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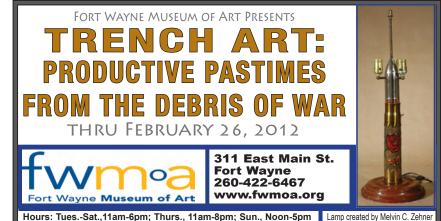
ven though we're hard at work on Fort Wayne's musical event of the year — the 12th annual Whammy Award Show (make the following calendar notation: Thursday, March 1, 7 p.m. at Piere's; take a personal day off work on Friday) — we haven't lost sight of our No. 1 job: bringing you all there is to do in and around northeast Indiana.

And if we do say so ourselves, there's a lot to do, as a turn through these pages will easily prove. We begin this week with an R&B/hip-hop love letter — Jagged Edge and Fatima Washington, who along with Shai play Piere's Friday, February 10 — on pages 4 and 5, respectively. Mark Hunter and Deb Kennedy provide the details. On page 6, Susie Suraci profiles Beth Albright, a recent arrival on Fort Wayne arts scene whose acrylic-on-canvas works will be showcased at Fort Wayne's Orchard Gallery in February. Rounding out our lineup of feature stories this week is Jane Austen's Emma, an all for One production playing right now at the Allen County Public Library. Kathleen Christian's story is on page 7.

There's plenty more to see and read in these pages, so grab yourself a highlighter and start marking up these pages so you don't miss a thing. As you know, we ask but one thing in return: that you tell everyone you see and meet when you're out and about that whatzup sent you.

Okay, there's one other thing: Get March 1 marked on your calendar. We've got lots of surprises up our sleeves for this year's Whammys. Don't miss them.

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----- Cover Story • Jagged Edge A Little Love Music

By Mark Hunter

The R&B vocal quartet Jagged Edge have made a 15-year career of turning out music with infectious melodies adorned with graceful harmonies, a feat that is much more difficult than it would seem. While contemporaries and pioneers of the modern R&B era have come and gone, Jagged Edge have managed to float above the tumult of the ever-changing music industry by con-

centrating on their music and their fans and on the sometimes difficult job of bringing the two together and keeping them that way.

Jagged Edge bring their multiplatinum talent to Piere's Entertainment Center Friday, February 10. Opening for Jagged Edge will be Shai and Fort Wayne's own fantastic Fatima Washington.

With the 2011 release of The Remedy, group's

seventh studio record, Jagged Edge have not so much made a return to form as a refining of it. When they first hit the scene in 1997, the guys in Jagged Edge (twin brothers Brian and Brandon Casey, Kyle Norman and Richard Wingo) were one of a number of new-era R&B vocal groups, groups such as Jodeci, 112, Guy, Silk, Shai and After 7. Each of those bands, which formed throughout the 1990s, carved out a small slice of the R&B pie with exceptional harmonies and varying degrees of bravado. But today, 2012, Jagged Edge are the only ones still writing new music and still finding a loyal fanbase.

Norman told About.com's Mark Edward Nero about the recent release of Jagged Edge's first and only mixtape and how careful choices have helped keep their fans interested.

Each year is a different year, so we gain fans every month, every week, every year, and we got an older audience as well as a younger audience," Norman told Nero. "So we just thought it would be a great idea for them to hear what we have new, as well as the old. We're proud of it. We consider ourselves the last band standing, so whatever we need to do to keep that name out there, we're definitely gonna make it happen."

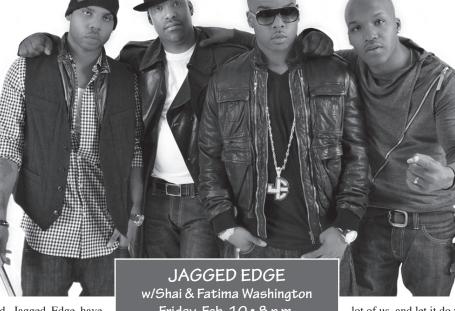
Jagged Edge formed in the mid-90s in

Atlanta when the brothers Casey got together with a friend from church, Kyle Norman. Wingo was added a little later at the suggestion of Xcape's Kandi Buress. Buress took the nascent band's demo to producer Jermaine Dupri. Dupri (who continued to produce Jagged Edge through the release of 2007's Baby Makin' Project) signed them to his So So Def label, and in the summer of 1997 released their debut single, "The Way That You Talk," featuring appearances by 2006, respectively.

If the titles of Jagged Edge's songs sound at odds with the name of the band, that's all part of the plan. Tattoos and motorcycles adorn their bodies and album covers, rough but smooth defines their sound. It works. They have their songwriting formula which covers the familiar ground of love lust, sex and heartbreak. The trick is in keeping it fresh.

"We try to give our fans what they love,"

Brandon Casey told Nero about The Remedy. "I gotta give the fans what they love us for, and I feel like this album is no different. We're givin' 'em what they love us for, as well as what if you listen to music today in 2011, there's certain trends and certain fads that go on inside of music, and sonically we try to incorporate that into what we already do. You get a little bit of right now



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Dupri and Da Brat. That single reached the Top 40 of the R&B chart and was also a pop chart entry.

Early in 1998, Jagged Edge released their first album, A Jagged Era, which went gold and spawned the Top 20 R&B, Top 40 pop hit "Gotta Be."

With Dupri in the producer's chair and the Casey twins writing talents, Jagged Edge stake out its position in the R&B vocal field. The next record, 2000's J.E. Heartbreak topped the R&B chart and hit the Top 10 of the pop chart, selling over 2 million copies and contained the No. 1 R&B hits "Let's Get Married" (also Top 20 pop) and "Promise' (also Top 10 pop).

Jagged Edge's third album, Jagged Little Thrill, came out in late June 2001. By then its leadoff single, "Where the Party At" (which featured Nelly), was nearing the R&B Top 10 and was in the pop Top 40. Hard and Jagged Edge followed in 2003 and

and you get a lot of us, and let it do what it do." Keeping up with the change in the music scene have kept the Casey twins and Jagged Edge on toes. The Remedy, according to Brandon is Jagged Edge's answer to what their fans, and music fans in general.

"For the last few years, I hear so many people say how radio ain't what it used to be, how it ain't givin' 'em certain things like they feel like it should," he told Nero. "We all love the newness and innovation that we hear every day on the radio, but at the same time, it's certain things that we feel like we're missing. And we felt like this album, after sitting back for a minute, and trying to fill in the gaps in radio, that this album was the remedy to what people was talking? about. 'Cause it is still new enough for you to get your groove on, it is still trendy and hip enough to do whatever it is with whatever you wanna do with any other hip-hop

"But at the same time, we're givin' you meat that you might not get in newer R&B records or newer hip-hop records. We give you real topics, we're still always gonna talk about love and relationships 'cause that's the thing most relatable to most people, and we always wanna touch as many people as pos-

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------ Vover Story • Fatima Washington ------

A Star Rises in The Fort

By Deborah Kennedy

You just might be laboring under the misapprehension that rising star Fatima Washington doesn't live here anymore. In fact, the young R&B singer is still a resident of Fort Wayne, but it's getting increasingly difficult to catch her act now that urban centers like Atlanta, Pittsburgh and Lexington

are demanding more and more of her attention.

And there's a good chance that, in the wake of the release of her stunning full-length debut, A Part of Me, we could be seeing even less of her in the fu-

It's the bittersweet side to life in Fort Wayne. This is a town that loves its music and embraces its musicians, but local fans also understand that many of their favorite bands and artists will eventually flee the small pond for something larger, and Washington is definitely a diva on the brink of a big break.

The possibility that Washington could be seeking a life under brighter lights in a bigger city is just one reason to check her out when she opens for Jagged Edge at Piere's

Friday, February 10. But really, do you need reason beyond (a) that classically trained voice and (b) those infectious, clever lyrics that bring together the best elements of hip-hop and R&B for one irresistible, completely

danceable

Methinks not. In a recent phone conversation, Washington said she's grateful to have gotten her start in Fort Wayne because it allowed her to both fail and excel on her own terms.

"I got to get my feet wet in a place where people care about me," she said. "I feel lucky because people would tell me nicely if maybe I shouldn't sing a certain song again or try that move. It's not like I was ever booed off stage here if I mess up like I might have been in New York or L.A., and I've had the chance to build my confidence and discover who I am as an artist in an honest way without someone trying to change me to make me 'more marketable.""

Artistic growth is a key component

of A Part of Me, a 12-tracker that includes not only new songs but also ones she wrote when she was just cutting her teeth. It might not be obvious to the listener (it wasn't to me), but Washington can easily distinguish between those songs that showcase a growing confidence in her own abilities and those

that clearly display some of the trappings of

"When I first started writing for the project I was kind of feeling my way through Falima Washing life," she said. "I was really just finding my footing and that's clear in songs like 'Melt Away,' and 'Promise' where you can tell they're about figuring out

what I needed, where I was going. You can kind of hear how 'Melt Away' feels very young, very timid. And then there's something like 'Please,' which is very sassy. It's like, 'I know what I've got. I know what you want, and this is how you're going to get it."

Washington had good reason to be a little bit cocky at the end. After all, she survived a computer crash and a robbery that erased much of her early recording work. With the help of her friend and producer DJ Polaris she rerecorded the vocal tracks from scratch and re-imagined the music from mere sketches. And now, four years and countless hours of hard work later, she has a product she can be proud of, not to mention an experience she can look back on and draw lessons from.

"It was really, really crazy, and I won-

dered if maybe these were huge red flags going up to tell me to go and get a master's degree and be done with it," she said, "but my friends and family were so supportive. They encouraged me to keep going and I'm glad I did."

One of those supportive friends was local R&B standout Ty Causey, who watched with interest while Washington found her

> voice as part of the Voices of Unity and Snyder High School choirs, as well a national, classical choir that traveled the world. Causey kept in touch with Washington's mother while she performed all over Europe and also during the four years she pursued a psychology degree at Emory University. Then, when she returned home to Fort Wayne, Washington went to the Blu Tomato to watch Causey perform, and, even though it took a while, he eventually coaxed her out of her corner and up on stage. That led to a regular gig at the Blu Tomato and other hot spots around

"Ty basically said, 'I'm taking you with me.' He pushed me to be better. I remember him coming up to me at the Blu Tomato and laughing at me. He was like, 'Why are you sitting in that corner? You look like someone's going to bite you.' He taught me

that I could do more, that I really had it in me.'

Washington, who snagged three Whammy nominations this year, has clearly come a long way, baby. She's gone from being a shy, anxious wallflower and a preteen performing in school talent shows to the leader of her own band. Now when you see Washington perform she's often accompanied by Chris (Drake) Bates on bass, Kimble Glasby on drums, a cache of backup singers, including Trinell Armour, Stefan Phillips, Albert Brownlee, Prentis Moore and Dominica Malone, and DJs Trend and Polaris.

When Washington talks about her band, it's clear that she's struck gold.

"This last year so many things have come together in such a beautiful way," she said. "For a while I was struggling to keep a band together, but now I've found a network of people who believe in me as an artist. We're friends. That's what makes it work. Being on stage and performing is like being at a family dinner."

If you cannot catch Washington when she opens for Jagged Edge February 10, you can hear her at the 12th Annual Whammy Awards Show, also at Piere's, on March 1 when she performs a 20-minute set with her band.

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A Natural Talent Emerges

By Susan Suraci

Chatting with Beth Albright at her dining table on Fort Wayne's south side, it is hard to keep focused on the artist, attractive and vibrant though she may be. One's eyes tend to wander about her home's pleasant interior, discovering one remarkable object after another: a colorful Tim Johnson painting, a mosaic urn, an antique wicker shopping cart.

"I used to have an antique store," she says, "and much of it is still here." Vintage collectibles such as McCoy flower pots punctuate inviting rooms that manifest an artist's eye for color and harmony. Sunshine pours through the windows, adding a sense of cheerful magic.

Albright is getting ready for her February show at the Orchard Gallery. It is her first gallery exhibit as a painter, having taken up acrylic painting just three years ago. Formerly, her main creative outlet was in

textiles. She sewed and fashioned unique handmade hats and accessories, using luxurious fabrics and imaginative accent pieces, some of it painstakingly hand-stitched.

She has also dabbled in other media.

"Like this," she says grabbing the mosaic urn from the coffee table and presenting it for closer inspection. Lifting the lid, she shows how she glued bits of glass, mirror, and broken pottery to the exterior of a sturdy ceramic pot and then grouted the spaces between them. Two glass drawer pulls oppose each other on the urn's shoulders, creating the profile of a loving cup. Mounted on a brass Victorian-style lamp base, the urn has now come into its own and looks like an expensive piece from an art gallery.

