with the E Street Band next year. Though no dates have been announced as of press time, it is likely he will hit the summer sheds including the newly renamed Verizon Wireless Music Center near Indianaplois, now called Klipsch Music Center. We'll announce dates when we get them.

Lastly, in local news, Fort Wayne's **Bree Olson** has recently been announced as the host of the AVN Awards Show in Las Vegas January 21. The AVN Awards Show celebrates the best in adult entertainment and has been called "the Oscars of Adult" by Entertainment Weekly. Olson has positioned herself, with the help of a guy named **Charlie Sheen**, at the top of the list of most recognizable adult stars this year, so she makes perfect sense to host the event. Tickets for the event are still available at \$300 each.

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Patty Larkin & Lucy Kaplansky (\$20)	May 11	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Paul Fayrewether	Jan. 13	House of Blues	Cleveland
Peabo Bryson w/Jennifer Holiday, Lea Salonga and Ben Vereen	Dec. 18	Star Plaza Theatre	Merrillville
Peter Frampton (\$33.50-\$76)	Feb. 22	Akron Civic Theatre	Akron, OH
Peter Frampton	Feb. 25	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Peter Frampton	Mar. 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Peter Mulvey	Dec. 3	Canal Street Tavern	Dayton
Pierce the Veil and Miss May I	Dec. 8	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Pink Martini	Apr. 13-15	Hilbert Circle Theatre	Indianapolis
Playing For Change (\$35)	Feb. 22	The Ark	Ann Arbor
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Puddle of Mudd w/ Pop Evil w/ Lansdowne	Dec. 10	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Railroad Earth	Jan. 28	House of Blues	Chicago
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Rascal Flatts	Jan. 21	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Raul Malo (\$40)	Dec. 12	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Ray Chen	Dec. 2-3	Cincinnati Music Hall	Cincinnati
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Rise Against w/Taking Back Sunday and Awolnation	Dec. 17	The Filmore	Detroit
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Robert Gordon (\$20)	Jan. 27	The Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI
Roger Waters (\$57.50-201.50)	June 6	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
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Russian Circles	Dec. 3	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Ryan Adams w/Jessica Lea Mayfield	Dec. 11	Cadillac Palace Theatre	Chicago
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David Wax Museum & Heywood Banks (\$47.50-\$160)	Jan. 27	The Ark	Ann Arbor
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The Saw Doctors	Mar. 23	House of Blues	Cleveland
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Simon Armitage	Feb. 21	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Sister Hazel	Dec. 16-17	Houe of Blues	Chicago
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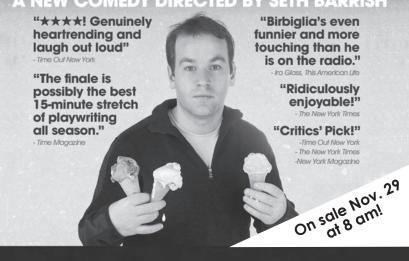
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Exploring Super Tuscany

Super Tuscan. Yet another winespeak term, like "full malo" or "highly extracted," that can make a novice wine drinker feel over his or her head. This term for certain Italian reds was all the rage for a few years. Since I love me some Italian wine, I wanted to make sure that I actually knew what the term Super Tuscan meant, so as not to sound even more ridiculous that I usually do. So, to the research we go:

Let's take a little trip back to Italy, shall we? (Oh, twist my arm!) All Italian wines are given a government designation. The ones we see most often in the U.S. are DOC (Denominazione di Origine Controllata or "controlled origin denomination") and DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita, "guaranteed"). DOC wines are produced under the specifications that are regionally dependent. DOCG is a higher level of classification; these wines are tested and tasted by the regulatory agencies before being bottled.

DOCG wines have a numbered seal around the neck of the bottle. Since 1996, any wine you see that's labeled Chianti with DOC or DOCG is going to be made up of 70 percent Sangiovese, up to 10 percent of a local grape called Canaiolo and up to 20 percent of any other approved red grape variety such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot or Syrah. (Before that, white grapes Malvasia and Trebbiano were included in the mix.) Wines that didn't follow these specifications were known as VdT (Vin di Tavolo, table wine) classified.

That changed in the 1940s when the Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta settled in Tuscany. He wanted to raise grapes to make wine for himself and his wife, and he imported some Cabernet Sauvignon vines from Bordeaux to do just that. He blended the Cabernet with some native Sangiovese, and the die was cast. These wines began being distributed in the late 1960s and in 1978 won a competition of the world's best Cabernets. Through the 1970s and 80s more and more wineries started seeing the possibilities, and the "Super Tuscan" term was born. Winemakers experimented with different grapes, blends and aging techniques. Many winemakers started producing prized vintages which were officially labeled VdT because of their refusal to follow tradition. Some wore their non-DOCG status as a badge of honor. The Italian authorities adopted an "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" stance and created a fourth classification: IGT, which stands for Indicazione geografica tipica, meaning that the label may indicate where the wine is from, though it's not a traditional blend. An IGT wine can be 100 percent Sangiovese or contain no Sangiovese at all (once considered heresy). IGT wines are not limited to Tuscany either. You can find these nontraditional blends sourced from all over Italy.

So, what does all this mean for us? Not to put too fine a point on it, these are Italian-based wines that are produced for the "New World" palate. There's an emphasis on fruit-forwardness and a stronger level of tannin than many traditional Italian wines. There's usually a little less minerality. Like most Italian wines, they're really best with



food, especially rich foods. Many winemakers with a little flair (or some nontraditional terroir) try to make IGT wines as their topends. As for the price, well, they can range from under \$10 up into the hundreds. We looked at wines at a couple of different price points. For instance:

Fanti Sant'Antimo 2006 Rosso - Super Tuscan blend. Fascinating nose. My first sniff got me something in the neighborhood of spice cake. There's some cherry that comes through, but the smells of baking are right there. Medium weight initially on the palate, but it almost feels like it "thickens" into a lasting flavor. Dark fruits and some of that Sangiovese "chalk." The finish lingers - and I do mean lingers, with caramel and really nicely balanced tannins. Really looked forward to trying this with a shrimp and calamari fra diavola, since I figured the weight would handle all the flavors. It didn't let me down. It made a scrumptious pairing. since the extra fruit balanced out the spice in the sauce. (\$15)

I had a bottle of the Tenuta Dell Ornellaia "Le Volte" 2006 at around \$28 and the Ruffino 2007 Fonte al Sole Toscana at around \$10. The former is 50 percent Sangiovese, 40 percent Merlot and 10 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, and the latter is a 60/40 Cab/Sangiovese blend. The SPinC got inspired and decided to put together a Parmesan-crusted rack of lamb next to a side of zucchini sautéed with mint, parsley and basil. We opened them side by side to get a contrast between price points and blends.

The Le Volte had a lighter but more complex nose than the Ruffino. The Ruffino smelled much more like a cabernet, while the Le Volte had more of that baking-spicy nose that I experienced with the Fanti. The Le Volte was medium bodied and subtly flavored, a really nice balance between the minerality and the depth of fruit. The finish was almost coffee-ish, which isn't something I've run into with many Italian wines. The Ruffino drank like a decent cabernet. In fact, if not for that little bit of Sangiovese minerality, it could have passed as a cab.

As we figured, it was an interesting contrast. The Ruffino was a pleasant surprise with the lamb. The flavors stood up to the lamb and to everything else on the table. This type of flavor experience different greatly with the Le Volte. Rather than standing up to the lamb and asserting itself, the flavors here worked alongside the richness of lamb to produce a delicious, layered experience. If nuance is what you're after, the LeVolte was the obvious choice for a pairing like this - when we could just let the lamb melt and ponder every sip. However, in a noisier setting such as a big dinner party I'd have no reservations of buying several bottles of the Ruffino (and maybe putting it in pitchers around the table).

We had another real surprise with our

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Days after watching it, I cannot stop thinking about Terri. I want everyone I know to watch it just so I can discuss it with them. I have no idea whether or not they will like it as much as I did, and I guess I don't really care: I just want someone to help me figure out why it's haunting me so deeply. I want to talk about Terri as a character, why he does what he does. I want to discuss the ending. The meaning of the owl, the mice. The pajamas. The girl, Heather. The boy, Chad. The whiskey and

About the pajamas: 15-year-old Terri (Jacob Wysocki) wears them to school every day. Obese, withdrawn, insecure, Terri seems to have resigned himself to being taunted by his peers, and the pajamas are at least his way of controlling the narrative a little bit.

But someone is on to him: the school's vice principal Mr. Fitzgerald (John C. Reilly). Since he doesn't have time to get to know every single kid in the school, Mr. Fitzgerald makes it his business to at least familiarize himself with two groups of kids: the kids he calls the "good-hearted" kids, and the kids he calls the "bad-hearted" kids. He quickly (and correctly) surmises that Terri is a good-hearted kid: lots of potential, though at risk academically and socially. He takes Terri under his wing and makes a standing appointment see him every Monday morning for the rest of the school year.

Terri is an innocent and straightforward kid, but that doesn't mean he isn't complicated. He's alienated, but he's smart as a whip. He's smart, but he doesn't have an ironic bone in his (overweight) body. He's un-ironic, but he wasn't born yesterday. He speaks articulately, but he doesn't talk very much. He lives with his elderly uncle who is sharp-witted and authoritative one day, gibbering and feeble the next. (The uncle is played by Creed Bratton, from The Of-

When a girl in Terri's home economics class, Heather (Olivia Crocicchia), is involved in a local sex scandal which almost gets her kicked out of the school, Terri swoops in to save the day. (Terri doesn't shy away from the messy sexuality of these adolescents; the R rating is warranted here.) Terri doesn't seem to have ulterior motives for intervening on Heather's behalf. He just likes her. He knows the truth about what really happened between her and "Dirty Zack" (Justin Prentice), and he knows she's been stigmatized unfairly. Heather soon responds to Terri's kindness in the only way she knows how. She might be even sadder and more damaged than

Terri also befriends - kind of, sort of - a disturbed kid named Chad (Bridger Zadina). (When pressed, Mr. Fitzgerald says that Chad's isn't a good-hearted kid or a bad-hearted kid, but a kid from a completely different and as-yet unidentified



third category.) Chad comes over to Terri's house one day, and both boys are so unused to having a friend that a misunderstanding seems almost inevitable. "I'm glad you're having visitors," his uncle tells him after Chad has stormed out of the house in a fury mere moments after getting there, and you just want to cry for these poor kids.