"I used a dental pick to clean off every bit of grout," she adds, revealing the attention to detail of a true craftsman.

Originally from Detroit, this former pharmacy technician says she has always been creative to the point of distraction. One has only to look about her house to see evidence of plenty of energy and devotion to making things, as well as a natural eye for color and composition.

And now Albright has turned her considerable creative drive to acrylic painting

She is wholly self-taught, without for-



mal training in art or art history, so when the comment is made that her still life paintings suggest another self-taught artist,19th century French painter Henri Rousseau, she is stumped and demands "Who?"

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Yet, amazingly, Albright has arrived at a very similar style all on her own. She shares with Rousseau a tendency to delineate objects and flatten space. Images feel frozen, still and timeless. Bold textile patterns are worked into the composition, synthesizing her love of fabrics into her new art form. Although the work is done in acrylics, Albright then likes to tone the finished painting with a glaze of linseed oil.

Houseplants are a favorite subject matter, and great care is taken to be botanically accurate. But this is not a tedious accuracy. Whether belonging to a cyclamen, orchid or sanseviera, each leaf and blossom appear lovingly rendered with familiarity and appreciation.

In fact, such careful deliberation compels the viewer to pause and consider the possibility of a deeper meaning or possible symbolism.

This phenomenon is often evoked by naive or folk painting. We get a sense that these pictures mean something, that here is an individual whose soul burns with a vision that must get out. Recall the motion picture







Close Encounters of the Third Kind in which the character of the artist, the mother of the young boy abducted by a spaceship, is inexplicably driven to paint a vision of Devil's Tower over and over. She knows it "means something." The mountain, she eventually realizes, is a message from the abducting aliens, an invitation to retrieve her son at that location.

Some individuals are more sensitive to visual cues than others. When pressed as to what she is trying to get across in her paintings, Albright says she is just painting things from her childhood and past. She attributes the recurring motif of houseplants to having grown up with parents and grandparents who loved gardening and flowers. Knowing this, it is easy to see how, in her deeply personal and contemplative paintings, Beth Albright has found a way to revisit her own loved ones.

NOTEWORTHY

Whammy Awards Show Set for March 1 at Piere's

We thought we had the 12th Annual Whammy Awards Show all set up going into last weekend. As it turned out, that wasn't the case.

The show is kicking off at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 at Piere's Entertainment Center, and it will feature more music, and more bands (some of whom you probably have never heard of, or haven't heard from in a long, long time) than ever before. And it will once again feature WXKE's J.J. Fabini as your host and a number of area media personalities as presenters.

With 13 bands, this year's show will focus more on music and a little less on the awards themselves. And while most of the perennial Whammy Award winners will be playing sets at this year's show, we have attempted to mix things up a little this year by asking some of those bands to sponsor a another band whom they want to expose to the Whammy Awards Show audience.

As a result, the bill features two bands that weren't on January's Best of 2011 *what-zup* Readers Poll ballot. We're calling them "mystery bands" for now.

There's also a surprise "mystery band" made up of people most *whatzup* readers are familiar with, but whose members, to our knowledge, have never performed together before. We're keeping that one under wraps until showtime.

Which brings us back to last weekend when we learned that one band that we had thought was playing, wasn't. As we go to press this week, we have one slot to fill. In keeping with the spirit of bringing the Whammy audience something new and different, we'll be filling that slot with an act that has never played the show before.

We'll announce the 13th band in next week's *whatzup*. Maybe.

Battle Songz IV CD Available February 9

Participating bands will be able to pick up their copies of *Battle Songz IV*, the compilation CD from *whatzup* Battle of the Bands VIII, at the North Clinton Street Wooden Nickel Music Store beginning Thursday, February 9.

Fourteen of the top 16 finishers in last year's Battle of the Bands participated in the compilation disc which – except for two songs – was recorded, mixed and mastered at Digitracks Recording Studio in Fort Wayne.

Featured on the disc are songs from Casket Sharp, U.R.B., Wooden Satellites, Elephants in Mud, Soma, Second Sun, Big Money and the Spare Change, Black Cat Mambo, Argonaut, Let the Trees Burn, Fat Alice, James and the Drifters, Sounds of Saturn and Joey and the IROC Experience. Each of these participating bands will receive 50 copies of the CD.

This will be the last of the series of local compilation CDs based on the Battle of the Bands competition. The 2012 Battle will have a completely different set of prizes which will be announced soon. Battle of the Bands IX will again kick off in early May, with registration beginning no later than March.

------ Feature • *Jane Austen's Emma-----*

A Perfect Match for all for One

By Kathleen Christian

The excitement and vacation time —and gluttony the holidays brought with them — have all passed, and I find myself cooped up inside. Avoiding the cold and the barrage of relatives still lingering from Christmas can be tricky and has forced me to pick up extra hobbies to pass the time. I chose the under-appreciated art of playing Keytar (that's a keyboard guitar hybrid made popular by the band Devo) as my hobby, but I'm sure others will choose even less mainstream hobbies to keep them out of trouble this winter. What better time then, to explore the disastrous hobby of matchmaking?

Not much good can come from meddling in the lives of others without regard to the consequences, and the consequences are just what we see in *Jane Austen's Emma*, Jon Jory's stage adaptation of the classic novel. The all for One theatre company will bring us *Jane Austen's Emma* this weekend and next. Of course, as the name suggests, the play revolves around Emma Woodhouse and her ill-enacted but well-intentioned activities in the small countryside village where she lives.

A little bored and a little too smart for the residents of her village, the 21-year-old Emma pulls the puppet strings of her friends and acquaintances, dragging them in all directions and hoping for matchmaking success. After leading her governess and a widower in her village to a realization of romance and eventually marriage, Emma believes she has found a new hobby. She decides matchmaking must be her God-given talent and proceeds to explore that talent with her next unsuspecting victim, Harriet Smith.

Harriet, abandoned as a child and left with enough money to be raised in a comfortable manner, is unwittingly led by the nose in the direction

of a man entirely out of Harriet's class. Emma, however, refuses to recognize class restrictions as she plays with Harriet's fate

Despite her devotion to the art of love, Emma does not believe herself destined for marriage. For a woman to willingly go unmarried was a strange notion in the regency era, but Emma has all the money and status she could want and lacks an overbearing mother to push her into matrimony, as her mother died when she was young. She is satisfied to play mistress of the house, and keep her witty father company. Her brother in-law, George Knightly, is the only one who keeps

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her in check and openly criticizes her naive notions. Although Emma does not always take Knightly's criticism well, through it she learns how deeply she admires him and cares about his opinions.

With Cupid's bow flying in all directions, Emma's story becomes tangled in confusion, unrequited love and the very best of inten-

tions. Love, as usual, can find a way around the most ardent

and misguided of matchmakers though, leading the inhabitants of the small village in unexpected directions.

Harriet's hapless guidance from Emma is all part of Austen's social commentary on the regency system of living. Her writing often gives glaring examples of the overly malleable nature of people such as Harriet, particularly in an influential culture where money can almost pass for affection. It also highlights the dependency of a woman on a man in nearly all situations to secure a future. All social criticisms and consequences in consideration, *Jane Austen's Emma* is s cheery romance filled with laughter and surprise.

All for One's production of *Jane Austen's Emma* has been much anticipated and laboriously researched by everyone involved. In fact, there is a blog where you can find all the research the cast and crew of *Emma* have done on details of the era such as medicine, dance, music, food, and social aspects like the role of women and views on illegitimacy.

"This is a first for any play we've done." Director Lauren Nichols said of the blog. "The actors have worked very hard to make the characters authentic," she added.

"This is the show of the season," Nichols said. She couldn't sound more excited for its beginning or proud of her cast for all the work they have put in.

"Jane Austen is a very much loved writer and people are excited to see her work come to life on stage. They've read the books, but the immediacy of a play is exciting," she said. And indeed, there is much to be excited about. Besides a beloved story and a talented cast that has worked to understand each character's motivation, we can expect plenty

of humor and dancing. The cast will perform three authentic country dances throughout a show that is, as Nichols describes it, light-hearted and full of humor

The pomp and prestige of Regency England, with all of its sweeping gowns, flowery bonnets and strict social rules, is the perfect backdrop to this romantic comedy classic. A heartwarming tale with laughter and dancing is about the best reason I can think of to

is about the best reason I can put the Keytar aside and come out of hibernation.

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3 The Ghost You Gave to Me

3 are one of those bands that don't quite fit into an easy definition. Or maybe they fit into too many definitions. *The Ghost You Gave To Me* is their third or sixth album, depending on how you count and when you start counting. (Do proper label re-releases of albums originally released on their own make the cut?)



Their sound is uniquely theirs. For the sake of argument, since the band is on Metal Blade records, let's just say their genre is metal, meaning that most fans of Taylor Swift aren't going to find immediate enjoyment from this band. However, like a few other bands on "the label where bands go to die," 3 refuse to play full-bore death metal with growling vocals. Actually, some of those die-hard metal fans dislike 3's vocalist because his is a clean, clear tenor voice (no, not the piercing shriek that characterized much of 80s metal.) While distorted guitars make up the majority of their sound, the band isn't afraid to use acoustic guitars (paired right alongside the electric ones; there's none of that "Now let's have a quiet acoustic song, kids" for this band), pianos, strings, and experiment with freaky effects.

But I'm getting around myself. Injected into this metal are vocal harmonies, soaring choruses (chori?) and a few judiciously placed twists of the tempo, which of course gets them the label of "progressive," though they are no more or less "progressive" than a band like Muse. There are no 10-minute epic songs full of tortured time signatures devised by an irritated mathematician. Instead, you get superbly written muscular guitar-driven riff-rock with a few inventive touches to keep your attention.

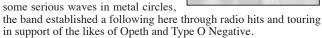
And what amazing songcrafters they are! If you've been hankering for melodic power metal, belly up to the bar. It's only fair to mention, though, that this album took longer to grow on me than their earlier albums, but that's often a sign of music that tends to stick with me for longer than two weeks. Time will tell.

An example of the band at its finest is "Numbers" which opens quietly with agitated guitars playing under whispered vocals that ripen into a catchy chorus before stepping aside for the kind of melodic guitar solo so rarely heard these days. The song ends with a dark metal riff that forms the basis of an extended instrumental outro. Balancing the darkness is the explosive "React," an optimistic song of bright melodies and the puzzling lyrics of "I'm not gonna give up this heart attack" that will probably reveal themselves to me this summer while mowing the lawn. "High Times" is another energetic rocker that has bits of early Def Leppard mixed with Coheed & Cambria. Other bands that put in appearances are Rush, King's X and PFR. The vocalist/guitarist/songwriter for 3, Joey Eppard, is a deadringer for one of PFR's vocalists, and the connection adds credence to my theory that Eppard is of the rare breed that is able to covey a non-Evangelical variety of Christian faith in intelligent, poetic lyric form. Then again, I also wear hats made of tinfoil.

If you're in the mood for something a little different but something not so "out there" that it freaks out your miniature schnauzers, you could do much worse than *The Ghost You Gave To Me*. And just because I'm a nice guy I'll save you the frustration of trying to use a modern internet search engine to find a band named "3" and give you a link: http://theband3.com/. You can thank me later. (*Jason Hoffman*)

Lacuna Coil Dark Adrenaline

Lacuna Coil are something of an unlikely success story in America. An atmospheric Goth-metal band from Italy, they garnered attention on these shores in the early 2000s due largely to the vocal talents of co-lead singer Cristina Scabbia's vocals. After their third album, 2002's *Comalies*, made some serious waves in metal circles,



While the band's winning streak continued through 2006's complex yet hard-hitting *Karmacode*, their overly-commercial 2009 effort *Shallow Life* disappointed, as it lacked the punch of their previous efforts. *Dark Adrenaline*, however, is something of a return to form

BACKTRACKS

Rod Stewart

Every Picture Tells a Story (1971)

The third album from the former Small Faces lead singer was released with high expectations and featured former bandmates Ron Wood, Ronnie Lane and Kenney Jones. It is considered by most critics (and me) to be his best effort.



The album dabbles in several genres of music, including country, rock, folk and rhythm & blues. It opens with the title track, one of the dirtier songs of Stewart's career and also one of the best arranged and produced.

Stewart covers "That's All Right" from Elvis (written originally by Arthur Crudup) and "Amazing Grace." I don't know why anyone would cover this spiritual, but, while completely out of place on a rock album, it's an admirable version.