Director Azazel Jacobs (Momma's Man), working from a nuanced and bighearted screenplay by Patrick DeWitt, has crafted something that transcends the coming-of-age genre. (I shudder to think how a director like Todd Solondz or Terry Zwigoff would have portrayed a character like Terri; thank goodness he wound up

with the director he did.) I've never much liked that label, "coming-of-age," anyway, since it suggests that during adolescence we are all somehow magically transformed, through some discrete sequence of bittersweet events, from one lesser thing into something invariably wiser and better. (I've known some adults who've never come of age, and many kids who never really needed to.) This is a great beingof-age film. It would be tragic if Terri grew beyond what he already fundamentally is: a good-hearted

kid. All he needs is someone to help him find his place.

Terri doesn't narrate the story, so we have no privileged glimpse into his thought processes. We only have his actions, some of which are cryptic. He never spouts off a single throwaway line for a cheap laugh. (Wysocki, by the way, gives one of the strongest and most piercingly honest debut performances by a young actor I've ever seen.) Terri's emotions are touchingly straightforward and predictable: if you're nice to him he responds positively, and if you're mean to him he wilts. Who'da thunk

This brings me to the climactic scene in Terri's house, where a small impromptu party forms. (I'm going to stay deliberately vague about the details.) The others at the party keep one-upping each other, and Terri does his best to keep up with them, but things quickly spin out of control.

I don't think I've never wanted good things to come to a fictional movie character as much as I want them for Terri. Mr. Fitzgerald has his work cut out for him, and he's not perfect himself, but at least he's trying. (I love that he doesn't always behave as well as he should, or have all the answers like most teacher/savior-types do in most such dramas.) "I screwed up," he confesses in one scene, when Terri catches him in a lie. "I screw up all the time. That's what people do. Life's a mess, dude. But we're all just doin' the best we can.'

Truer, more humane, more compassionate words were never spoken.

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Hitchens for Fans Only

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS

The Quotable Hitchens: The Very Best of Chistopher Hitchens, edited by Windsor Mann, Da Capo Press, 2011

I'm wary of any collection of quotations by a living person. I'm a big fan of humility, and I figure that anyone who's thought to have uttered a whole book full of quotable bits of wisdom before he's even reached old age is probably not a humble person. That might not be a fair assumption to make (I suppose someone could be quoted against his will)but from all indications it's a fair assumption to make about Christopher Hitchens. The essayist and

commentator is a contributing editor for Vanity Fair, and his books of wisdom have sold many copies and been nominated for things like the National Book Award. If you've been a fan of his writing and wished you could have a repertoire of his soundbites extensive enough that you'd be able to say "You know what Christopher Hitchens says about that ..." at any cocktail party occasion, this is your chance to acquire just that. I suspect Hitchens would be happy with you if you did.

The Quotable Hitchens collects a lot (I didn't count) of items drawn from Hitchens' essays, articles, columns and reviews, on just about every topic you can think of "from Alcohol to Zionism." The quotes are arranged alphabetically by topic, and there's a handy index so, for example, you can find out what Hitchens thinks about Sacha Baron Cohen, even though the quote that mentions him is filed under "Youth" (it's right next to "YouTube," so you can easily find out what you're supposed to think about two pop cultural icons at the same time).

It seems that Hitchens has a little bit to say about pretty much everything, and about some things he has a lot to say. He has something to say about "Writers," "Writers (Conservative)" and "Writers (Liberal)" (the first is misunderstood – because that category includes Hitchens himself), and the other two kinds of writers are not very good (because Hitchens doesn't really consider himself to be either), and he has a lot to say about, for instance, Ronald Reagan, none of it very



That's because, it turns out, Hitchens is not a very nice person. I'd be willing to give him the benefit of the doubt and assume that his curmudgeonliness is only part o f his writerly persona if it were not for

the book's foreword by Martin Amis and introduction by editor Windson Mann, both of which praise Hitchens for his ability to wittily insult people in person as well as he does it in writing. That makes Hitchens much less humorous than a humorist like Mark Twain, who insulted people plenty but who had a hopeful affection for people down deep; he was critical, but he wasn't mean Hitchens is mean. From Accohol to Zionism

I haven't included any of Hitchens' quotes here so far because I don't find him particularly quotable. His sentences are pretty, and occasionally he makes a pun

that's funny instead of atrocious but there's rarely a memorable ring to what he writes. Even when he's simply paraphrasing a familiar cliché, such as when he says of historian Paul Kennedy that if he is "going to be wrong, [he] might as well be heroically and laughably so," Hitchens manages to drain the quotability out of it.

There's plenty to be learned about Hitchens himself here, though. Much has been made of the apparent contradiction in his personal politics; he is essentially a liberal but he has been an outspoken supporter of George Bush's war in Iraq. It doesn't seem too difficult to figure out to me, however, especially after I've read his thoughts on a variety of topics; he's not particularly liberal or conservative - he feels superior to any particular ideology - and he dislikes Muslims. There. Case closed.

There must be Hitchens fans out there There's also a big new collection of his essays on the bookstore shelves right now, so there must be a demand for his books. I'll leave both these books to his fans. There's a lot of Hitchens to be had if you want him. and you can have him.

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usual end-of-evening chocolate (two-bite brownies this evening): the Ruffino was not only the the superior wine, but it was downright delicious. The sweetness of the brownies didn't get dented at all by the wine; instead, the cabernet hopped right up and complemented the flavors. I really enjoyed this as a dessert offering.

I am a big fan of experimentation, so I've come to really enjoy Super Tuscans. One of the hardest sells I have for people who are new to Italian wines is that they can be a little difficult to approach when poured on their own. With food, they're easy. The inexpensive Super Tuscans make excellent bridge wines. As for the more expensive ones, these Italian cuvees give winemakers in Italy a chance to show off a bit with their blending skills. They're usually going to be really textured, interesting wines, so add them to your list to splurge on from time to

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----- Calendar • Art & Artifacts-----

Current Exhibits

BRYAN BALLINGER AND W.K. HOOPER Faculty exhibit at The Robert
 E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts Huntington, Monday-Friday thru Dec. 3, 426-7421, www.huntington. edu/mca/wilson-gallery/robert-e-wilson-gallery/

ELIZABETH BALZER & BRANDON ZSOLNAY Digital art at 3R Gallery, Three Rivers East apartment complex, Fort Wayne, Friday-Sunday thru Jan. 1, www.3rgallery.com

GHLIGHTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: CONTEMPORARY CERAMICS AND PAINTINGS — Highlights from the university collection will be on display with recent acquisitions at the Lupke Gallery, North Campus of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, daily, Dec. 3-22 and Jan. 2-27, 399-7700, www.sf.edu/art/

oliday Show — Nationally recognized artists featured at the Castle Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 2 thru January (opening show reception 5-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2), 426-6568, www.castlegallery.com

NICE FURTNER — Paper cutting collage and woodworking friends at First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery, Monday-Friday thru Jan. 1 (artist reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2), 426-7421, www.firstpres-fw. org/the_arts/gallery

IGO: ASTRONOMY'S NEW MESSENGERS - A traveling astronomy exhibit at Science Central, Fort Wayne, daily thru Jan. 8, 2012, 424-2400, www. sciencecentral.org

MATERIAL WORLD: CROSS-CULTURAL TEXTILES FROM THE COLLECTION -Textiles, fiber art and clothing at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Dec. 11, 422-6467 or www.fwmoa.org

Nathan Taves: Curved World — All media show offering drawings, paintings and works in clay at the Potter's Wife Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Saturday thru Jan. 21, 420-8300, www.delaneys-1421broadway.com

NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — A year end Christmas exhibit with scenes from the famous poem "A visit from Saint Nicholas" at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, thru Jan. 8, \$5, http://www.botanicalconservatory.

ORNAMENTS & NATIVITIES — Ornaments and nativities made from clay, glass, wood, fiber and more at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, **Monday-Saturday thru Dec. 30,** 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

Рійата Ракаріѕе Dіsplay — Piñatas at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, Sunday-Tuesday thru Dec. 4, http://www. botanicalconservatory.org/

REBECCA STOCKERT AND PAUL DEMAREE Hand pulled prints and oil paintings at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, daily thru Dec. 31, 373-0505, www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com

SAINT FRANCIS ALUMNI/FACULTY EXHIBITION New works by alumni of the School of Creative Arts at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, daily, Dec. 3-22 and Jan. 2-15 (reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3), 399-7700 ext. 8001, www.sf.edu/art/

RAPPED IN PRIDE: GHANAIAN KENTE AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN IDENTITY — African textiles at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Jan. 8, 422-6467 or www.fwmoa.org

JZHENG HE - Watercolor paintings at the Continuum Art Gallery, IPFW Fort Wayne, Wednesday-Saturday thru Dec. 10, 399-3843

Artifacts

THE ART FARM ANNUAL HOLIDAY STUDIO Sноw — 10 artist booths at the Art Farm, Spencerville, 12-6 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-31 (artist reception 5-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2), 238-4755, www.artfarm. shutterfly.com

ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS: FEATURING HANDMADE ORNAMENTS & NATIVITIES -Meet the artists and enjoy holiday treats at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

ARTAMENT AUCTION— Hanging art auction at Cinema Center Downtown, Fort Wayne, **6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3,** \$25, 426-3456, www.cinemacenter.org

CASH & CARRY HOLIDAY EXHIBIT - At Clark Gallery, the Honeywell Center, Wabash, daily, Dec. 3-Jan. 3 (reception Monday, Dec. 5), 563-1102 ext. 501

WINTER ART FAIR - Jewelry, fabric art, Native American art, glass pottery, photography, clothing, prints, cards, mixed media, authors and illustrators at Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 482-7402, www.sohiasportico.org

FAIR TRADE ALTERNATIVE SHOPPING BAZAAR — High-quality fairly traded handicrafts from disadvantaged producers all over the world at the main lobby of Saint Francis University, Fort Wayne, 12 noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, www.