Side one closes with an eloquent version of Bob Dylan's "Tomorrow Is a Long Time."

The second song on side two is the familiar "Maggie May," the single that established Stewart as an entertainer and, 40 years later, still sounds pretty good on classic rock radio.

Stewart goes back to the 1960s to do a very good version of The Temptations' "(I Know) I'm Losing You".

The record closes with "Reason To Believe," a song penned by the brilliant Tim Hardin, known for his seminal recording, "If I Were A Carpenter," from 1967.

Because of this record, and especially "Maggie May," Stewart has gone on to achieve a high level of success and fame. He has recorded 25 albums and several compilations. He has a Grammy, 10 No. 1 singles and has sold over 100 million records.

The last decade has been good to Stewart, and despite battling (and beating) thyroid cancer, he continues to tour.

Fun Fact: Kenney Jones replaced Keith Moon in The Who in 1979, and Ron Wood replaced Mick Taylor in the Rolling Stones in 1975. (*Dennis Donahue*)

for the band. It has all of the elements that the band became known for: heavily plodding guitars, engaging atmospherics and plenty of melodrama. And the band easily sounds larger and more self-assured than it did on its last record, delivering a satisfying amount of hooks and churning guitars that alternative with grooves for an engaging listen. And while co-lead vocalist Andrea Ferro's deliver is predictably monotonous, Scabbia's cadence and delivery is as unique and compelling as ever.

The album isn't an unqualified success, however. As usual, the band is at its best when their bristling music is delivered with a sense of urgency, such as on the tracks "Trip the Darkness" and "Upsidedown." But even the more prosaic numbers will reveal intricacies not immediately obvious upon a closer listen ("Don't Believe in Tomorrow"). The only number here that seems calculated is the much-hyped cover of R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion," which works as a technical exercise but lacks the spark of their better material.

While it doesn't quite reach the high point of 2006's *Karmacode*. *Dark Adrenaline* delivers a healthy dose of the band's unique brand of melodic heavy metal. (*Ryan Smith*)

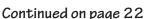
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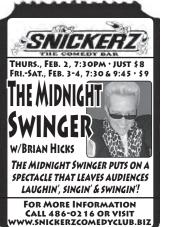
This year marking the 20-year anniversary of his debut record, *Can I Borrow a Dollar?*, Lonnie "Common" Lynn Jr. is having a personal identity crisis of sorts, and he seems to know it.

Throughout his career Common has never quite fit in. He's either

a mainstream emcee that very few people connect with or an underground artist who is too big for the snob scene. Along the way he's made some of the best post-boom-bap records of all time, including the classics *One Day It'll All Make Sense* (perfect for Tribe fans, but with better lyrics and less vocal diversity), *Like Water for*







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BIG CADDY DADDY - Classic rock variety at Martin's Tavern, Garrett, 10 p.m., no cover, 357-4290

BLACK STONE CHERRY W/CAVO AND RAINS Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 8
 p.m., \$9.89 adv., \$13 d.o.s. thru
 Ticketmaster or Piere's box office, 486-1979

Chris Worth and Company — Variety at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 432-6660

Dan Smyth — Acoustic at Lake George Retreat, Fremont, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 833-2266

THE J TAYLORS — Variety at Draft Horse Saloon, Orland, 7:30-10:30 p.m., no cover, 829-6465

ASON PAUL — Variety at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 637-0198

FF McDonald — Acoustic 60s-70s at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524 ext. 414

KILL THE RABBIT — Rock at the Wet Spot, Decatur, 8-11 p.m., cover, 728-

Midnight Swinger w/Brian Hicks -Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$8, 486-0216

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

THE PRETTY THINGS PEEP SHOW W/TH' EMPIRES AND EDDY PRICE - Vaudeville & rockabilly at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads and Spirits, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., \$10, 456-7005

оввіє V and Heidi Duo — Variety at American Legion Post 409, Leo, 7:30-10:30 p.m., no cover, 627TIM SNYDER — Acoustic at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 490-6488

Friday, Feb. 3

Actual Size - Rock at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover. 489-0286

Bonafide - Variety at Draft Horse Saloon, Orland, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 829-6465

CADILLAC RANCH -Classic rock at Rack & Helen's, New Haven, 10 p.m., no cover, 749-5396

CHRIS DODDS AND ADAM STRACK -Acoustic at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m., no cover, 422-5055

CLASS Acт — Rock variety at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 637-0198

COSTAKI ECONOMOPOULOS AND CHICK McGEE — Comedy at Piggy's Brew Pub, Angola, 7:30 p.m., \$12 adv., \$15 d.o.s., 665-7550

Eclipse — Classic rock at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover. 432-8966

GRATEFUL GROOVE - Grateful Dead tribute at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 483-5526

GROOVE CARAVAN - Jazz funk at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

HEARTBEAT CITY — 70s & 80s at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 484-5561

THE J TAYLORS - Variety at American Legion Post 253, North Webster, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 574-834-4297

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

& country at NorthStar Bar and Grill,

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

Pub, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover 492-0206

PRIMETIME — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

Scott Thompson Band — Country at the Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10

Sports Grill, Allen County, 6-8 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 432-6660

STEVE DOUGLAS W/MAX JOHNSON - Acoustic at the Bean Cafe & Teahouse, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m.,

Swim Suit Models — Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979

Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 459-1352

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

UFORIA W/LB AND CONWAY WEST - Jazz and blues at the Venice Restaurant. Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m., no

UNLIKELY ALIBI — Reggae at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10

THE JOEL YOUNG BAND - Classic rock

10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-3798 MIDNIGHT SWINGER W/BRIAN HICKS -

Paul New Stewart — Variety at Pulvers

p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465 Shade Jonze — Acoustic at Beamer's

SIERRA SHAME — Country rock at

no cover, 420-5000

TODD HARROLD BAND — R&B jazz at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub,

THE TWANG GANG - Country rock at

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THE ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS - ROCK at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$17 adv., \$20 d.o.s. thru Ticketmaster or Piere's box office, 486-1979

ALLAN & ASHCRAFT — Country rock at Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465

April's Alibi — Rock at The Alley Sports Bar, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 483-4421

THE BEEF MANHATTANS - Jazz at Mad Anthony Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-2537

BERNADETTE PETERS W/THE FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC — The Broadway actress performs her Grammy-nominated hits with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, at Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., \$25-\$75, 481-

BIG CADDY DADDY - Classic rock variety at the Moose, Auburn, 8 p.m., no cover, 925-0454

BIG DICK AND THE PENETRATORS — Classic rock at NorthStar Bar and Grill, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-

CADILLAC RANCH — Classic rock at the Navy Club, New Haven, 8 p.m., no cover. 493-4044

CLIFF WEBB TRIO - Jazz blues at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 426-3442

EARTHBOUND — Acoustic Rock at Don Hall's Factory Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 a.m., no cover, 484-

EXTERMINATE ALL RATIONAL THOUGHT -Hard rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover. 422-5896 GOOD NIGHT GRACIE - Rock at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 637-0198

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

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

Marshall Law - Country, southern rock benefit for Waterloo Deputy Marshal Stephen Brady at Butler Eagles, Butler, 5 p.m., donation, 868-2583

MIDNIGHT SWINGER W/BRIAN HICKS — Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, Moderate Pain - Variety 80s at

Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 432-6660 Paul New Stewart — Variety at Pulvers Pub, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no

cover, 492-0206 PHIL'S FAMILY LIZARD - Rock variety at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10

p.m., no cover, 490-6488 PRIMETIME — Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-

12:30 a.m., no cover, 489-2524 Reкоn — Country at the Lucky Lady, Churubusco, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 693-2447

RISQUE — Rock at Piggy's Brew Pub, Angola, 10 p.m., cover, 665-7550

Robbie V and Heidi Duo - Variety at East Haven Tavern, New Haven, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 749-7777

ROBERT SATTERLEE - Piano recital of works centered around William Albright at Rhinehart Recital Hall, IPFW, 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, IPFW students and children 10 and younger free, 481-6555

SAVANNAH — Variety country classic rock at Shooters, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 747-5700

Soulfyre - Rock at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286 Swim Suit Models - Rock at Piere's,

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Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 422-5055

THREE RIVERS HONOR BAND - Festival concert at Auer Performance Hall, IPFW, 1:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, IPFW students and children 10 and younger free, 481-6555

TODD HARROLD BAND - Jazz R&B at American Legion Post 148, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 423-

U.R.B. - Reggae 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, Feb. 5

THE TAJ MAHOLICS — Blues variety at Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 483-5526

Monday, Feb. 6

BOBAFLEX W/ROYALL BLISS, WAYLAND — Rock at the Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m., \$10, 755-3465

OPEN MIC — At C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., canned food item, 426-6434



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

Tuesday, Feb. 7

ADAM STRACK — Acoustic jam at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 459-

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

Gunslinger — Country at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

Miке Bieber — Acoustic at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8 р.т., no cover. 432-8966

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

OPEN MIC WITH GREATFUL DOUG - At the Bean Cafe & Teahouse, Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 420-5000

Thunderhawk w/Various Handz — Indie rock at the Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$3, 422-0881

Wednesda<u>y, Feb. 8</u>

ADAM STRACK — Country variety at the Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., cover, 755-3465

Chris Worth — Variety at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover. 637-0198

Francie Zucco — Jazz at Hall's Triangle Park, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 482-4342

Hubie Ashcraft — Eclectic at Woodland Lounge, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., no cover, 490-6836

ASON PAUL — Rock variety at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 9 p.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 BRIAN FRUSHOUR Variety at 4D's Bar and Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 490-6488

Thursday, Feb. 9

Cab'n Joe — Acoustic at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 625-1002

CHRIS WORTH & PAUL NEW STEWART -Rat-pack at Covington Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 432-6660

Dan Smyth — Acoustic at Lake George Retreat, Fremont, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 833-2266

Hubie Ashcraft — Acoustic at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 489-0286

Jason Paul — Variety at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 637-0198

JEFF McDonald — Acoustic 60s-70s at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 489-2524 ext. 414

Joe Justice — Variety at Trolley Steaks & Seafood, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover 490-4322

LARRY REEB, W/VINCE CARONE Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, 486-0216

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

Robbie V and Heidi Duo - Variety at The Wet Spot, Decatur, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 728-9031

TIM SNYDER - Acoustic at 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 7-9 p.m., no cover, 490-6488

Friday, Feb. 10

ALLEN VIZUTTI W/IPFW JAZZ ENSEMBLE Jazz at Auer Performance Hall, IPFW, 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, IPFW students and children 10 and younger free, 481-6555

April's Alibi - Rock at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002

Big Caddy Daddy — Classic rock variety at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 489-0286

CADILLAC RANCH - Classic rock at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 485-1038

Acoustic at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 5-7 p.m., no cover, 422-5055

at the Lucky Lady, Churubusco, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 693-2447

Continuuum — Modern Jazz at the

Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465

Wayne, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979

Edible — Rock variety at Jilli's Pub, New Haven, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$2,

Strings Attached program, featuring Holst's St. Paul's Suite, Bach's Concerto No. 2 in E Major for Violin and String Orchestra and Schubert's String Quartet in D Minor: Death and the Maiden, at the Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., \$18, 481-0777

Hubie Ashcraft — Eclectic at Brevin's

CHRIS DODDS AND ADAM STRACK -

CHRIS WORTH & COMPANY — Variety

Dash-In, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 423-3595 DALE VAUGHN - Country at the Rusty

DOWN STROKE - Rock at Piere's, Fort

749-8116 FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC - The

Churubusco, 8 p.m., no cover, 693-

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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

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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. Alcoнol: 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; 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. Alcohol: 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. Ears: 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

NORTH STAR BAR & GRILL

Pubs & Taverns • 2915 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne • 260-471-3798 EXPECT: Daily food and drink specials. Karaoke w/Mike Campbell Thursday. Live bands Friday-Saturday. Blue Light Monday w/\$1 drinks, \$1 beers & DJ Spin Live playing your favorites. \$1.75 domestic longnecks Tuesday & Thursday, \$2 wells & \$1 DeKuyper Wednesday. Beer specials Friday. 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

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Pub/Tavern • 1808 W. Main St., Fort Wayne • 260-422-5896
Expect: A Fort Wayne tradition of good times & great drinks! Darts, foosball, live entertainment. EATS: O's famous pizza every day. Italian dinners 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 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 noon-1 a.m. Sun. Alcohol: Full Service; PMT: MC, Visa, Disc