LOCAL POTTERS 1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY Sноw — Pottery at The Bagel Station, Fort Wayne, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11,** 471-2272, www. thebageIstation.com

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

ARTLINK SELF PORTRAIT SHOW (JAN. 20-FEB. 22) — Artlink is looking for artists to depict their own likeness and hand deliver the art to the gallery, artists must be at least 18 years old and artists must register their agreement to exhibit by Nov. 30, entry fee \$10 for general public 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

ARTLINK'S 32ND NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION (APR. 13-MAY 23) images may be submitted, all artists at least 18 years of age residing in the United Sates are eligible to exhibit, original, hand-pulled printmaking techniques are eligible, photographic computer generated or digitally altered prints will be accepted. Artists must complete an entry form and enclose an entry fee of \$25 by Jan. 11, 2012, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

INSTRUCTION

PAPER PULP PAINTING — Heather Miller will conduct a workshop where students will make paper pulp then design and execute their very own painting at Artlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, 12-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, \$28-\$33, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING WORKSHOP - Sue Sells will demonstrate four styles of embellished cards, materials will be provided at Artlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, \$22 \$27, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

FIGURE DRAWING SESSIONS - Artlink will supply chairs, drawing boards, easels and a model, artist must bring their choice of art supplies to the figure drawing studio at the Artlink Gallery, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, **6:30-9:30 p.m.** Mondays and Thursdays, \$3, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

Coming Exhibits

DECEMBER

AWARD WINNERS FROM THE 8TH ARTLINK REGIONAL EXHIBITION — The work of Justin Johnson, George Morrison and Jake Saunders at Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Dec. 9-Jan. 11, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.

FORT WAYNE PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB -Photography at the Feature Gallery of the Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Dec. 9-Jan. 11, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

JANUARY 2012

MARTHA TRENKER PHOTOGRAPHY -Photography at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, **Monday-Saturday**, **Jan. 3-31**, 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

JEFFERY BAUMGARTNER — Oil Paintings at First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery, Monday-Friday Jan. 6-Feb. 12 (artist reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6), 426-7421, www. firstpres-fw.org/the_arts/gallery

TREASURE! — Exhibit exploring the history of treasures and treasure hunting at Science Central, Fort Wayne, daily, Jan. 14-May 30, 424-2400, ext. 411, www.xsnrg.com/treasure!/index2.html

MEMORIAL PARK STUDENT WORK — At the Feature Gallery of the Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Jan. 20-Feb. 22, 424-7195, www. artlinkfw.com

SELF PORTRAIT EXHIBIT — Self portraits at Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Jan. 20-Feb. 22, 424-7195, www. artlinkfw.com

CARRIE LONGLEY & ERIN HOLSCHER ALMAZAN — Ceramics and prints at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, daily, Jan. 21-Feb. 26 (reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. **21)**, 399-7700 ext. 8001

Jack Earl — Sculptures at The Robert E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts, Huntington, Monday-Friday, Jan. 26-Feb. 16 (artist reception 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3), 426-7421, www.huntington.edu/mca/wilsongallery/robert-e--wilson-gallery/

FEBRUARY 2012

PAINTINGS BY BETH ALBRIGHT -Paintings at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, Feb. 2-28, 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY COLLECTION: CONTEMPORARY CERAMICS AND WORKS ON PAPER — Highlights from the university collection will be on display with recent acquisitions at the Lupke Gallery, North Campus of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, **Monday-Friday, Feb**.

Justin Johnson and Tim McIntyre — Paintings, woodturnings and sculpture at First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery, Monday-Friday Feb. 17-Apr. 8 (artist reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, Mar. 2), 426-7421, www. firstpres-fw.org/the_arts/gallery

6-Mar. 30, 399-7700

7TH ANNUAL HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY HIGH School Art Exhibit — Juried invitational featuring works of art from regional high school students at The Robert E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts, Huntington, Monday-Friday, Feb. 23-Mar. 8 (awards reception 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 3), 426-7421, www.huntington.edu/mca/wilsongallery/robert-e--wilson-gallery/

Tougher Than It Looks

I first want to thank Phillip Colglazier for asking me to direct. I've been involved with the Fort Wavne Civic Theatre (mainly as an actor) since I was 16 years old, and have enjoyed the full-circle journey.

At first glance Tuna looks like a fluffy romp through Texas. And with only two actors, minimalist setting and furniture, one tends to think of this as



Director's Notes **JANE FRAZIER**

A TUNA CHRISTMAS Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, 9-10 & 16-17 • 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 • 2 p.m. Arts United Center 303 E. Main St. • Fort Wayne Tix.: \$11-\$16 thru box office, 260-424-5220

being a small, "easy" show to put on. At second glance you discover that is not the case at all and start thinking, "What did I get myself into?"

In a traditional play an actor portrays one character throughout the whole show. He or she must focus on how and why this particular character thinks and feels and views the world. An actor must also decide how his or her character walks, talks, stands, gestures and so on. This is something that could take the whole rehearsal process, or at least the first few weeks, to develop. In Tuna each actor plays 11 roles. Some we see over and over again, and others show up for just a sentence or two. Tuna may not be weighty, serious drama, but finding these 11 characters still takes some creativity, time and dedication.

Another challenge the actors face is changing these characters (and

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Costuming for Dance

started in the IPFW Dept. of Theatre in 2007 my primary focus was acting. As the years progressed I found myself enjoying costuming and more. By the time I was done with all of my acting classes I decid-

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ed that I would much rather work in a costume shop than on a stage.

Getting the chance to design a piece for Purely Dance 2011 is a great opportunity to experience what its like to work with a choreographer and design for a dance show. When I found out I would be designing for Kelly Holt's piece I was extremely excited because I knew that hers was character-driven. I have done many non-realized character driven projects for design classes, so I was excited to finally see my designs on stage.

After seeing a rehearsal, I quickly realized that costumes for a dance piece are different. I knew that I would have to take into account the movement; lifts, spins and footwork could not be impeded by my costumes. While this is always something a costume designer takes into account, it's on a much larger scale for dance concerts. Another difference between dance and theatrical costumes is that I will have to tell a story with color and silhouette in a matter of minutes rather than in two hours.

The biggest challenge has been finding ways to accommodate to the very quick costume changes that take place in the piece. Kelly and I decided that the best solution for this was to make it so that there were pieces that would be taken off or put on. This would allow me to show character and also what was taking place in the scene while still allowing the dancers to quickly move from one costume to the other.

This has been a great learning experience and has fueled my love and passion for costumes even more. I look forward to using my expanded knowledge on future productions here and into the professional world.

Amber Klinker, Student Costume Designer

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Now Playing

- ALADDIN JR. The annual Toybox musical directed by Chris Murphy at Concordia Lutheran High School, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 3 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, \$3-\$4, 483-1102
- N AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CAROL musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens' classic set this time in turn of the century Chicago at First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 1-3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, \$10-\$24, 422-6329, www.firstpres-fw. org/the_arts/theater
- Christmas Carol Charles Dickens' classic presented at The Round Barn Theatre, Amish Acres, Nappanee, 2 & 8 p.m. thru Dec. 31 (call for dates), \$27.95 (dinner theatre packages available), 800-800-4942
- THE CONFESSION: A NEW MUSICAL A musical about young Amish woman who is caught in the middle of secrets and scandal at Blue Gate Theater, Shipshewana, thru Dec. 3 (call for dates), \$24-\$49, www. bluegatetheater.com
- GLORY OF CHRISTMAS: LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE - Performance at The Scottish Rite Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4, \$12, http://lctfortwayne.com/
- ODSPELL A Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department pre-sentation at Bishop Luers High School Cafe, Fort Wayne, **7:30 p.m.** Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3 and 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 4, \$10, 456 1261 ext. 3114
- Miracle on 34th Street, The Musical A musical version of the timeless Christmas classic at The Wagon Wheel Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Dec. 9-10; 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, \$30, wagonwheeltheatre.org
- HE NUTCRACKER The Fort Wayne Ballet presents the Nutcracker at the Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6; 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 9; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, \$13-\$28, 484 9646, www.fortwayneballet.org/ nutcracker.htm
- URELY DANCE 2011 - New works of choreography by the faculty and alumni of the Department of Theatre dance minor program at Williams Theatre, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3 and Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 8-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, \$5-\$14, IPFW students w/ID free, 481-6555, http://new.ipfw.edu/theatre
- s THE SEASON A Christmas show filled with favorite characters the whole family will enjoy at The Round Barn Theatre, Amish Acres, Nappanee, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. thru Dec. 29 (call for dates), \$27.95 (dinner theatre packages available), 800-800-4942
- IS THE SEASON: A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - A musical revue by the Huntington University music and theatre departments at MCA Zurcher Auditorium, Huntington University, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, \$5-12, www. huntington.edu/MCA/

TRUE LIFE CHRISTMAS DISASTERS - A holiday comedy at Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, **7** p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, 9-10; 1 p.m. lunch, 2 p.m. curtain, Sunday, Dec. 11; and 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17, \$35,

A Tuna Christmas — A holiday comedy about Christmas time in the smallest town in Texas. Presented by Civic Theatre at the Allen County Public Library Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, \$11-\$16, 424-5220, www.fwcivic.org

Asides

AUDITIONS

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (MAR. 1-17, **2012)** — 12 men ages 16-80 and 7 women ages 16-70 needed for this comedy production, auditions at the First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne,10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, 422-6329, www.firstpresfw.org/the_arts/theater

GYPSY (MAR. 3-18, 2012) - Auditions for the Civic Theatre's produc-tion of Gypsy will be held at the Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 422-8641, www. fwcivic.org/PgAuditions.html

INSTRUCTION

YOUTHEATRE HOLIDAY CAMP — A fun day of all things theatre, each session is different at The Fort Wayne Youtheatre, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 28-29, 422-6900, www.fortwayneyoutheatre.org/

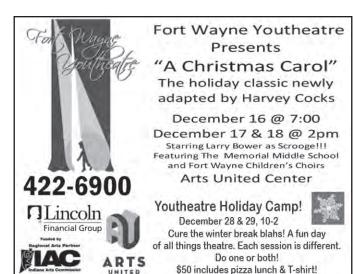
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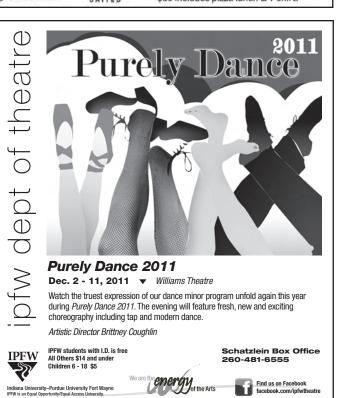
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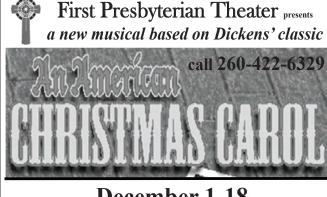
A CHRISTMAS CRUISE — A hilarious audience participation mystery at the Courtyard by Marriot, Fort Wayne, 6:15 appetizers and champagne, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. mystery show, Thursday-Friday, Dec. 8-9, \$39.59, 579-9226, www.bowernorth.