PEANUTS FOOD & SPIRITS

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

EXPECT: No cover ever! New owner/management. Kept what you like; got rid of what you didn't. New flat screens, remodeled pool room. Clean & neat. Ambitious Blondes Karaoke Fridays. No cost for songs! Live music starting Feb. 17 – Top 40, rock, reggae, funk. Come see the NEW Peanuts! EATS: Kept the Tuesdays and Thursdays wing specials. 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

PIERE'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 III

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

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; PMT.: MC, Visa, Disc, Amex

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JAGGED EDGE W/SHAI & FATIMA
WASHINGTON — R&B at Piere's, Fort
Wayne, 8 p.m., \$23 adv., \$26 d.o.s.
thru Ticketmaster or Piere's box
office, 486-1979

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

JOHNNY B. SUTTON — Motown at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 489-2524

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

JUKE JOINT JIVE — Classic funky rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922 Larry Reeb, w/Vince Carone — Comedy at Snickerz Comedy Bar, Fort Wayne, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., \$9, 486-0216

Left Lane Cruiser — Punk blues at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896

Love Overdose w/Scarlet Fever — Post funk burlesque at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads and Spirits, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$6, 456-7005

MATHIS EVEY — Acoustic at Friendly Fox, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m., no cover, 745-3369

MATT MAHER & AUDREY ASSAD — Contemporary Christian at Brookside Church, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m., \$12-\$20, 485-9665 PRIMETIME — Variety at Coyote Creek Golf Club, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 483-3148

THE REMMANTS — Classic Rock at American Legion Post 241, Fort Wayne, 8:30-11:30 p.m., no cover, 747-7851

Renegade — Country rock at Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, ladies free, 490-5060

Robbie V And Heibi Duo — Variety at NorthStar Bar and Grill, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 471-3798

Shade & Shannon — Variety at the Venice Restaurant, Fort Wayne, 6:30-9:30 p.m., no cover, 482-1618

SIERRA SHAME — Country rock at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 459-1352

Little Green Men Retool & Return

It's been quite some time since we've heard the name Little Green Men around these parts. A little more than 10 years ago that name was one of the hottest names on the local scene. If anyone in town wanted to catch some live, in-your-face rock, you would go catch a LGM performance. Their showmanship even landed them opening gigs for Quiet Riot, Skid Row, Cinderella, and even Mötley Crüe. They even released a nine-track CD entitled 7 which was chock-full of testosterone-charged rock tunes.

Like many musicians we've seen over the years, there comes a time for a break and ventures into other projects. But with the reputation LGM gained, we knew they wouldn't be done forever – at least, we hoped not.

Armed with a new lineup and attitude, 2012 will mark the return for the band after a number of years off.

"We're here to add another flavor to Fort Wayne," singer Rob Warnell says. "Sort of like ice cream, it may be a flavor you check out once, but when you do it will be the best ice cream you've ever had."

This isn't your usual ballyhooed reunion, but more like a new beginning. The lone original member from the old band happens to be Warnell who is now joined by Jason Thompson (guitar), Greg Titzer (guitar), Billy Youngblood (bass), and Aaron "Babydude" Manfredonia (drums). Together, they've built a catalog of tunes from the likes of Pantera, Avenged Sevenfold, Killswitch Engage and Bullet For My Valentine, along with a splash of originals.

"Even though we're doing some harder music, we don't want to scare the girls off," a stoked Warnell adds. "It's not all growls; we still do some good party tunes from the Beastie Boys, Stone Temple Pilots, etc."



Out and About NICK BRAUN

The guys have a few must-see gigs already penciled in on their calendar: March 24 at the Gin Mill; April 6 & 7 at Martins (Garrett); and April 21 at the Dupont Bar and Grill. Prior to those dates, they'll be taking part in a special St. Patrick's Day party at Wrigley Field Bar and Grill Saturday, March 17. Cougar Hunter will perform in the morning along with the Boudoir Noir Bombshells, and later on that evening LGM and the Knucklehead Knockouts will rock on through the night. The future of the band is yet to be seen, but I do know they plan on writing new music, opening for nationals, performing as many gigs as they can and even expanding outside the area. Welcome back, LGM!

Whether it's a marriage, a smoking habit or a job, 30 years is a long time. Just ask the good folks at Wooden Nickel who are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. One way to celebrate is with a special event on Valentine's Day weekend. Saturday, February 18, head out to the North Anthony location for the "Be My Valentine" show featuring 11 young artists and groups. This free, all-ages event gets underway at 2 p.m. and will have live music until 8 p.m. There will also be free cookies and coffee (and I've heard you haven't had coffee until you've had owner Bob Roets' coffee). Performing will be Ivory West, Brock Andrews, Aaron Jennings, Taylor Fredricks, Mr. Dye, Mathis Grey, Selenium, Grey Gordon, Chase Huglin, and The Grey.

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- SYNERGY Rock at Pine Valley Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., no cover, 490-9464
- TODD HARROLD BAND Jazz R&B at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 426-3442 Ty CAUSEY — R&B at Skully's Boneyard,
- Fort Wayne, 7-11 p.m., no cover, 637-0198
- UNCROWNED Rock metal at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., 484-5561

<u>Saturday, Feb. 11</u>

- Actual Size Rock dance at American Legion Post 240, Avilla, 8 р.т., \$5, 897-2225
- APRIL's ALIBI Rock at Deer Park Pub, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 432-8966
- BIBLE OF THE DEVIL W/LURKING CORPSES, ZUUL AND NECRODEMON — Metal at the Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., \$5, 422-0881
- BIG DICK AND THE PENETRATORS Classic rock at Checkerz Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover. 489-0286
- BIG CADDY DADDY Classic rock variety at American Legion, Garrett, 8 p.m., no cover, 357-5133
- BONAFIDE Variety at Club Paradise, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., cover, 833-7082
- BROTHER W/DAVE LILES Rock and country at the Rusty Spur Saloon, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 755-3465
- CADILLAC RANCH Classic rock at JR's Pub, Leo, 9 p.m., no cover, 627-2500
- **Down S**тгоке Rock at Piere's, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2:30 a.m., \$5, 486-1979
- EBEN TRIUR Folk at Friendly Fox, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m., no cover, 745-3369
- Eclipse Acoustic rock at Don Hall's Factory Steakhouse, Fort Wayne, 7-10 p.m., no cover, 484-8693
- EDIBLE Rock variety at Jilli's Pub, New Haven, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$2, 749-8116

- FLYING W WRANGLERS Traditional country Western at the Blue Gate Theatre, Shipshewana, 2 p.m., \$29, 888-447-4725
- THE FREAK BROTHERS Funk at Columbia Street West, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., \$5, 422-5055
- Good Night Gracie Rock at Duty's Buckets Sports Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., no cover, 459-1352
- Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys w/Lee Miles — Country rock at Calhoun Street Soup, Salads and Spirits, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m., cover, 456-7005
- HAMILTON TESCAROLLO Classical and contemporary piano concert at Rhinehart Recital Hall, IPFW, 7:30 p.m., \$4-\$7, IPFW students and children 10 and younger free, 481-6555
- HEADY TIMES Rock at Mad Anthony Brewing Company, Fort Wayne, 8-11 p.m., no cover, 426-2537
- Joe Stabelli Jazz guitar at Hall's Old Gas House, Fort Wayne, 6-9 p.m., no cover, 426-3411
- JOSH COPP BAND Rock country at Beamer's Sports Grill, Allen County, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., no cover, 625-1002
- JUKE JOINT JIVE Classic funky rock at Skip's Party Place, Angola, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., \$3 after 8 p.m., 665-3922
- KEVIN PIEKARSKI JAZZ TRIO JAZZ at Old Train Depot Wine Tasting, Pierceton, 6-9 p.m., \$25 adv., \$30 d.o., 574-594-2723
- King Pao Rock at Piggy's Brew Pub, Angola, 10 p.m., cover, 665-7550
- Love Boat Sushi Rock at O'Sullivan's Italian Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 422-5896
- MARSHALL Law Country, southern rock at the Navy Club, New Haven, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., no cover, 493-4044
- Michael O'Brien w/David Dean Contemporary Christian and comedy at World War II Victory Museum, Auburn, 5 p.m., \$130 per couple includes dinner, 483-8236
- MINDS EYE Rock at Skully's Boneyard, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 637-0198
- MOTLEY CRUDE Motley Crue tribute band at Gin Mill Lounge, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 484-5561

- Paradise Variety at the Lucky Lady, Churubusco, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 693-2447
- Phase III Classic rock at NorthStar Bar and Grill, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., no cover, 471-3798
- RAY HARRIS Variety at Don Hall's Guesthouse, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., no cover, 489-2524
- THE REMNANTS Classic Rock at American Legion Post 241, Fort Wayne, 8:30-11:30 p.m., cover, 747-7851
- SAVANNAH Country variety at Neon Armadillo, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m., \$5, 490-5060
- Sugar Shot Country rock at the Lincoln Center, Fort Wayne, 1 p.m., no cover, fundraiser, 317-328-2000
- TEASER Hard rock at Wrigley Field Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m.-2 a.m., cover, 485-1038
- TODD HARROLD BAND Jazz R&B at Club Soda, Fort Wayne, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., no cover, 426-3442
- VENTANA W/PSYCHOSTICK, AS SUMMER DIES, LACERATIONS, COFFIN, WITCH AND NEVER BROKEN Hard rock metal at C2G Music Hall, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m., \$7 adv., \$10 d.o.s. thru brownpapertickets.com, 426-6434
- WALKIN' PAPERS Rock n' roll 4D's Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, 10 p.m., no cover, 490-6488
- WORLD FAMOUS DUELING PIANOS Variety at Rum Runners, Marriott, Fort Wayne, 9 p.m., cover, 484-9380

Sunday, Feb. 12

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ALLEN COUNTY

Thursday, Feb. 2

Rusty Spur Saloon — DJ Jesse, 10 p.m.

ANGOLA

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

Arena Bar & Grill — DJ Trend, 10 p.m.

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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, 9:30 p.m. Gin Mill Lounge — Terrioke, 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.
PJ's Sports Pub — Shooting Star Prod. w/Nacho, 10 p.m. Piere's- House DJ, 9 p.m.

GARRETT

Traxside Bar & Grill — American Idol Karaoke, 10 p.m. NEW HAVEN

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, Feb. 3

ANGOLA

Club Paradise — Keywest Karaoke/DJ, 8:30 p.m.

Piggy's Brew Pub - DJ Lucky, 9 p.m.

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

4D's Bar & Grill - DJ Trend, 10 p.m. Alley Sports Bar — On Key Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Babylon - DJ Blazin' Brandon, 10:30 p.m.

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

Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m.

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

Curly's Village Inn — American Idol Karaoke, 9 p.m.

Elks — Shooting Star Prod. w/Dusty, 10 p.m. Flashback — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Green Frog - American Idol Karaoke w/Jesse, 9:30 p.m.

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

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Piere's — House DJ, 9 p.m.

Pine Valley Bar & Grill— American Idol Karaoke w/Josh, 9 p.m. Quaker Steak and Lube — American Idol Karaoke, 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. Uncle Lou's Steel Mill — Shooting Star Prod. w/Barbie, 10 p.m.

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

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 4

Club Paradise — Keywest Karaoke/DJ, 9:30 p.m. AUBURN

Meteor Bar & Grill — Classic City Karaoke, 9 p.m. FORT WAYNE

A.J.'s Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Wendy KQ, 8 p.m. Babylon — Plush, 10 p.m.

Chevvv's — Karaoke w/Total Spectrum, 10 p.m. Club V — House DJ, 9 p.m.
Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9:30 p.m.

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

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

Latch String Bar & Grill — Ambitious Blondes Ent., 10 p.m. Peanuts Food and Spirits - DJ Epitaph, 9 p.m. Piere's — House DJ, 9 p.m.

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

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

HAMILTON

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

HOAGLAND

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

Pepperchini's — American Idol Karaoke, 9 p.m.

NEW HAVEN

Jilli's Pub — Mantra Karaoke w/Jake, 9 p.m.

Hi Ho Again — Shooting Star Prod. w/Nacho, 10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5

Angola

Club Paradise — Keywest Karaoke/DJ, 8:30 p.m. FORT WAYNE

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, 9:30 p.m. Gin Mill Lounge — American Idol Karaoke w/Jay, 8 p.m.

Wrigley Field Bar & Grill - Karaoke w/Carma, 8 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 6

FORT WAYNE

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.

North Star Bar - DJ Spin Live, 9 p.m.

Office Tavern — Swing Time Karaoke, 7 p.m.

Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Carma, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

FORT WAYNE

Crazy Pinz — Swing Time Karaoke contest, 8 p.m. Crooners Karaoke Bar — House KJ, 9 p.m.

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

GARRETT

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

NEW HAVEN

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

ALLEN COUNTY
Rusty Spur Saloon — DJ Jesse, 10 p.m. ANGOLA

Club Paradise — Keywest Karaoke/DJ, 8:30 p.m.

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

FORT WAYNE

After Dark — Karaoke, 10:30 p.m. A.J.'s Bar & Grill — Karaoke w/Wendy KQ, 8 p.m.

Berlin Music Pub — Shooting Star Productions w/Barbie, 10

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, 8 p.m. Rum Runners — Ambient Noise Karaoke w/Rooster, 8 p.m. Wrigley Field Bar & Grill — Karaoke, 10 p.m.

GARRETT

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

The Willows - Karaoke, 7 p.m. NEW HAVEN

Jilli's Pub - Terrioke Prod., 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9

ALLEN COUNTY

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

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

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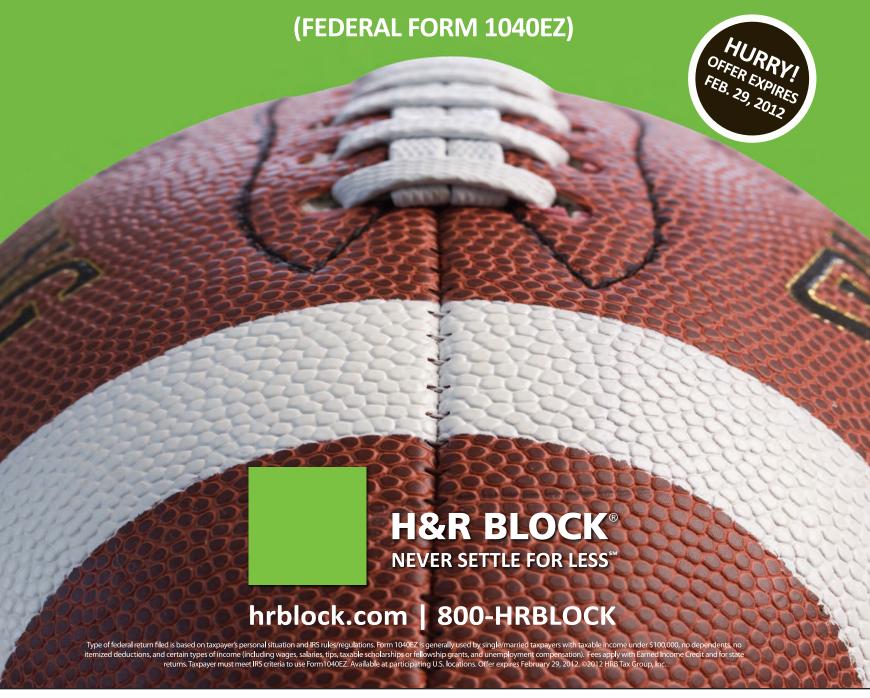
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New Year's 'in' New Zealand

Every New Year's eve the Sweet Partner in Crime and I usually pick a theme or region of the world, get a bunch of wine, hunker down and cook a raft of recipes to pair with them. This year, we decided to do New Zealand. I'd picked up a couple of relatively high-end New Zealand pinots in my wine-shopping "travels" a year or so ago, and I wanted a good excuse to do a side-by-side tasting. Another difference this year ... rather than an all-day feast, we decided to stretch New Year's eve into a full weekend of better paced glut-

Winewise, New Zealand is known for sauvignon blanc which tastes different than sauvignon blancs from anywhere else. Many common New Zealand SB's are from the Marlborough region, although more and more are from Hawkes Bay and Wellington. Together, these "East Coast" wines are the "first grapes to see the sun each day" because of their geography.

We quickly discovered New Zealand hasn't been a major influence on international cuisine. New Zealand is known for the "boil-up," a Maori dish of boiled pork, squash and whatever else is lying around. Thankfully, the invasion of hobbits also brought some very interesting Asian and Australian fusion cuisine to New Zealand.

Friday: New Year's Eve Eve

Our first course was a New Zealand Fish & Chips: baked sweet potato fries alongside some mussels, steamed in a red vermouth and garlic sauce. The sweet potatoes were cut into strips, coated with olive oil and tossed with salt, pepper and garam masala. Next to this little bit of yumminess we put Cloudy Bay 2011 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$20). The Cloudy Bay was a very pleasant, mineral-laden sauvignon blanc with a strong lime-citrus flavor. Just before I served the mussels, I added some parsley to the sauce, which worked nicely, playing off the traditional New Zealand-y herbal flavors in the

Next up was a roasted red pepper soup with seared scallops, paired with Villa Maria 2009 Cellar Selection Marlborough Riesling (\$17). This is the first New Zealand Riesling that I can remember trying. I expected this to be big and fruity. I couldn't have been more off. This is a lean, aromatic wine that really reminded me of an Alsatian Riesling. This became a theme with the non-sauvignon blanc wines we tried. Most were lean and minerally, regardless of varietal. As for this one, I found lots of lime and lavender on the nose. "Crisp and cool" was my note.

The food pairing note I have was simply "OH MY GOD IS THIS GOOD." This was easily the best pairing of the whole weekend and was honestly one of the best hand-in-hand food and wine pairings that I've had in the last year. I can't begin to explain why. It just works. Trust me. It's an easy recipe, too. Try it. Trust

Saturday: New Year's Eve

On a lazy New Year's Eve, after a day watching crappy bowl games, we started getting peckish. For Christmas, we'd been given a Hickory Farmsstyle sampler that included something called "Brick Cheese," a cross between cheddar and swiss with a recommended pairing of Chardonnay. I braved the crowds and brought back a bottle of Oyster Bay 2009 Marlborough Chardonnay (\$11). This is a really interesting wine, full of crisp citrus and mineral, with oak imparting a bit of butterscotch. Again, lime was a major flavor. Had it been from anywhere else in the world, we would have thought it to be a sauvignon



The Naked Vine

blanc. It reminded us of Sancerre (a French sauvignon blanc). It did go nicely with the brick cheese.

Dinner hour came. Time for the main event. cracking open the pinots Pyramid Valley Vineyards. These pinot noirs, called "Earth Smoke" and "Angel Flower," are from adjacent vineyards, one of which faces north, the other east. Both were 2008's, so they may have been a little young. We decided to pair them up with grilled beef medallions with a cauliflowerbroccoli hash.

These may have been the two lightest pinot noirs I've ever tried. They looked almost watery, but they were fully formed, super delicate wines. They were definitely young, probably a couple of years away from maturity. They were like nothing I've ever had starting with the Angel Flower. My note says, "I have no frame of reference for his wine. Smells like wind blowing across a meadow and pond. Delicate and fas-

cinating. A wine to be drunk rather than paired." There really wasn't much else to this wine other than the interesting delicateness. There were some mild spice and berry flavors. The SPinC said that the smell reminded her of the "Divinity" dessert from Stuckey's she'd long ago sampled on the byways of the Midwest on the drive to Grandma's house.

Sunday: New Year's Day

We figured we'd be fine with one dish for the day as we recovered from the revelries that continued after dinner. This time we went with a Kim Crawford 2008 East Coast Pinot Grigio (\$12) to go alongside a spicy ginger ground pork in lettuce wraps. The pinot grigio was quite tasty, full of apples and pears, again with a

backbone of lime and mineral. Cooled the heat of the pork nicely. Yum.

Tuesday: The Finish

I make a killer risotto, and one of the recipes we'd found during our research on New Zealand cuisine was a Mediterranean-inspired risotto with asparagus and mint. This may have been a more appropriate meal for springtime, but, hey, it's summer in New Zealand. right? We had this with the And Co 2009 Sauvignon Blanc, an SB from Hawkes Bay with a fascinating top (it was sealed with a beer cap). We thought it tasted unlike any other EnnZedd sauvignon blanc we'd tried. It bills itself as "old world wine in the new world" and tastes more like white Bordeaux than Marlborough sauvignon. The nose is full of almonds and apples. Medium bodied, it's braced with apple and pear flavors, a hint of herb and barely a trace of bitterness. which made the "bitter" taste buds on the back of my tongue take a rest.

With the meal, the asparagus risotto couldn't have found a better pairing. Since asparagus makes most wine bitter, the complete lack of wine bitterness allowed everything to mesh; the creamy risotto flavors and the milder fruits in the wine went hand in hand. This was a strong runner up, pairing-wise, to the soup and Riesling.

I would definitely recommend trying New Zealand whites other than their famous sauvignon blancs. especially if you're a fan of minerally offerings like you'd find in Oregon or France.

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The Perfect Veggie Pairing

Often associated with St. Patrick's Day, corned beef has been one of my favorite dishes since I was a little girl. In fact, it was my dish of choice for almost every birthday until I moved out of my parents' house.

My affection for the dish has not waned, and luckily, my husband likes it too, so it's on regular rotation at our house. This is one of my favorite recipes, prepared and served with two fantastic dipping sauces and a side of hearty vegetables.

Here's an insider tip: while both dipping sauces are fantastic independently, I like to mix the two together. Yummy.

Corned Beef & Vegetables

ingredients:

1 12-ounce bottle Guinness stout or other stout or porter

- 4 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 2 whole allspice
- 1 dried chile de árbol*, broken in half
- Cheesecloth
- 1 turnip, peeled, quartered
- 5 medium carrots, peeled
- 4 medium onions, peeled, halved
- 1 large parsnip, peeled, cut into 2-inch lengths
- ½ head of cabbage, quartered

*A thin, red, very hot three-inch-long chile; sold at some supermarkets and at specialty foods stores and Latin markets.

Preparation:

Place corned beef in large wide pot. Add stout and enough water to cover by 1 inch. Wrap cheesecloth around bay leaves, coriander seeds, allspice and chile, enclosing completely, and tie with kitchen string to secure. Add spice bag to pot with beef; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until beef is tender, about 2-¼ hours. Transfer beef to large baking sheet.

Add vegetables to liquid in pot; bring to



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boil. Reduce heat to medium and boil gently until all vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer vegetables to baking sheet with beef. Return beef to pot and re-warm, 5 minutes. Discard spice bag.

Cut beef against grain into ¼-inch thick slices. Arrange beef and vegetables on platter. Serve with Horseradish Cream and Guinness Mustard.

Horseradish Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sour cream
- 6 tablespoons prepared white horseradish (about 4 ounces)
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped dill pickle
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives or green onion tops

Preparation:

Whisk all ingredients in small bowl to blend. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Guinness Mustard Sauce

Ingredients

- ½ cup coarse-grained Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons regular Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Guinness stout or other stout or porter
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 teaspoon golden brown sugar

Preparation:

Whisk all ingredients in small bowl to blend. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