Away in the Basement — A Christmas story set in 1959 at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, \$12-\$25, 563-1102, www.honeywellcenA CHRISTMAS CAROL — The Charles Dickens classic about Ebeneezer Scrooge, accompanied this time by the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, presented by the Fort Wayne Youtheatre at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 17-18, 422-6900, www.fortwayneyoutheatre.org

Nuts and Crackers — The Fort Wayne Dance Collective's School for Movement Studies and Creative Process showcases what they've learned in the fall semester at South Side High School Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, \$10-\$12, 424-6574, fwdc.org



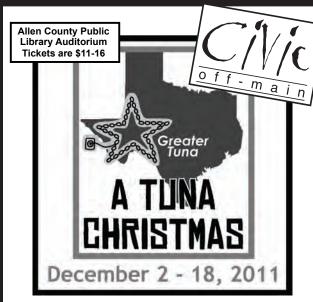




December 1-18

Box Office hours—M/W/F 12-5—

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It's Christmas time in Texas! Join Greater Tuna's radio personalities as they report on various Yuletide activities from around the town. A hilarious 2-man show with 22 characters!

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Never Fear the Winter Weather

I may be in the minority on this one, but I love this time of year. I have little patience for heat and humidity, preferring the crisp nip of fall and winter to the suffocation of summer. While it's tempting for those who hate the snow and cold to stay indoors during the upcoming months, staying active can help ward off those winter blues and can prove a lifesaver when the kids are home from school during the holidays.

Any time of year one of my favorite outdoor experiences is Pokagon State Park. Those who watch TNT's series The Closer with Kyra Sedgwick may have noted an episode with a Fort Wayne tie-in – when they badly botched the pronunciation of Pokagon. Either way, it's nice to know someone made the effort to recognize the great park, notable for its wonderful trails. Wide enough to enjoy even with snow, it's a great workout regardless of which trail is enjoyed, though Trail 3, with its loop through the Hell Point lookout, is a personal favorite.

Pokagon sports another favorite winter destination: the Toboggan Run. The Run remains open through February and expands its hours during the Christmas break. A quarter-mile long and reaching speeds in excess of 35 miles an hour, the Toboggan Run is refrigerated, so it's up and running even during warmer temps. For a fun virtual experience, check out www.tobogganrun.com and enjoy the ride, at least until you can get there yourself. With cross-country skiing, sledding and ice fishing also available (not to mention the great Potawatomi Inn just up the hill), you



Fare Warning Michele DeVinney

can spend a day or a weekend and never get bored.

There are plenty of trails closer to home as well, and you can find information by checking out a couple great websites, each providing its own schedule of activities and information about trail closures. Biking and hiking don't have to end because the air gets cool, and Indiana often has stretches of mild weather which can be inviting for those who want to hit the trails. Some fun info can be found at the ACRES Land Trust (www.acreslandtrust.org), Fort Wayne Trails (fwtrails. org) and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation (www.fortwayneparks.org) websites.

Beyond the year-round appeal of the Rivergreenway (which grew tremendously this year and provides a delightful atmosphere for a walk, run or ride), Fort Wayne Parks and Rec has plenty of winter activities planned. A link to their offerings is available on their site, but the good news for those who aren't entirely sold on this winter fun approach to the great outdoors: plenty of indoor activities on tap, too. (A February class called SpongeBob SquarePants sounds especially delightful.) There are no excuses this year to be a slug all winter long. Get out and have some fun!

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----- Calendar • Things to Do -----

This Week

CIRCLE OF WOMEN LUNCHEON — A lunch to recognize the women who overcame naysayers and opposition to open the YWCA's Fort Wayne shelter in 1976 at the Fort Wayne Marriott, Fort Wayne, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 424-4908 ext. 252

Fantasy of Lights — More than 75 holiday light displays with proceeds benefiting the AWS Foundation at Franke Park, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1; 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 4-8; 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 11-15; 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 16-17; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 18-22; 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 23-24; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 23-24; 6-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, Dec. 30-31, \$5 per car, \$10 imo or passenger van, \$25 bus or trolley, 744-6145, http://awsfantasyoflights.com/

FESTIVAL OF GINGERBREAD — Over 100 gingerbread houses and holiday items from Fort Wayne's history as well as various events throughout the festival, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 1-2; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Dec. 5-9; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, prices vary, 426-2882 ext. 306, www.fwhistorycenter.com

A NIGHT WITH SANTA — Crafts, movies, refreshments and get your picture with Santa at the National Military History Center, Auburn, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, free, 927-9144

VICTORIAN FUNDRAISER EVENT— Join the Swinney Sisters at home to celebrate the Christmas spirit with refreshments and a presentation on Victorian Christmas traditions at the Historic Swinney Homestead, Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 1, 2 and 3, \$15, 483-0083, www.settlersinc.org

Horse Drawn Wagon Ribes — Ride around downtown Angola, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, free, www.goangolain.com

Madrigal Dinner — Enjoy a roast pork loin feast accompanied by non-stop live comedy, music, singers, dancers and a jester, 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, \$45, 563-1102, www.honeywellcenter.org

CHRISTMAS IN THE CASTLE — Rooms on all three floors of the mansion will be decked out in holiday splendor by decorators from the Fort Wayne community at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, 12-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4 and 10-11, \$5, www.sf.edu

Соокім Demo — At Three Rivers Со-ор Fort Wayne, raw holiday appetizers 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; walnut layer cookies 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8; holiday stress relief foods, herbs and supplements 1p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; gluten free holiday cookies 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17; spinach artichoke puffs 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, free, 424-8812, www.3riversfood.coop

Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes
— Christmas Cards provided to
sign and send to soldiers at Firefly
Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 10
a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3,
free, www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com

STAR OF BETHLEHEM 2011 — Follow the star of the Wise Men at the Schouweiler Planetarium, Achatz Hall of Science, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3; 1:30 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 3 and 7:30 Saturday, Dec. 17; 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, \$3-\$4, www.sf.edu

WILLIAMS WOODLAND PARK HOLIDAY
HOME TOUR — A walk through of the
neighborhood and a selection of
houses, apartments and buildings
in the Williams Woodland Park
Neighborhood, Fort Wayne, 5-9
p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 1-5
p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, \$12, 4143507, http://www.williamswoodlandpark.com/holiday-home-tour.html

LIVING NATIVITY — The character of Saint Francis will narrate the Christmas story, and all gathered will sing "Silent Night", a petting zoo with the animals will be available for children at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, petting zoo 5-5:50 p.m., living nativity 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, free, www.sf.edu

Authors, Readings, Poetry

FIRST FRIDAY READINGS — Readings from Mary Ann Cain and George Kalamaras in the One World Café, Three Rivers Natural Grocery Co-op & Deli, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 424-8812, www.3riversfood.coop

PEGGY GRIGOWSKI — Book signing by the author of the children's book "The Sock Stealer" at Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, free, www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com

Bookworms Book Club — At Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6:45-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, free, www. fireflycoffeehousefw.com

MEETUP BOOK CLUB — At Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6:45-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, free, www. fireflycoffeehousefw.com

BARNES & NOBLE WRITING GROUP AND BOOK LOVERS BOOK GROUP — Weekly writing group with New York Times bestselling author Shirley Jump at Barnes & Noble-Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, every third Tuesday at 7 p.m., and book discussion club, every third Thursday at 7 p.m., 432-3343

No Fences ALOUD — An open mic night for writers, particularly in the genres of short stories and poetry at the Peace Frog Coffee House, Fort Wayne, every first Thursday at 7 p.m., free, 755-5527

<u>Lectures, Discussions,</u> <u>Films</u>

THE MILL AND THE CROSS — A visually striking re-creation of Piueter Bruegel's 1564 panoramic "the Procession to "calvary" showing as part of the Artament hanging art auction at The Cinema Center Downtown, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, \$25 includes admission to party/silent auction, 426-3456, www.cinemacenter.org

Panel Discussions on Political
Participation Strategies — An
opportunity for the community to
learn effective political participation strategies in the Liberal Arts
Building, Room 159, IPFW, Fort
Wayne, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3
and Dec. 10, free, 481-6364

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THE DISCOVERY OF NEW MOLECULES AT PLASMA TEMPERATURES - Assistant Professor of Chemistry Steven Stevenson speaks in the Science Building, Room 168, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 1:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, free, 481-6160

POLAR EXPRESS — The children's movie will be presented at the Main Library Theater, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, free, 421-1200

KAMINING IMMIGRATION THROUGH FAITH & Politics — A symposium in celebration of The Universal Declaration Human Rights at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fort Wayne, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dec. 10, \$10 includes lunch, 744-1867

WHERE DO BUGS GO IN WINTER -Jordan Marshall, assistant professor of biology, speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., **Dec. 10**, \$10 members, \$16 nonmembers, 481-6808

MYSTIC CHORDS OF MEMORY: THE OPENING OF THE WEST IN AMERICAN MEMORY Sara Gabbard speaks as part of the George R. Mather Lecture Series at the History Center in Fort Wayne **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1**, free, 426-2882, www.fwhistorycenter.com

CORAL REEFS: NATURE'S BOUNTIFUL AND FRAGILE PARADISE! - James Haddock, associate professor of biology, speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 14, 2012, \$10 members, \$16 nonmembers, 424-2400 ext. 451 for reservations

SEPARATE BUT EQUAL? — J.J. Foster speaks as part of the George R. Mather Lecture Series at the History Center in Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, free, 426-2882 www.fwhistorycenter.com

HE MATHEMATICS OF CODES — Matthew Walsh, associate professor of mathematics, speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Feb. 11, \$10 members, \$16 nonmembers, 424-2400 ext. 451 for reservations

YOU MEANT IT, THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT A STAMP ON IT - Awardwinning journalist and author, Michele Norris, speaks as part of IPFW's Omnibus Lecture Series at Auer Performance Hall, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, free tickets must be picked up in advance at the Schatzlein Box Office, 481-6495, omnibuslectures.org

GOING TO "THE LAKE" IN NORTHEAST Indiana — Mark GiaQuinta speaks as part of the George R. Mather Lecture Series at the History Center in Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 4. free, 426-2882, www.fwhistorycenter.com

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ETHICS AND AMERICAN Prisons — James Samuel Logan speaks as part of Huntington University's Forester Lecture Series at the Zurcher Auditorium at the Merillat Center for the Arts. Huntington, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 6, 2012, free, www.huntington.

OW TO MAKE GOOD CONCRETE -Mohammad Alhassan, assistant professor of civil engineering, speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-12:30 **p.m., Mar. 10, 2012**, \$10 members, \$16 non-members, 424-2400 ext. 451 for reservations

Storytimes

BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES —
Storytime and crafts Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, 432-3343

BARNES & NOBLE STORY TIMES -Weekly storytime Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble-Glenbrook, Fort Wayne, 482-3720

HUNTINGTON CITY-TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME SESSIONS - Stories and activities for children birth through seven years at the Main Library at the Huntington City-Township Main Library, Huntington, **Tuesdays** and Wednesdays for children two through seven years at the Markle Branch **Thursdays**, free (registration required), 356-2900 or 758-3332

Paws-To-Read — Children ages 6-12 participate in one-on-one sessions in which they practice reading aloud to trained therapy dogs at the at the Markle Branch Library, by appointment, Saturday mornings thru November, free, 356-0824 or 758-3332

STORY TIMES, ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS AT ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: ABOITE BRANCH - Born to Read Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Baby Steps, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1320 **Downtown Branch** — Storytime for preschools, daycares and other groups, **9:30 a.m. Wednesdays**; Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-6, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; PAWS to Read, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Babies and Books, 10 a.m. Fridays; Toddler Time: stories, songs and activities for toddlers, 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fridays, (must pre-

DUPONT BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime for ages 3-5, 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays & 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, PAWS to Read, 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 421-1315 GEORGETOWN BRANCH — Born to Read Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays, Baby Steps, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, PAWS to Read, 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Smart Start Storytime, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1320 GRABILL BRANCH - Born to Read, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Smart

register for all storytelling activities),

421-1220

Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 421-1325 HESSEN CASSEL BRANCH — Stories. songs and fingerplays for the whole family, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 421-

LITTLE TURTLE BRANCH - Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, PAWS to read, 6 p.m. Mondays, 421-1335 New Haven Branch — Babies and

books for kids birth to age 2. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1345 Pontiac Branch — Teen cafe, 4 p.m. Tuesdays, PAWS to Read p.m. Thursdays, Smart Star Storytime for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, 421-1350

TECUMSEH BRANCH — PAWS to Read, 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Smart Start Storytime for kids age 3-6, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, YA Day for teens, 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Wondertots reading for ages 1-3, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1360 Shawnee Branch — Born to Read for babies and toddlers, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Smart Start Storytime for preschoolers, 11 a.m. Thursdays, 421-1355 WAYNEDALE BRANCH — Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, Born to Read

Storytime for babies and toddlers,

10:15 a.m. Tuesdays, PAWS to

Read, 4:30 p.m. first and third

Wednesdays; 421-1365

WOODBURN BRANCH - Smart Start Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Fridays,

Kid Stuff

Santa & THE REINDEER — Santa and two of his reindeer will be on site at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 12-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, \$3-5, http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/

Snowmen at Christmas — A special story time, snowman finger plays, songs and games, a snowman dance and craft, a mini-booklet of coloring and activities to take home and a special treat for age 4-8 at the Markle Branch Library 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and at the main library in Huntington 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 4 p.m Thursday, Dec. 15, free, 356-2900

THE ROPE WARRIOR — A high-energy stage show by Guinness World Record Holder David Fisher at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. **7**, free, 356-2900

Polar Express Storytime — A special Polar Express party with a reading of the holiday classic, hot chocolate and cookies. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas at Barnes & Noble, Jefferson Pointe, Fort Wayne, **7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9**, free, 432-3343

Stories with Santa — Hear a story, receive a special small gift and take pictures with Santa at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, free, 356-2900

HOLIDAY NAILS WORKSHOP — Girls in grades 6-12 learn tips for proper nail care and how to do a holiday manicure at the Huntington City-Township Public Library, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, free, 356-2900

SCIENCE CENTRAL WINTER CAMP -Campers ages 3-13 can spend winter break having fund with hands-on learning at Science Central, Fort Wayne, times vary, Monday-Friday, Dec. 22-Jan. 2, \$17-\$100, 424-2400

Dance

OPEN DANCES

AMERICAN STYLE BALLROOM — Ballroom dancing at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne, lesson at 8 p.m. followed by dancing from **8:30-10 p.m.** Friday, Dec. **2,** \$5, 480-7070

A NIGHT OF THE CLASSICS — Ballroom dancing at American Style Ballroom, Fort Wayne **7-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3,** \$6, 480-7070

DANCE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE Participatory circle dancing of meditation, joy, community and creating a peaceful world at Fort Wayne Dance Collective, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, fragrance-free, \$7, 424-6574 or 749-8090, www.fwdc. org/dup

DANCE INSTRUCTION

BALLROOM Social - Open dance and lessons at International Dance Arts Studio, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. Fridays (followed by social dancing until 10 p.m.), \$5, 416-7733

LINE DANCING - Dance instruction, Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, p.m. Thursdays, \$4, 490-5060

Salsa Loca! - Group salsa lesson at 816 Pint & Slice, Fort Wayne, 8-8:30 p.m. Saturdays (followed by social dancing until 10 p.m.) \$5, 416-7733

Salsa Loca! — Group salsa lesson at International Dance Arts Studio, Fort Wayne, **7-9 p.m. Saturdays** (followed by social dancing until 11 p.m.) \$5, 416-7733

son followed by open dance at K. Monique's Studio of Dance, Fort Wayne, 4:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. **Sundays** \$5, 624-7009

Salsa Sundays - Group salsa les-

Instruction

Evergreen Centerpiece — Create a beautiful centerpiece for your holiday table from fresh, mixed evergreens at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory Fort Wayne, 9-10:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, \$23-\$26, 438-0689, www.botanicalconservatory. org/

LEARN TO CURL - A educational session involving 30 minutes of classroom instruction, two hours of on the ice learning and a curling game at Lutheran Health Sports Center, Fort Wayne, **5:30-8 p.m. Saturday**, **Dec. 10**, \$20-\$25, 438-0689, fortwaynecurling.com/default.aspx

Yoga & ART Combo Class — Parents are invited to take a yoga class while their children are creating art at Artlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 and **December 14, and 28**, kids \$12-\$20, adults \$8-\$12, 424-7195, www. artlinkfw.com

SWEETWATER ACADEMY OF MUSIC Private lessons for a variety of instruments in rock, jazz, country and classical are available from a variety of professional instructors. ongoing weekly lessons, \$100 per month, 432-8176 ext. 1960, http:// academy.sweetwater.com

Spectator Sports

BASKETBALL

MAD ANTS — Upcoming home games at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne

FRIDAY, DEC. 09 vs. Springfield, 7:30

FRIDAY, DEC. 16 vs. lowa, 7:30 p.m. SUNDAY, DEC. 18 vs. Springfield, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22 vs. Sioux Falls, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23 vs. Austin, 7:30 p.m. FRIDAY, DEC. 30 vs. Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1 vs. Canton, 5 p.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 7 vs. Canton, 7:30

Sunday, Jan. 15 vs. Dakota, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 vs. Dakota, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 vs. Maine, 7 p.m. FRIDAY, FEB. 3 vs. Maine, 7:30 p.m. THURSDAY, FEB. 9 vs. Maine, 7 p.m. SUNDAY, FEB. 12 vs. Springfield, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16 vs. Erie, 7 p.m. FRIDAY, MAR. 2 vs. Dakota, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY, MAR. 3 vs. Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 8 vs. Maine, 7 p.m. SUNDAY, MAR. 11 vs. Tulsa. 5 p.m. THURSDAY, MAR. 15 vs. Erie, 7 p.m.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS — Basketball at the Memorial Coliseum. Fort Wayne, **7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19**, \$20-\$87.05, www.harlemglobetrotters.com

HOCKEY

Komets — Upcoming home games at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne THURSDAY, Nov. 24 vs. Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10 vs. Evansville, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11 vs. Dayton, 5 p.m. SATURDAY, DEC. 17 vs. Evansville, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 vs. Texas, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27 vs. Bloomington,

7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29 vs. Missouri, 7:30

SATURDAY, DEC. 31 vs. Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8 vs. Dayton, 5 p.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 13 vs. Bloomington, 8 p.m. FRIDAY, JAN. 20 vs. Tulsa, 8 p.m. SATURDAY, JAN. 21 vs. Tulsa, 7:30

FRIDAY, JAN. 6 vs. Dayton, 8 p.m.

p.m. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29 vs. Bloomington, 7:30 p.m

Sunday, Mar. 4 vs. Wichita, 5 p.m. FRIDAY, MAR. 9 vs. Evansville, 8 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 10 vs. Evansville, 7:30 p.m.