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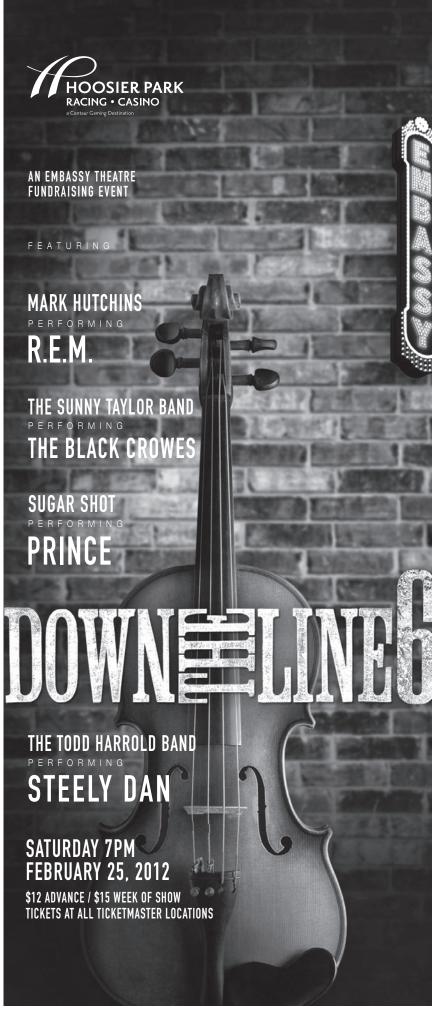
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All Shall Parish w/The Contortionist, Carnifex& Fleshgod Apocalypse All Shall Parish w/The Contortionist, Carnifex& Fleshgod Apocalypse	Apr. 10 Apr. 11	Emerson Theatre Harpos	Indianapolis Detroit
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The All-American Rejects	Feb. 2	Pepsi Superbowl Fan Jam	Indianapolis
The All-American Rejects (\$17 adv., \$20 d.o.s.)	Feb. 4	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 25	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Allstar Weekend	Feb. 26	House of Blues	Chicago
Altan (\$25) Amy Schumer (\$20)	Mar. 4 Mar. 9	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Andra Faye & the Rays (\$15)	Feb. 18	Magic Bag Kev Palace Theatre	Ferndale, MI Redkey
Andrew Bird	Mar. 20	Southern Theatre	Columbus, OH
Andrew Bird	May 10	The Fillmore	Detroit
Andrew Bird	May 12	Auditorium Theatre	Chicago
Andrew Jr. Boy Blues Jones (\$15)	Apr. 28	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Andrew W.K.	Mar. 25	The Metro	Chicago
Andy Grammer w/Ryan Star and Rachel Platten	Feb. 2	20th Century Theatre	Cincinnati
Anjelah Johnson	Mar. 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Anti-Flag	Mar. 12	Magic Stick	Detroit
Anit-Flag w/Flatliners and the Have Nots	Mar. 13	Reggies Rock Club	Chicago
Anthrax w/Testament & Death Angel Anthrax w/Testament	Feb. 3 Feb. 4	Promowest Pavilion	Columbus, OH Cincinnati
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August Burns Red w/Silverstein & Texas in July	Feb. 18	House of Blues	Detroit Chicago
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Authority Zero w/Voodoo Glow Skulls	Feb. 4	Beat Kitchen	Chicago
B. B. King	Mar. 22-23	House of Blues	Chicago
B. B. King (\$32.75-\$75.25)	May 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Badfish-A Tribute to Sublime (\$53-\$75)	Feb. 4	House of Blues	Chicago
Badfish-A Tribute to Sublime	Mar. 14	House of Blues	Cleveland
Badfish-A Tribute to Sublime	Mar. 15	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Badfish-A Tribute to Sublime	Mar. 16	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit Detroit
Band of Skulls Band of Skulls	Apr. 2	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Barry Manilow	Apr. 3 Feb. 2-4	House of Blues Chicago Theatre	Chicago Chicago
Barry Manilow (\$24.99-\$144.99)	Mar. 9-10	Fox Theatre	Detroit
Barry Manilow (\$9.99-\$109.99)	Apr. 26	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Bassnectar	Apr. 11	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Béla Fleck & the Flecktones (\$30-\$40)	Mar. 30	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Ben Kweller	Mar. 31	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Ben Lee	Feb. 27	Martyrs	Chicago
	May 12	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
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Charles Bradley & the Extraordinaires (\$18)	Feb. 12	Magic Bag	Ferndale, M
Cheryl Wheeler (\$25) Chevelle w/Middle Class Rut and Janus (\$25 adv., \$28 d.o.s.)	Feb. 3 Feb. 25	The Ark Piere's	Ann Arbo Fort Wavne
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he Chieftains	Mar. 2	Orchestra Hall	Chicago
Childish Gambino	Mar. 30	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
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City & Colour w/The Low Anthem	Feb. 8 Mar. 1	Old National Centre C2G Music Hall	Indianapolis
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Cody Simpson	Feb. 18	Egyptian Room	Indianapolis
Colin Hay	Mar. 10	Park West	Chicago
Colin Hay	Mar. 11	The Vogue	Indianapolis
Commander Cody (\$20 adv., \$25 d.o.s.)	Mar. 2	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
The Convalescence w/Illumuria and The Black Order (\$5)	Feb. 25	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
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owboy Junkies (\$35)	Apr. 13	The Ark	Ann Arbo
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reed	Apr. 13-14	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
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am Moore (\$37.50-\$67.50)	March 31	Quicken Loans Arena	Cleveland
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Or. Dog	Feb. 18	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
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Slipknot and **Slayer** have been tapped as headliners for this year's Rockstar Energy Mayhem Tour. The traveling music show that took over where Ozzfest left off a few years ago routinely offers the best in hard rock music, and this year will be no differ-



ent. Anthrax have signed on to headline the second stage while Whitechapel, As I Lay Dying, Asking Alexandria, The Devil Wears Prada and High on Fire also appear on most dates. The Mayhem Festival will invade the Klipsch Music Center near Indianapolis on July 15 and visit Detroit, Cincinnati and Cleveland later that month.

Godsmack have announced a spring tour with **Staind** and **Halestorm** in tow. The Mass Chaos Tour will kick off April 13 and visit Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek May 9. In related news, Halestorm will release their sophomore album, *The Strange Case Of...*, in April. A new EP entititled *Hello It's Mz Hyde* was recently released digitally to iTunes.

Back in 1981 **Kiss** released a concept album called *Music from The Elder*, an album that was supposed to be a soundtrack to a movie that never actually existed. The album would go on to become one of the least successful albums of the band's career. Now, 30 years later, the Kiss dream will come true, as filmmaker Seb Williams announced he is taking the story to the big screen. The trouble with that announcement is that he has yet to get the consent of the band to use its story and music. Knowing Kiss bassist **Gene Simmons**, he will definitely not let anything related to Kiss be made unless he gets paid. He's definitely never met a dollar he didn't like. Strangely enough, in an unrelated announcement, a book called *Music from the Elder: The Unauthorized Story of the Most Spectacular Failure in the History of Kiss* is also scheduled to be released this year.

Trace Adkins announced the Songs & Stories Tour which will incorporate personal stories that pay homage to Adkins' musical heritage and roots. According to his website, the tour was inspired by a recent special Adkins filmed for CMT where audience members were allowed to ask questions of the artist and share their own stories related to Adkins' songs. Adkins will visit Stranahan Theater in Toledo April 14 and The Morris Center for Performing Arts in South Bend May 11.

Has anybody noticed how much great music is coming to one of the best music venues in the Fort? I'm talking about C2G Music Hall hosting **Mushroomhead** side project **Ventana** and humor-core specialists **Psychostick** on February 11, classic rockers **Commander Cody** March 2, blues legends **Coco Montoya** and **Tommy Castro** March 1 and March 15, respectively, and 80s rockers **Lynch Mob** and **Bang Tango** March 4. And don't forget the return of blues guitarist **Joanne Shaw Taylor** April 27. She tore it up the last time she was in town. After a year of transition at C2G in 2011, it looks like it will be a breakout year for live music at the venue. Rumor has it there are several more acts about to be announced, so stay tuned.

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Gabriel Iglesias (\$40.75)	Apr. 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Gaelic Storm (\$22.50)	Feb. 20	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Gaelic Storm	Feb. 25	House of Blues	Cleveland
Gaelic Storm	Mar. 16	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Galactic	Mar. 2	Park West	Chicago
Gallagher (\$16.50)	Mar. 29-31	Snickerz Comedy Bar	Fort Wayne
Geneva Red (\$15)	Mar. 3	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Girlyman	Feb. 7	Irving Theatre	Indianapolis
Girlyman (\$22.50)	Feb. 8	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Girlyman	Feb. 9	Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago
Gomez	Mar. 8	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
Gomez	Mar. 9	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
The Good Lovelies (\$9-\$18)	Feb. 18	The Arts Place	Portland
Good Old War w/Belle Brigade and Family of the Year	Apr. 14	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Gotye	Apr. 3	Park West	Chicago
Grand Funk Railroad (\$41-\$43)	Mar. 29	Sound Board	Detroit
The Growlers	Mar. 22	Lincoln Hall	Chicago
Guggenheim Grotto (\$12 adv., \$15 d.o.s.)	Apr. 13	C2G Music Hall	Fort Wayne
Guggenheim Grotto (\$15)	Apr. 18	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Gunnar and the Grizzly Boys (\$5)	Feb. 12	CS3	Fort Wayne
Guster w/Jeff Garlin	Apr. 5	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Harper & the Midwest Kind (\$15)	Apr. 14	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
The Head and the Heart	Mar. 7-8	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Henry Rollins (\$25-\$30)	Mar. 21	State Theatre	Kalamazoo
Henry Rollins	Mar. 22	Michigan Theatre	Detroit
Highway 9 (\$15)	Mar. 17	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey
Hoots and Hellmouth w/Small Houses (\$20)	Mar. 10	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Hot Chelle Rae	Apr. 18	House of Blues	Cleveland
Hot Chelle Rae	Apr. 21	House of Blues	Chicago
Hot Tuna	Mar. 6	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Hot Tuna	Mar. 9	Old Town of Folk Music	Chicago
Hot Tuna	Mar. 15	20th Century Theatre	Cincinnati
Human Nature	Mar. 24	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Human Nature	Mar. 30	Palace Theatre	Columbus, OH
Human Nature	Mar. 31	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Human Nature	Apr. 1	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Human Nature (\$32-\$59)	Apr. 5	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
Human Nature	Apr. 7	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL
Hunter Hayes	Mar. 8	House of Blues	Cleveland
lan McCullouch & the Bunnymen (\$25)	Mar. 27-28	Schubas	Chicago
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ngram Hill w/Matt Duke and Mikey Wax (\$18) Jagged Edge w/Shai & Fatima Washington (\$23 adv., \$26 d.o.s.)	Feb. 10 Feb. 10	Schubas Tavem Piere's	Chicago Fort Mayro	Needtobreathe w/Ben Rector Newsboys (\$17-\$50)	Apr. 12 Apr. 22	Egyptian Room Honeywell Center	Indianapolis Wabash
Jake Shimabukuto	Mar. 10	Old Town School of Folk Music	Fort Wayne Chicago	Nick Carter	Feb. 11	House of Blues	Chicago
James Hunter (\$20)	Apr. 22	The Ark	Ann Arbor	Nickelback w/Bush, Seether and My Darkest Days (\$49.50-\$85)	Apr. 12	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
James Suhler (\$15)	May 5	Key Palace Theatre	Redkey	Nickelback w/Bush, Seether and My Darkest Days (\$39.50-\$75)	Apr. 14	Joe Louis Arena	Detroit
Jane's Addiction	Feb. 24	The Filmore	Detroit	Nickelback w/Bush, Seether and My Darkest Days	Apr. 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
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Jeremy Camp and Francesca Battistelli (\$5-\$40) Jerry Seinfeld	May 5 Mar. 3	Blackhawk Ministries Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont, IL	Pat Boone (\$16-\$60) Paula Poundstone (\$24.50-\$35)	Apr. 28 Apr. 7	Honeywell Center State Theatre	Wabash Kalamazoo
lim Gaffigan	Mar. 17	Rialto Square Theatre	Chicago	Peter Frampton (\$33.50-\$76)	Feb. 22	Akron Civic Theatre	Akron, OH
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Joe Bonamassa	May 5	Old National Centre	Indianapolis	Peter Frampton	Mar. 1	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
John Oates w/Van Ghost	Mar. 8	Lincoln Hall	Chicago	Peter Mulvey w/Stolen Silver	Feb. 13	Schubas Tavern	Chicago
Johnny Winter (\$35 adv., \$39 d.o.s.) Johnny Winter (\$40)	Apr. 20 Apr. 25	Club Fever The Ark	Ann Arbor	Pink Martini Playing For Change (\$35)	Apr. 13-15 Feb. 22	Hilbert Circle Theatre The Ark	Indianapolis Ann Arbor
Josh Wolf w/Jen Kirkman and Brad Wollack	Apr. 14	State Theatre	Kalamazoo	Playing For Change (\$35)	Feb. 24	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Kaiser Chiefs	Apr. 19	House of Blues	Chicago	Portugal. the Man w/The Lonely Forest	Apr. 17	The Vic Theatre	Chicago
Karl Denson's Tiny Universe	Feb. 17	Park West	Chicago	Punch Brothers	Mar. 1	Park West	Chicago
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Kate Clinton (\$30) Kathleen Madigan	Feb. 19 Feb. 3	The Ark Victoria Theatre	Ann Arbor Dayton	The Queers w/The Ataris and Far From Finished Rachelle Ferrell (\$39-\$41)	Feb. 25 Mar. 1	Reggies Rock Club Sound Board	Chicago Detroit
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Ken Davis (\$5-\$25)	Apr. 13	Blackhawk Ministries	Fort Wayne	Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys (\$35)	Apr. 6	The Ark	Ann Arbor
Kevin Nealon (\$28 adv.)	Mar. 16	Magic Bag	Ferndale, MI	Rebelution	Mar. 24	Congress Theatre	Chicago
Kina Grannis	May 1	Park West	Chicago	Rebelution w/The Green and Pep Love	Mar. 27	Saint Andrews Hall	Detroit
The Kingston Trio	Apr. 29	Warren Performing Arts Center	Indianapolis	Red Green Live (\$48.25)	Apr. 25	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
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ady Antebellum w/Darius Rucker and Thompson Square	Feb. 25	Palace of Auburn Hills	Aubum Hills, MI	Rehab	Feb. 17	McGuffy's	Dayton
Lady Antebellum w/Darius Rucker and Thompson Square	Mar. 9	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL	Remedy Drie w/Thousand Foot Crutch	Mar. 10	Worthen Arena	Muncie
.arry Garner (\$15) Larry Reeb w/Vince Carone (\$8-\$9)	Mar. 10 Feb. 9-11	Key Palace Theatre Snickerz Comedy Bar	Redkey Fort Wayne	Restless Heart (\$16-\$31) Reverend Horton Heat	Feb. 11 Mar. 3	Niswonger Performing Arts Cer Metro/Smart Bar	nter Van Wert Chicago
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Lewis Black	Feb. 4	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati	Ricky Skaggs w/The Browns (\$19-\$70)	May 4	Convention Center	Shipshewana
il' Ed and the Blues Imperials w/Sugar Blue	Feb. 17	Buddy Guy's Legends	Chicago	Rise Against w/A Day to Remember and Menzingers	Jan 27	UIC Pavilion	Chicago
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Chocolate (basically Com performing over jazz compositions) and Be (a collaborative album with Kanye West, who here did the most cohesive, and best, production work of his career). Before all those records hit shelves Com released an album called Resurrection in 1994 with a Chicago producer named No I.D., who also produced Dollar and One Day. Often considered one of the 10 best hip-hop records ever made, Resurrection set the tone for Common's career; the album was so bold, masterful and ultimately influential that it defined its maker as the thoughtful, introspective, progressive emcee of the day.

Now, 17 years after the release of that great album, we have The Dreamer/The Believer, Common's first new batch of songs since his career worst effort, Universal Mind Control, a Neptunes-produced release that was a shameless attempt to, as they say, go mainstream. And while I consider Common to be one of the quiet hip-hop leaders of his generation, I can't help but suggest that his career hasn't been the same since Kanye West came along. A Chicago native who claims Common and No I.D. as his two musical heroes, West's star has grown over the years to unimaginable heights, long lapping the works of his heroes. Along the way Common has joined West's G.O.O.D. Music crew, which has resulted in a number of changes in his public persona. After a quiet decade-plus spent releasing artsy, hitless, very musical hip-hop albums, Common has now been in movies, dated celebrities, written a somewhat popular book, been in television commercials and become, more or less, a minor celebrity. All that said, his music remains overlooked – ignored, even, by even the outskirts of mainstream culture. Because of this, on *The Dreamer/The*

Because of this, on *The Dreamer The Believer* Common is mad. And confused. And, at times, still enlightened. But, mostly, Common feels determined to talk the listener into finally respecting him, to believing in him as his underground fans have for so many moons. Throughout the record his tone almost comes off as bullying – a frustrated artist ready to shame listeners who love Kanye records but ignore Common records.

Common goes back and forth, from song

to song, between emotions. He's angry and frustrated. Now he's enlightened and laid back. At times he's trying to simultaneously be all these things. And while the bipolar vibe is at first annoying, it quickly becomes the record's identity. We have a man in crisis, wondering, "Why did I so easily become a known actor but can't get people to care about my music?" Or maybe, "How can I be so damn good at something, and even influence the most popular artist of my genre in the world, and still not find ears?" Needless to say, *The Dreamer/The Believer* is a personal record. A crisis record, even, where we learn more about our hero than ever.

Highly listenable from start to finish, Common's ninth record hits its stride immediately, the first four tracks hitting hard. sounding like new rap classics. There's the enlightened soul pop of the opener, "The Dreamer," which begins the crisis. Next up is "Ghetto Dreams," a gritty banger of a single that sees Common trading verses with the other best emcee of his generation, Nas. A new classic, surely. Then we have "Blue Sky," an obvious single that features a vocal sample from, you guessed it, ELO's "Mr. Blue Sky." And, finally, we have "Sweet," the record's most telling track. On "Sweet" Common finally gets all-out angry, critiquing young new hip-hop artists - mostly Drake - for their lack of authenticity. For their lack of interest in - and respect for hip-hop roots. By the time the track fades out, you really feel for Common, who has now maddeningly spent 20 years watching lesser artists outsell him by volumes. And if you really know and understand the art of hip-hop, you probably agree with every word Common says here.

The Dreamer/The Believer may be Common's start-to-finish most listenable release yet. It's certainly his best produced. That people still aren't really paying attention is still a point of confusion. I suppose we have to look at the man in the middle, Common, once and for all. Some art just doesn't have mainstream appeal. And, usually, that's the best stuff around. Aside from maybe Action Jackson's great 2011 album, The Dreamer/The Believer stands as my favorite hip-hop release of 2011. Better than Kanye. Better than Drake. (Greg W. Locke)

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	Black Cat Mambo
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	BackWater
Mar. 31	Backstage Bar, Elwood, IN
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Feb. 24	Skinny's Ballroom, Austin
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Feb. 23L'Abordage, Evreux, France
Feb. 24 La Nef Des Fous, Angouleme, France
Feb. 25 Fuzz Sur Yon, La Roche Sur Yon, France
Memories of the King
Mar. 31Goedde Building, Van Wert, OH
Voices of Unity Choir
Apr. 28 Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert
Yellow Dead Bettys

Feb. 25The New Way Bar, Ferndale, MI Renegade

Feb. 24Wild Bill's Ranch, Elkhart

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The Ides of March

The opening scene of *The Ides of March* shows campaign press spokesman Stephen Meyers (Ryan Gosling) test-test-testing a podium mike in preparation for a big upcoming primary speech to be given by his candidate, Gov. Mike Morris (George Clooney). While checking the levels, Meyers says a bunch of stuff that no presidential candidate could ever actually get away with saying, but then again, he's not the candidate, and no one is there to hear him say it. It's a funny scene, actually.

So it is stunning to hear, at the actual debate, the governor himself delivering the exact same speech. The day a serious presidential candidate can get away with saying without any equivocation that he's not a Christian is the day I'll eat my hat.

So what are we to make of the fact he does get away with it? Do the events in this movie take place in an alternate universe?

Is director Clooney - adapting from the play Farragut North by Beau Willimon - optimistically trying to float the idea that a presidential candidate should be able to say such things? Or is the movie just obstinately out of touch with reality, and klutzily naïve about how campaigns are actually won and lost in this country? I'm going with option two here, simply because Clooney seems much too smart for option three. In any case, the unreal nature of the scene is distracting, and nothing in the nearly two hours that follow seems that much more in touch with reality, either.

As a hero, Meyers falls completely flat. At once slinty-eyed savvy and easily manipulated, simultaneously suave and naïve, he's not so much a bundle of fascinating contradictions as a loosely strungtogether packet of unconvincingly conflicting traits; he's whatever the screenplay calls for him to be in a given scene. He has an affair with a beautiful and seductive intern (Evan Rachel Wood), then gives a debonair speech about how the one thing you don't do in politics is sleep with the intern. He brags about how he's been involved in more campaigns at 30 than most pros are by 40, and yet he falls into a fairly transparent trap within seconds of receiving a phone call from the opposing camp's campaign manager (Paul Giamatti). He's a goofball, but Gosling's so smart and gimlet-eyed he doesn't seem like it even as he's being strung along. It's fascinating at first, but then it quickly becomes

I really wanted to like The Ides of March. I'm a big fan of sophisticated political dramas, and I'm a big fan of both Gosling and Clooney as well. (And Giamatti, and Wood, and Philip Seymour Hoffman - you know a cast is good when Hoffman's name doesn't even get mentioned until the last paragraph! - and did I mention that Marisa Tomei is in it as well?) But not one scene feels like the product of real and careful research into the machinations of actual presidential politics, and none of the characters are remotely likeable, either.

I never escaped, after the fumble of that tonedeaf opening scene, the feeling that this movie takes place in an alternate universe.

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The premise is clever, if potentially gimmicky: two people drunkenly hook-up (or don't, as the case may be) on the night of their college graduation in the late 80s; every year thereafter for the next 20 years, on the exact same date, we're shown



the same two people, Emma and Dexter, as they go through relationships, jobs, disappointments, deaths, breakups, and career booms and busts. Through it all, Emma (Anne Hathaway) and Dex (Jim Sturgess) continue to puzzle out exactly what their relationship to each other means: some years they're best friends, other years they fight; some years they take trips together; and still others they feel like they're done with each other for good. They may also be soulmates, but if so, what's taking them so long to figure that out?

> Unlike most rom-coms, in which the two attractive leads inevitably wind up together once they've been marched through a series of obligatory Misunderstandings and Arguments, things don't seem like such a done deal here. This is mainly because of Dex, who is a vain and shallow womanizer, a spoiled trustfund brat, a minor celebrity best known for hosting an idiotic dance show. Intellectually, he's far below Emma. Emma, on the other hand, is somewhat mousy and unambitious, content to be quietly discontent at a chain-restaurant job for which she's overqualified, and involved in a long-term relationship with a likable failed stand-up comedian (Rafe Spall) for whom she has no real attrac-

> > For the longest time it's not even clear if this is supposed to be a love story at all, at least in the conventional sense of the word. This is a good thing, despite the fact that the movie's marketing people are terrified that anyone might mistake this for anything but a conventional romance. (Just check out

the photo of the two leads kissing passionately on the movie posters and DVD cover.)

Fans of the beloved David Nicholls novel upon which the movie is based should be pleased by the respect with which Lone Sherfig (An Education) has treated the source material. (This should come as no surprise, seeing as how Nicholls himself wrote the screenplay.) They were even allowed to keep the same ending, which I had doubts about when I first read the novel and heard they were adapting it for film.

What inevitably gets lost in translation from print to screen, though, is the sense of gravity associated with the passage of two decades. Nothing can beat a novel for portraying not just the passage of time, but the cumulative weight that thousands of days (and countless decisions both bad and good) puts upon a person. You can put graying hair on Jim Sturgess, and an actress of Ann Hathaway's caliber can effectively telegraph increased confidence and poise as the years pass, but the fact remains that each year is given an average of just 5.4 minutes of time in the movie, whereas an average of 22 pages is allotted to the same amount of time in the novel. What you get in the film is the opposite of epic. A much smaller canvas of time seems more ideally suited to film (think of the timelessness of the relationship between Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy in Before Sunrise, which takes place over the course of a single night). In its yearning to convey the arc of two decades, One Night sometimes feels disappointingly slight and cursorily paced - a nifty gimmick, but a gimmick nonetheless.

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The 'Novel' Kardashian

Dollhouse by Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian, William Morris, 2011

I can't imagine how hard it must have been to write this book. Seriously.

Not that the actual writing of it would be hard; you just have to keep the vocabulary simple and make sure nothing that happens in the plot is unmarketable. I mean that it must be incredibly hard to write a book like this without losing a lot of valuable time to fits of giggles or long bouts of depressive introspection about how low you're willing to go with your craft in order to get a paycheck. It couldn't have been easy.

At any rate, reading the book is much easier, although to enjoy reading it, you'll have to be the

kind of person who can believe that Kourtney, Kim and Khloe Kardashian actually wrote a book.

If they could write any book, KARDASHIAN however, this would be the one. For one thing, it doesn't stray too far into the land of imagination. The novel's plot concerns three sisters: Kassidy, Kamille and Kyle Romero. They are all beautiful residents of Los Angeles who love the finer things in life. Their mother is a slightly old, once-beautiful woman who, after the death of the girls' wealthy father, has married a former athlete (here's the fiction part: the stepdad is a former baseball player). So far, everything is just about as real as the Kardashians' real

Early in the book the Romero girls are trying to figure out what to do with their lives. The death of their father led to a small financial crisis, but fortunately their mother opened a successful restaurant, allowing her to keep the girls outfitted with credit cards and new cars. Life in L.A. would have been so much harder if they'd been forced to be poor for very long, so they consider themselves very lucky that they were able to quickly get back to concentrating on being beautiful without having to put up with the nasty smell of secondhand clothes.