RACING

RUMBLE IN FORT WAYNE - Full midget racing shows at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, \$19.50-55, 483-1111, www.rumbleseries.com

Sports & Recreation

GINGERBREAD PURSUIT 4-MILER - A holiday road race through historic downtown at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, \$18, http://www.veepraces

com/?races=gingerbread-pursuit-2 GROUNDHOG OPEN — An indoor golf tournament on an 18-hole championship putting course laid out between the Grand Wayne Center, the Embassy Theater and the downtown Courtyard by Marriot to benefit downtown beautification, Fort Wayne, Feb. 2, 2012, \$100, 469-2700

Tours & Trips

CHICAGO - St. John's Orthodox Church is sponsoring a trip to downtown Chicago and Water Tower Place, Dec. 3, \$45, 483-4309

JAMAICA - An all Inclusive trip to the Riu Resort in Negril, Jamaica with Doc West and Rock 104. Feb. 11-18, \$1900, 747-1511, www.rock-104radio.com

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY - Join University of Saint Francis Students as they experience Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome under the leadership of a professional tour guide, May 7-17, 2012, \$3909, 399-7700, ext. 8001 LONDON AND PARIS— Travel with the

IPFW Department of Theatre and research opportunities in the art and architecture of these two cities as they relate to the theatre, May 9-21, 2012, \$5100, www.ipfw.edu/dcs/trips

December

VIVA LE NOEL — Enjoy a festive night of appetizers and wine provided by local restaurants while donating non-perishable food items and toiletries to the AIDS Task Force at Neuhouser Garden & Gifts, Fort Wayne, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, donations, www.neuhouser.com

Masquerade Ball — Masquerade Ball for ages 21 and over at Parkview Field Suite Level Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, \$40, ylni.org/

January

MIZPAH SHRINE CIRCUS - At the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26; 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27; 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28; and 1 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, \$10-\$20, 422-7122, www. mizpahcircus.com

-- Movie Times • Thursday-Wednesday, December 1-7---

OPENING THIS WEEK

(3D), 9:00

Fri.-Sat.: 11:15 (3D), 1:40, 4:25 (3D),

6:40 (3D), 9:00 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

7:25, 7:35 (3D), 9:55, 10:05 (3D)

7:25, 8:05 (3D), 10:10, 10:35 (3D)

6:40 (3D), 9:00, 11:20 **Sun.-Wed.:** 11:15 (3D), 1:40, 4:25 (3D),

Thurs.: 1:00, 1:10 (3D), 3:50, 4:00 (3D),

Fri.: 12:40, 1:05 (3D), 3:45, 4:00 (3D),

Sat.: 11:55, 12:20 (3D), 2:25, 2:55 (3D),

4:55, 5:30 (3D), 7:25, 8:05 (3D), 10:10,

Sun.: 11:55, 12:20 (3D), 2:25, 2:55 (3D),

4:55, 5:30 (3D), 7:25, 8:05 (3D), 10:10 Mon.-Wed.: 12:40, 1:05 (3D), 3:45, 4:00 (3D), 6:50, 7:25 (3D), 9:55, 10:10 (3D)

Sat.: 12:00 (3D), 2:30, 4:45 (3D), 7:00,

Sun.: 12:00 (3D), 2:30, 4:45 (3D), 7:00 Mon.-Wed.: 4:45 (3D), 7:00

• Northwood Cinema Grill, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 4:15, 7:00

Sat.-Sun.: 1:30, 3:45, 6:15

STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE

THE BIG YEAR (PG) — Steve Martin, Jack

Black and Owen Wilson star in this com-

NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW

Thurs.: 4:45 (3D), 7:00

Fri.: 4:00 6:30

Mon.-Wed.: 6:30

Thurs.-Fri.: 7:15

Thurs.: 7:15

Sat.-Sun.: 2:00, 7:15

Fri.: 4:45 (3D), 7:00, 9:15 (3D)

\Margin Call (R)

The Mill and the Cross (NR)

50/50 (R) — Fifty percent comedy, fifty percent drama and starring Seth Rogan and Joseph Gordon-Levitt as two friends, one of whom has cancer.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15 Fri.-Wed.: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

ABDUCTION (PG) — Taylor Lautner (of Twilight renown) stars in this John Singleton-directed action thriller about a kid who discovers he (1) is not who he thinks he is and (2) has been targeted by trained assassins.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Dec. 1

Thurs.: 12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) — A wannabe Christmas classic about Santa's dysfunctional family and the high-tech equipment they use to deliver presents.

CARMIKE 18. FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:45 (3D), 12:45, 2:15 (3D), 3:40, 4:50 (3D), 6:15, 7:20 (3D), 9:00 Fri.-Wed.: 1:20, 2:00 (3D), 3:40, 4:40 (3D), 6:00, 7:40 (3D), 8:20

COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:50 (3D), 2:20 (3D), 4:35 (3D), 6:55 (3D), 7:35, 9:25 (3D)

Fri.-Wed.: 1:35 (3D), 4:15 (3D), 4:45,6:55

edy directed by David Frankel (Marley & Huntington 7, Huntington Me, The Devil Wears Prada). Thurs.: 11:15 (3D), 1:40, 4:25 (3D), 6:40

 COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:00, 2:15, 7:15 Fri.-Wed.: 12:05, 2:30, 4:55

CARS 2 (G) — The usual suspects are back, including Lightning McQueen, in this Pixar animated children's comedy about a bunch of cars racing their way around the globe.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Dec. 1 Thurs.: 12:00, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55

CONTAGION (PG13) - An all-star cast (Matt Damon, Jude Law, Kate Winslet, Gwyneth Paltrow) star in this taut, scrary bio-thriller directed by Steven Soderbergh (Traffic, Erin Brockovich).

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10 Fri.-Wed.: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50

COURAGEOUS (PG13) — Alex Kendrick (Fireproof, Facing the Giants) directs this Christian-based drama about cops and family life.

• CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:40, 5:00, 7:50 Fri.-Wed.: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

COWBOYS & ALIENS (PG13) - Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford and Olivia Wilde star in this highly anticipated action flick about, well, cowboys and aliens. Jon Favreau (Iron

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20 DOLPHIN TALE (PG) — Feel-good family fare starring Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman and, of course, an imperiled dolphin.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Dec. 2 Fri.-Wed.: 12:55, 4:05, 6:55, 9:25

FOOTLOOSE (PG) — An update on the 1984 classic from writer/director Craig Brewer (Hustle & Flow). Kenny Wormald, Andie MacDowell, Julianne Hough and Dennis Quaid star

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 1:05, 3:45, 7:05, 9:35

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) - A second dose of the singing and dancing penguins featuring the voices of Elija Wood, Robin Williams, Pink and Common.

• CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE **Thurs.:** 12:00, 1:15, 1:30 (3D), 2:40, 3:45, 4:00 (3D), 5:15, 6:20, 6:30 (3D), 7:50, 9:00, 9:10 (3D) Fri.-Wed.: 1:40 (3D), 1:50, 4:20 (3D),

4:30, 6:50 (3D), 9:20 (3D) COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.:1:20 (3D), 3:00, 3:50 (3D), 6:30 (3D), 7:50, 9:10 (3D) Fri.-Wed.: 1:20, 2:00 (3D), 3:50, 4:30

(3D), 6:30, 7:10 (3D), 9:30 (3D)

• HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON
Thurs.: 11:10, 1:45 (3D), 4:00, 6:30, 9:05

Fri.-Sat.: 11:10, 1:45 (3D), 4:00, 6:30, 9:05 (3D), 11:25

Sun.-Wed.: 11:10, 1:45 (3D), 4:00, 6:30,

Fri.: 12:55 (IMAX 3D), 1:00, 1:25 (3D), 3:35 (IMAX 3D), 3:55, 4:20 (3D), 6:35 (IMAX 3D), 7:50, 8:15 (3D), 9:35 (IMAX 3D), 10:20, 10:45 (3D) Sat.: 11:50, 12:10 (3D), 12:40 (IMAX 3D) 2:30, 2:50 (3D), 3:40 (IMAX 3D), 5:00, 5:25 (3D), 6:35 (IMAX 3D), 7:50, 8:15 (3D), 9:35 (IMAX 3D), 10:20, 10:45 (3D) Sun.: 11:50, 12:10 (3D), 12:40 (IMAX 3D), 2:30, 2:50 (3D), 3:40 (IMAX 3D), 5:00, 5:25 (3D), 6:35 (IMAX 3D), 7:50, 8:15 (3D), 9:35 (IMAX 3D), 10:20 Mon.-Wed.: 12:45 (IMAX 3D), 1:00, 1:25 (3D), 3:40 (IMAX 3D), 3:55, 4:20 (3D), 6:45 (IMAX 3D), 7:05, 7:35 (3D), 9:50 (IMAX 3D), 10:05 NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW

• JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:50, 1:00 (IMAX 3D), 1:10

(3D), 3:20, 3:50 (3D), 4:00 (IMAX 3D), 6:35 (IMAX 3D), 7:05, 7:35 (3D), 9:40 (IMAX 3D), 9:50, 10:05 (3D)

Thurs.: 4:30 (3D), 6:45 Fri.-Sat.: 12:00 (3D), 2:15, 4:30 (3D), 6:45, 9:00 (3D) Fri.: 4:30 (3D), 6:45, 9:00 (3D)

Sat.: 12:00 (3D), 2:15, 4:30 (3D), 6:45,

Sun.: 12:00 (3D), 2:15, 4:30 (3D), 6:45 Mon.-Wed.: 4:30 (3D), 6:45

NORTHWOOD CINEMA GRILL, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 4:00, 6:30 Fri.: 4:15, 7:15

Sat.: 1:45, 4:15, 7:00 Sun.: 1:45, 4:15, 6:30 Mon.-Wed.: 6:45

· SILVER SCREEN CINEMA, GARRETT Thurs.-Fri.: 7:00

Cinema Center's Celebration of Artistic Expression

Back in the day, artists were supposed to suffer for their art – and in various and many ways they did.

But I mean really back in the day. Artists, at least for the last few decades, have been having a lot more fun. I'm not saying an artist's life is easy, but at least today in

our country artists are free to express what they want and take pleasure in doing so. This Saturday night at Cinema Center you can bear witness to the great humor, talent and generosity of today's artists. For contrast, you can also get a scary taste of what life and art used to be.

This Saturday Cinema Center hosts the eighth year of Artament, a fundraiser to support the presentation of great films in our community. Each year local artists create works of art

that they donate to Cinema Center for a party and silent auction. There is a twist: a little constraint on artistic freedom. These works of art are supposed to be modest in size and hangable. So they really do twist - because they are hanging on a string. (There are always a few exceptions to size and hangability, but hey, artists travel to the beat of their

The quality and diversity of the art isn't the only way you can tell artists are having more fun these days. Since Artament isn't possible without the artists, they attend the event as guests of Cinema Center. Sure, they like to have a good time, and they also like to see what their colleagues have made of the challenge. As more than one artist has said, "I get really inspired seeing what other artists have done. It gets me thinking about what I could do differently for next year's

This year the art works are more creative than ever. Some artists take the opportunity to create something that could hang on a tree. Of these, a few are in a traditional mode; and more are in a comedic or ironic mode. Very

> few couldn't hang in a favorite spot in any house during most seasons.

Because this event celebrates movies, there are several. movie-themed pieces. Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman fans



on "Tinsel Town," shiny memorial two great stars and the city they

bid

ruled, courtesy of Kathy Todoran. Justin Henry Miller has made a candy corn-colored, two-faced scare fest, "Freddy Facemelter."

Thom Johnston has contributed a caustic, minimal piece with a holiday twist. Titled "A Cartridge in a Bare Tree," you have to pay close attention or you'll miss the inspiration.

Some artists who have participated for many years are continuing personal traditions. Julia Meek has created several pieces



to celebrate women filmmakers. This year's piece is a stunner, "Cisne Azul," celebrating Marcela Fernandez Violante (this isn't the first year she has started with a gourd and turned it into a swan to make a tribute to a filmmaker). Paul Siefert, who makes art from found objects and has favored beer bottle caps often, has this year donated a hanging bar lamp made from beer-related materials. Paul Demaree, who makes beautiful wood cut prints, has turned his prints into spinning cylinders of art.

A more generous sampling of the art and artists can be found in the Artament gallery at the Cinema Center website.

The culinary arts are also part of Saturday's festivities, and J.K. O'Donnell's is again providing a delicious sampling of great, grazing pub food and a selection of beers and wine to satisfy many palates.

After the festivities, there will be a screening of The Mill and the Cross which will be playing throughout the week. (If you can't stay for the film on Saturday night, you can pick a pass to see it or any other Cinema Center film, as a movie is part of the \$25

The jolly men of Monty Python claimed that "No one expects the Spanish Inquisition." Contemporary moviegoers certainly don't, but there is a scary dose of it in The Mill and the Cross. The subject of the film is the creation of Pieter Bruegel's "The Road to Calvary," a painting depicting the passion of Christ, painted in 1564 and using the occupation of Flanders by the Spanish as a contemporary setting for Christ's journey.

The film delves in to how the piece was conceived and painted. Rutger Hauer plays Bruegel. Charlotte Rampling plays his wife. his model in many paintings, the model for Mary in this one. Michael York plays the patron art lover who commissions the painting and asks questions about its composition and

In The Mill and the Cross the landscape comes to life and is filmed in a stunning recreation of the style of Bruegel. What also comes to life, without much explanation, is the violent tyranny of the Spanish, putting down the Protestant peasants. The disparity between poverty and privilege is stark, to put it mildly.

Bruegel was one of the first artists to make the life of peasants the subjects of his paintings. He loved landscapes, and he loved the people who made them come alive. The little flashes of enjoying life come from the peasants, not from their well-dressed over-

Director Lech Majewski has made a film that is a strange mix of beauty and ugliness. Artists had to do what they were told, but the brunt of the suffering was saved for the little people. The final images of The Mill and the Cross – a brilliant illustration of the infinite portraits of humanity that have anf can be drawn - will stay with you. They are probably best viewed from the comfort of having just finished some fine art, food and company in the cozy confines of modern life.

Catherine Lee is the executive director of Fort Wayne Cinema Center, the only independently operated movie theater in Fort Wayne, specializing in independent, foreign, documentary, specialty and classic films.

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Mon.-Wed.: 7:00

HARRY POTTER & THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 2 (PG13) — Harry, Hermoine and Ron are back to battle He Who Must Not Be Named and his legion of Death Eaters in the movie adaptation of the final (sigh) book of this beloved teen series from JK Rowling.

 COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Dec. 1 Thurs.: 4:30, 9:30

THE HELP (PG13) — The celebrated novel about race and sisterhood in 1960s Mississippi is brought to the big screen by Director Tate Taylor.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

HIGHER GROUND (R) — Vera Farmiga directed and starred in a drama about a woman's struggles with faith and trust.

CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Dec. 1 Thurs.: 6:15

HUGO (PG) - Martin Scorsese's highly antici-

pated adaptation of the Brian Selznick novel, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, stars Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen

and Asa Butterfield.

Cammike 18, Fort Wayne
Starts Friday, Dec.2
Fri.-Wed.: 1:20 (3D), 2:20, 4:20 (3D), 5:20, 7:20 (3D), 8:30

· COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 3:40 (3D), 4:45, 6:50 (3D), 9:50 (3D), 10:25 Fri.-Wed.: 1:05 (3D), 1:50, 3:55 (3D), 6:45 (3D), 7:35, 9:45 (3D)

 Jefferson Pointe 18, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 12:30, 1:20 (3D), 3:30 (3D), 4:20 (3D), 6:55, 7:15 (3D), 10:10 (3D) (3D), 6:55, 7:15 (3D), 10:10 (3D) (3D), 7:35 (3D), 3:40 (3D), 4:40, 6:40 (3D), 7:35 (3D), 9:40 (3D), 10:40

(3D) Sat.: 12:05, 12:35 (3D), 3:00, 3:35 (3D), 6:40 (3D), 7:35 (3D), 9:40 (3D), 10:40

Sun.: 12:05, 12:35 (3D), 3:00, 3:35 (3D), 6:40 (3D), 7:35 (3D), 9:40 (3D), 10:30

Mon.-Wed.: 12:40, 1:10 (3D), 4:05 (3D), 5:05, 7:00 (3D), 8:05 (3D), 10:00 (3D)

• NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW

Fri.: 4:45, 5:15 (3D), 8:45 (3D) **Sat.:** 12:15 (3D), 1:00, 3:15 (3D), 4:45, 6:00 (3D), 8:45 (3D) Sun.: 12:15 (3D), 1:00, 3:15 (3D), 4:45,

Mon.-Wed.: 4:45, 6:00 (3D)

THE IDES OF MARCH (R) — A George Clooney-directed political drama featuring an all-star cast: Clooney, Ryan Gosling, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Paul Giamatti, Marisa Tomei and Evan Rachel Wood.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55 · COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Dec. 2

Double feature with Moneyball Fri.-Wed.: 1:25, 6:50

• Jefferson Pointe 18, Fort Wayne Fri.: 3:45, 10:25 Sat.-Sun.: 4:25, 10:25

Mon.-Wed.: 3:45, 9:55

IMMORTALS (R) — From the production team behind 300, this fantasy drama pits Theseus (Henry Cavill) against the bloodthirsty tyrant King Hyperion (Mickey

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8:20, 9:50 (3D)
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9:45, 10:10 (3D) · COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

All showings in 3D Thurs.: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 Fri.-Wed.: 1:45, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50

 Huntington 7, Huntington Thurs.: 6:35, 9:15 Fri.-Sat.: 6:35, 9:15, 11:45 Sun.-Tues.: 6:35, 9:15

• JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:50 (3D), 3:40 (3D), 7:05, 10:00

Fri.: 12:50, 4:25, 7:05, 11:00 **Sat.:** 12:55, 3:55, 7:05, 11:00 **Sun.:** 12:55, 3:55, 7:05 Mon.-Wed.: 12:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

• NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Ends Thursday, Dec. 1 Thurs.: 6:15 (3D)

IN TIME (PG13) — Justin Timberlake, Cillian Murphy and Amanda Seyfried star in this sci-fi murder mystery directed by Andrew Niccol (Gattaca, Lord of War).

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

J. EDGAR (R) — Clint Eastwood directs this bio-pick featuring Leonardo DiCaprio as the controversial head of the F.B.I. Naomi Watts, Judi Dench and Armie

Hammer co-star. • CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:15, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30 Fri.-Wed.: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

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Fri.: 12:35, 3:50, 7:55, 10:00 **Sat.-Sun.:** 1:00, 4:05, 7:55, 10:00 Mon.-Wed.: 12:35, 3:50, 6:55, 10:05

JACK & JILL (PG) - An Adam Sandler comedy (directed by Dennis Dugan) about an ad executive (Sandler) who dreads the annual Thanksgiving visit by his sister (also Sandler). Katie Holmes co-stars.

CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:20, 12:20, 1:40, 2:50, 4:15, 5:10, 6:45, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00 Fri.-Mon.: 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:30. 9:15

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Mon.-Wed.: 1:20, 4:25, 7:40, 10:10 • NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW **Thurs.:** 5:10, 7:10

Fri.: 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Sat.: 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Sun.: 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10
Mon.-Wed.: 5:10, 7:10

MARGIN CALL (R) - Kevin Spacey leads an all-star cast in this financial drama involving an investment firm during the early stages of the 2008 financial crisis

CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Dec. 1

Fri.: 6:30 Sat.: 2:00, 4:00 Sun.: 4:00 Mon.-Tues.: 8:30 Wed.: 6:30

THE MILL AND THE CROSS (Not Rated) -Director Lech Majewski brings combines art, history and religion in this innovative film about Pieter Bruegel's masterpiece, The Way to Calvary. Rutger Hauer stars as the Flemish artist.

CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Starts Saturday, Dec. 2

Sat.: 9:00 Sun.: 2:00 Mon.-Tues.: 6:30 Wed.: 8:30

MONEYBALL (PG13) - Brad Pitt plays Billy Beane, the general manager of the Oakland A's, a small-market baseball team if there ever was one • COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

SCREENS

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GARRETT Auburn-Garrett Drive-In, 260-357-3474 Silver Screen Cinema, 260-357-3345 HUNTINGTON

Huntington 7, 260-359-TIME Huntington Drive-In, 260-356-5445

KENDALLVILLE Strand Theatre, 221 S. Main, 260-347-3558 WARSAW

North Pointe 9, 574-267-1985 Times subject to change after presstime. Call theatres first to verify schedules.

Starts Friday, Dec. 2 Double feature with The Ides of March Fri.-Wed.: 1:25, 6:50

· JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

Fri.: 12:40, 7:10 Sat.-Sun.: 12:50, 7:10 Mon.-Wed.: 12:40, 6:50

THE MUPPETS (PG) — The Muppets are back to once again save the muppet theater from those who seek to destroy it. Jason Segel, Amy Adams, and Chris Cooper star.

• CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:10, 12:30, 2:00, 3:20, 4:45, 6:00, 7:30, 8:50

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6:45. 7:20. 9:45. 10:15

North Pointe 9, Warsaw Thurs.: 4:30, 7:00

Fri.: 4:30, 6:45, 8:50 Sat.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:50

Sun.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 Mon.-Wed.: 4:30, 6:45

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 3 (R) — Early reviews say this is one scary movie. Directed by Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman (Catfish).

 CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Dec. 1 Thurs.: 2:40, 9:45

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Dec. 2 Fri.-Wed.: 12:15, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:10

PUSS IN BOOTS (G) — Antonio Banderas reprises his character from the *Shrek* franchise in this Dreamworks animated film. Salma Hayek, Amy Sedaris and Zach Galiflanakis co-star.

CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:00 (3D), 12:50, 2:15 (3D), 3:10, 4:30 (3D), 5:30, 7:40 Fri.-Wed.: 1:40 (3D), 2:00, 4:40 (3D), 4:50. 8:00

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Wed.: 1:10, 3:15 Huntington 7, Huntington Daily: 11:30, 2:00, 4:20

• JEFFERSON 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:05, 3:55, 7:20

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Fri.: 1:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25 Sat.-Sun.: 11:35, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25 Mon.-Wed.: 1:20, 4:25, 7:45, 10:10 NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW

Fri.: 4:30, 6:45, 9:00 Sat.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00 **Sun.:** 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45 Mon.-Wed.: 4:30, 6:45

REAL STEEL (PG13) - A down-on-his-luck dad (Hugh Jackman) brings a human element to this CG-riddled Disney film about fighting robots that aren't Transformers. Seriously.

· CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:50, 2:50, 5:45, 8:40 Fri.-Mon.: 7:10, 10:00

Tues.: 10:00 Wed.: 7:10, 10:00

RISE OF THE PLANETS OF THE APES (PG13) — James Franco stars in this revival of *The Planet of the Apes* franchise, with WETA Digital (Avatar, LOTR) behind the special effects and a relatively unknown director, Rupert Wyatt, at the helm.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05

THE RUM DIARY (R) — Bruce Robinson (Withnail and I) directs this adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson's first novel, with Johnny Depp again playing Thompson's protagonist, a journalist in Puerto Rico. Richard Jenkins, Aaron Eckhart and Amber Heard co-star

 COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Dec. 2 Fri.-Wed.: 1:00, 3:45, 6:55, 9:30

THE SMURFS (PG) — The blue crew get animated for the big screen in this film by Director Raja Gosnell (Beverly Hills Chihuahua).

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50 Fri.-Wed.: 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

THE THREE MUSKETEERS (PG13) -Logan Lerman (*Percy Jackson*) stars as D'Artagnan in this poorly reviewed update of the Dumas classic. Paul W.S. Anderson (Death Race, Resident Evil) directs.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45 Fri.-Wed.: 7:20, 9:45

TOWER HEIST (PG13) — Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck and Ferris Bueller team up in this timely comedy caper about exacting revenge on a Wall Street swindler.

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• Jefferson Pointe 18, Fort Wayne
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Fri.: 1:25, 4:20, 8:20, 10:55

Sat.: 11:40, 2:35, 5:15, 8:20, 10:55

Sun.: 11:40, 2:35, 5:15, 8:20

Mon.-Wed.: 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 10:05

· COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

North Pointe 9, Warsaw Thurs.: 4:45, 7:00 Fri.-Sat.: 7:15, 9:15 Sun.-Wed.: 7:15

TUCKER & DALE VS. EVIL (R) — Tucker & Dale are on vacation at their dilapidated mountain cabin when they are attacked by a group of preppy college kids in this horror comedy by Eli Craig.

• CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 8:30

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN PART 1 (PG13) - Bella and Edward tie the knot, settle down, have a kid, and then all hell breaks loose. Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner star.

• CARMIKE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 11:00, 11:30, 12:10, 1:00, 1:50, 2:30, 3:00, 3:50, 4:40, 5:20, 5:50, 7:00, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:50 Fri.-Mon.: 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10,

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Wed.: 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 3:30, 4:10, 4:50, 5:30, 6:10, 6:50, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:30, 10:10

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**Huntington 7, Huntington

Thurs.: 11:00, 11:20, 1:35, 1:55, 4:10, 4:30, 6:45, 7:05, 9:20, 9:40

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Dawn Hanging On

Opening This Weekend: With last weekend's Thanksgiving crop heavy-hitting newcomers still going strong, there are no major films set for re-

lease in the U.S. this week. A few small movies will open and a few others will expand, but, mostly, this week we have no big new releases. Have no fear; the new stuff picks back up next week and hits heavy through the end of the year. More on that below, in the first

Tops at the Box: Despite a number of holiday season releases that saw holiday season promotion, the latest Twilight film, Breaking Dawn Part 1 took the No. 1 spot at the box office for the second straight week, bringing in \$50 million over the four-day weekend. Over its first 10 days the film has made \$221 million in the U.S. and \$268 million in foreign markets, making it not only one of the five biggest films of the past year but, according to IMDB, the biggest selling "pregnancy film" of alltime, recently passing Knocked Up and Juno. Also on that list? Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire. We totally forgot that Precious' dad put a bun in her oven. All we remembered, really, was Mariah's hair. Getting back to Twilight, despite doing very well, the new film is actually performing below studio expectations, selling slightly more slowly than New Moon.

More From the Box: Buena Vista's Muppets reboot, The Muppets (No. 2 at last weekend's holiday box office), directed by James Bobin and written by Jason Segel (who also stars alongside Amy Adams), did better than expected over its first weekend, selling \$42 million over the four-day weekend. As popular as the Muppets are, none of the films have ever done too well in the theater, so don't be surprised if The Muppets quickly ends up the No. 1 Muppets flick of all-time.

Happy Feet Two, a sequel expected to do huge dollars, took the No. 3 spot last weekend with \$13.4 million in U.S. sales. Thus far the film has only grossed \$43 million over its first 10 days. Lousy, when you consider the production and promotional budgets.

Arthur Christmas took the No. 4 spot over the weekend, selling \$17 million over its first weekend. Not bad, but also not nearly up to studio expectations.

Rounding out the Top 5 last weekend was Martin Scorsese's Hugo, a big budget fantasy adventure film set in 1930s Paris and loosely structured around the film work of innovative French short



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film director Georges Melies Despite its big budget, endless marketing and holiday season release date, the film only sold \$11.3 in tickets over its first four days. Not good. Regardless, we saw the movie and thought it was beautiful, if imperfect. Hopefully it sells better next weekend.

The film that interested the ScreenTime staff so much this past weekend, Alexander Payne's latest, The Descendants, never made it to Fort Wayne for some reason. Playing at only 433 theaters across the country (the average theater count for every other film in the Top 10 was 2,700), the movie starring George Clooney, sold \$7.2 million in tickets, upping its short run total to over \$10 million in sales - an outstanding per-theater average. Payne's flick, which is getting some of the best reviews of 2011, should expand soon and will no doubt stand as the indie hit of the year. Can't hardly wait.

ScreenRant 1: Before the end of 2011 we have quite a few notable movies opening. Oscar bait mostly, but also some popcorn flicks and children's films. On December 21 alone six could-be huge flicks open, including two from the biggest director of all time. Steven Spielberg, a new Mission: Impossible movie and a heavily promoted David Fincher remake. Not counting the incredible

looking crop of indie movies that likely won't come to smaller markets any time soon (Shame, The Iron Lady, Pariah, Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, In the Land of Blood and Honey, The Lady Carnage, We Need to Talk About Kevin, I Melt With You and Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy), we've put together a ranked list of the movies we're looking forward to most through December, and here it is: 1. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (Fincher); 2. The Descendants (expansion, Payne); 3. Young Adult (Jason Reitman); 4. The Sitter (David Gordon Green); 5. War Horse (Spielberg); 6. Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (Brad Bird); 7. The Adventures of Tintin (Spielberg); 8. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (Guy Ritchie): 9. We Bought a Zoo (Cameron Crowe); 10. The Darkest Hour (Chris Gorak). Clearly, the ranked list doesn't hold up against the list of promising indie flicks that will likely only play in New York City. Los Angeles and Chicago before

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costumes) often and quickly, adding to the creative frenzy you see (or don't see) on stage. With Louise Heckaman's detailed costumes, organization and accomplished dressers, these actors have the opportunity to stay focused and concentrate on the acting.

Working with actors is my favorite thing to do. Watching each character develop through creating, discovering, failing and succeeding together throughout the rehearsal process is a journey I always love to take. Actors Michael Bartkiewicz and Nick Tash have made each rehearsal a joy, and I am amazed and blessed that they have worked so hard and fast on this show. Starting with the first read-throughs and movement rehearsals, I knew I had two actors that wanted to be challenged and also have the talent to make this show look "easy" again.

We've only been working with each other for a month (by the time *Tuna* opens), but what a lovely month it has been!

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the end of 2011.

ScreenRant 2: We recently checked out three new-to-homevideo releases, all of which hardly made any money while in theatrical release yet easily rank amongst our 20 or so favorite films of 2011. First we have Putty Hill, an uberstylized drama from Baltimore director Matthew Porterfield that features the screen debut of future star Sky Ferreira. Released in February of this year, the movie sold less than \$50,000 in tickets despite getting incredible reviews (including a perfect score from Roger Ebert). The second our initial viewing of the film ended we instantly started the thing over, anxious to revisit Porterfield's wild batch of ideas. Great, great low budget flick that somehow manages to channel the unlikely imagination of a mid-60s Jean-Luc Godard.

Next up is the killer comedy Tucker and Dale vs. Evil, a film that made only \$218,000 during its two-month theatrical run in the U.S. – this despite some serious film festival buzz. Out on DVD this coming Tuesday, November 29 and currently available as a digital rental, we at the Screen-Time Ranch get the feeling that this very fun, very bloody horror/ comedy could see a home video success similar to what Napoleon Dynamite saw a few years ago.

Next we have The Devil's Double, a drama that cost \$20 million to make and only sold about \$1.3 million in tickets when it was release in August (again, this is another film made for festivals, not cineplexes). Dominic Cooper stars

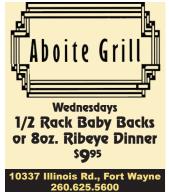


as both Uday Hussein, Saddam's sadistic son who was known for killing and raping countless women, and Latif Yahia, Uday's body double who attempts to stop him from killing innocent people. A flawed film, for sure, but one that's certainly worth watching. If not the others, we highly suggest challenging yourself with Porterfield's beautiful and strange second feature, Putty Hill.

Home Video: A huge number of DVD and Blu-ray releases are scheduled for this coming Tuesday, December 6, including Cowboys and Aliens, Mr. Popper's Penguins, The Debt, The Hangover Part II, The Help, Fright Night, Kung Fu Panda 2, Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Tanner Hall, The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 and many more. Also: The Smurfs, Seven Days in Utopia and Friends with Benefits come out this Friday, December 2.

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