Kassidy, the oldest sister, almost has her life together. She was the valedictorian of her high school class, and she's currently at the top of her class at USC. She goes to the library to study for her classes, and she reads biographies of Abraham Lincoln for fun; she's a smart girl. Kyle, the youngest, is more of a mess. She's a rebel, with crazy hair and a bit of a drinking habit. She's



not a lost cause, though; she's beautiful, she doesn't fool around with the hard drugs and she could breeze through school, too, if she just applied herself. Kamille, the middle daughter, doesn't have much going on beyond being beautiful.

Luckily for her, that's enough! Discovered one day in a coffee shop by the head of a top modeling agency, she is catapulted to stardom in an instant. Before she knows it she's going to all the best clubs. She's also showing up in all the tabloids.

but it's a small price to pay. Kassidy isn't thrilled about all of it; she's always been jealous of Kamille because of her beauty, and she resents having to study so hard when Kamille has amazing things happen to her just because she's beautiful.

I wanted so badly for the novel's plot to take a really exciting turn. like having the girls become secret agents or at least turn into a trio

of beautiful Nancy Drews who have to track down a stolen shipment of Gucci handbags. Unfortunately, those things don't happen. and the single plot point that makes the novel into a story, sort of, doesn't have any global intrigue in it at all.

There are lessons to be learned. however. First, you have to find a middle ground when you're beautiful. You can't be all dumpy and serious like Kassidy or you'll miss out on all the fun. You also can't be careless like Kyle or you'll squander your beauty. You have to be perfect, like Kamille, who drinks just enough. has sex mostly responsibly, is smart without wasting time on school and lets her perfect beauty be her ticket to the world.

Second, you have to realize that being a family solves every problem. even if your sister is a backstabbing

Third, you should never even think about marrying a professional athlete on a reality TV show.

I feel for Nancy Ohlin, whose name is buried deep in the acknowledgments. She's recognized as the girls' "collaborator," and I think we all know what that means. I hope, for her sake, that her work on this book is a fruitful addition to her resume and that her next job is not collaboration on another Kardashian novel.

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A Working Collective

Last week we took a look at one of Fort Wayne's oldest arts organizations, Fort Wayne Ballet, and its unique offerings. This week we

turn the spotlight on a dance organization with deep roots of its own in the city and its own distinctive approaches to bringing dance and art to the area - Fort Wayne Dance Collective.

One of the things FWDC does very well is bring eclectic and electrifying dance workshops, demonstrations and performances to town, exposing Fort Wayne to an amazing variety of dance experiences. Dance Collective focuses not only on the passive act of watching others dance, but also on bringing opportunities for more to learn the self-expression and health benefits that dance brings to each of our lives. The Indiana Dance Festival is one example of how the organization has brought dancers from all over the state and sometimes beyond - to Fort Wayne's artistic community, allowing dance teachers and dance novices a chance to learn new and dynamic forms.

Those who appreciate those efforts and want to partake should circle February 18 and 19 on their calendars for the Choreographers Laboratory Performance, a forum for choreographers from around the state to share their knowledge and experience with this area.

The Motus Dance Theatre from Indianapolis and the Jesters of Saint Francis are among the groups featured at the performances on Saturday at 7 p.m., while Sunday will highlight Mikautadze Dance Theatre and Fort Wayne Taiko, the latter performing with the Women's Chorus. Area schools will be spotlighted as well, with South Side High School performing on Saturday and Weisser Park Dance Troupe taking the stage on Sunday. Participating area choreographers will include Brennan Stillman, Vicki Gallagher, Peter Johnson, Heidi Prussing, Jessica Williams and Becca Wegner. Per-





formances take place at the Elliot Studio Theatre at Fort Wayne Dance Collective's home in the Hall Community Center, 437 East Berry Street, so seating is very limited. Tickets are a bargain (\$8 for adults, \$5 for children), so it's best to call 424-6574 early to secure your chance to check out the

Also, in keeping with Dance Collective's knack for merging education and entertainment, an April visit by the Rubberbandance Group will surely engage those who enjoy the Dance Festival offerings. With a lecture/demonstration on Friday, April 13 at 4 p.m. and a master class for experienced dancers taking place at 7 p.m., dancers at all levels can learn from this inventive Montreal dance company. Directed by Victor Quijada, the vibrant movement and heart-thumping rhythms make Rubberbandance Group an exciting "get" for Dance Collective.

If you want to check them out and see for yourself, visit their website www.rubberbanddance. com where you can find examples of their work that will knock you on your ear. Or visit YouTube where several great pieces are featured. Once you've seen that, you will definitely want to see them in person on Saturday, April 14 for their 8 p.m. performance at the Arts United Center.

In the meantime, there are plenty of classes to be enjoyed just check out their schedule of classes at www.fwdc.org or chat it up with FWDC Artistic Director Liz Monnier who is so effusive about what the Collective has going on that she'll reel you in for sure. Of course, you can go a more traditional route and pick up the phone and give them a ring at 424-6574. There's always someone happy to talk to you about dance.

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ROCKSLIDES - Installation art by Deb Karpman and Kimberly Hennessy at the Hugh N. Ronald Gallery, Portland, **Monday-Friday thru Feb.** 29, 726-4809

SELF PORTRAIT EXHIBIT — Self portraits at Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery. Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday thru Feb. 29, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.

STEPHEN PERFECT: 40 YEARS OF Рнотоgraphy — Photography at the Lupke Gallery, North Campus of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Monday-Friday, Feb. 4-Mar. 30, (artist reception 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6), 399-7700

Suzanne Galaska — Paintings at Langhinrichs Gallery, Fort Wayne Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, Fort Wayne, Sunday-Thursday thru Feb. 29, 744-1867

Таттоо Dreams — Series by Pat and Jon Hecker at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, Feb. 2-28, 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

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

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TRENCH ART: PRODUCTIVE PASTIMES FROM THE DEBRIS OF WAR — At the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday thru Feb. 26, 422-6467,

Artifacts

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ART EVENT

THE OTHER - An exhibition by visual communication and design fac-ulty artists Mikhael Antone, Alma Hoffmann and James Williams, contains adult images and language, at the IPFW Visual Art Gallery, Room 204, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 481-6709

ART OPEN House — Adam Hopkins, Austin Cartwright. Drew Mark and Mackenzie Kneller will display their art at Friendly Fox, Fort Wayne, Saturday, Feb. 18, 745-3369, friendlyfox.org/

INSTRUCTION

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

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Coming Exhibits

FEBRUARY

Овјет Trouvé — Found object art at the Potter's Wife Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Saturday, February 10-Mar. 24, 420-8300, www.delaneys1421broadway.com

2012 SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS - At the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Tuesday-Sunday, Feb. 11-Apr. 8, 422-6467, www.fwmoa.org

VALENTINE SHOW — Art at the Castle Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Saturday, Feb. 11-Mar. 10, 426-6568, www.castlegallery.com 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

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/

MARCH

In The Garden - A themed exhibition with works by many artists at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, Mar. 3-31 (reception 12-5 p.m. Saturday, March 3), 436-0927, www.theorchardgallery.com

36 ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION -The very best by high school students around the region at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, daily, Mar. 4-28 (reception 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 4), 399-7700 ext.

REGIONAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION: SMALL Town Voices — Artwork by area students at the Hugh N. Ronald Gallery, Portland, Monday-Friday Mar. 8-Apr. 6 (reception 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 8), 726-4809 WATERMEDIA ON PAPER - Midwest juried

exhibit at Artlink Contemporary Art

Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Mar. 9-Apr. 4, 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com FORT WAYNE COLLECTS — At the Fort

Wayne Museum of Art, **Tuesday-Sunday, Mar. 17-May 6**, 422-6467, www.fwmoa.org
22nd Annual Juried Student Art

Ехнівіт — Juried exhibit of works created by Huntington University visual art students during this academic year at The Robert E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts, Huntington, Monday-Friday, Mar. 26-Apr. 5 (awards reception 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 31), 426-7421, www.huntington.edu/mca/wilsongallery/robert-e--wilson-gallery/

KIMBERLY RORICK AND SUSAN KLINE -Painted furniture by Kimberly Rorick and whimsical mixed media paintings by Susan Kline at the Orchard Gallery, Fort Wayne, Monday-Saturday, Apr. 3-30, 436-0927, www.theorchardgallerv.com

DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS MAJORS EXHIBIT -Works by Huntington University graduating digital media arts majors at The Robert E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts, Huntington, Monday-Friday, Apr. 12-20 (artist reception 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 14), 426-7421 www.huntington.edu/mca/wilsongallery/robert-e--wilson-gallery/

32ND ANNUAL NATIONAL PRINT EXHIBITION National juried show of the latest in printmaking at Artlink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Apr. 13-May 23, 424-7195, www. artlinkfw.com

FORT WAYNE'S PHOTOGRAPHER'S GUILD - At First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery, Monday-Friday, Apr. 13-May 27 (artist reception 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 4), 426-7421, www. firstpres-fw.org/the_arts/gallery

Butterflies of Asia — At the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, Tuesday-Sunday, Apr. 14-July 8, \$5, 427-6440, http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/

CHILDREN OF BURMA - Images from photojournalist Steve Linsenmayer's 2006 journey to Burma and Thailand at the Hugh N. Ronald Gallery, Portland, **Monday-Friday**, **Apr. 14-June 1**, 726-4809

VISUAL ARTS MAJORS EXHIBIT - Works created by talented Huntington University graduating visual arts majors at The Robert E. Wilson Gallery located in the Merillat Center for the Arts, Huntington, Monday-Friday, Apr. 25-May 3 (artist reception 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 28), 426-7421, www.huntington.edu/mca/wilson-

gallery/robert-e--wilson-gallery/

36 ANNUAL SOCA STUDENT EXHIBITION Artwork by students studying in the School of Creative Arts at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, daily, Apr. 14-May 4 (reception 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 14), 399-7700 ext.

IPFW VPA Dean Relocates

Charles "Chuck" O'Connor, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at IPFW, has accepted a position as dean of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). His new position will be effective July 1, 2012, and he will remain at IPFW through June 30. O'Connor has been with IPFW since 2008 but previously taught theatre at UNL from 1993 to 2003. Some of his contributions to the Fort Wayne community have included a new music technology program at IPFW, an off-site arts gallery and the TV program "Arts Weekly." The contributions of this champion of the arts will be missed by our community.

Wizard of Oz Film Crew Sought

Ecstatic Theatrics will present *The Wizard of Oz*, adapted and directed by Jeannette Jaquish, former director of the Firehouse Theatre. Performances are March 2-4 with 7 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a free performance on Thursday, March 1 for audiences with special needs. Performances are at the Main Library Auditorium in downtown Fort Wayne.

For a filmed production of her script, to be shot April to September of this year, Jaquish is seeking interior locations for Dorothy's Kansas home and the Wizard's Throne Room, as well as the exterior of the Witch's Castle. Those interested in auditioning, volunteering or serving on the crew (with some compensation), or in purchasing tickets to the stage performances should contact Jaquish at 260-484-5946 or 260-750-9013.

Jaquish closed the Firehouse Theatre after nearly four years of hard work to focus on her scripts. "It was the new scenes I added to my Oz script that lured me from the easy life and back to [producing]," she says. She also has a Harry Potter parody planned for Halloween. For now, she says, they will rent stages around town, such as the library auditorium, "although a permanent location would be nice. Perhaps an old vacant building – oops, here I go again."

Manchester Students Visit Globe Theatre

Fort Wayne actor/director Jane Frazier team-taught a January term class at Manchester College with Dr. Debra Lynn. The class focused on music, voice and movement, covering mainly the Renaissance and Restoration time periods. The class culminated in a trip to London. "We spent the week immersed in London music, theatre, culture," says Frazier, "but the most amazing event was experiencing The Globe Theatre. Words cannot describe the feeling of being in this amazing building."

The original Globe Theatre burned down after a cannon was shot during a performance, Frazier explains. But even so, this replica, built in 1997, was awe-inspiring for Frazier and the students. "We were even able to do a bit of acting on the stage," she says, "and received applause from the other tour groups."

Jay County Seeks Directors

The Jay County Civic Theatre is seeking directors for their 2012-13 season. Positions will be compensated. The application deadline is Friday, February 3. Interested parties should send a brief letter stating interest in directing any of the shows as well as a resume and contact information via email to jaycountycivic@gmail.com.

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Now Playing

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE — Presented by
Shakespeare from the Heart at the
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Family
Life Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 3-4, 2074556, www.shakespearefromtheheart.org

Emma — An adaptation of the book by Jane Austen at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 3-4; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 10-11; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, \$8-\$12, 622-4610, allforonefw.org

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT — A comedy "rip-off" from the popular motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, \$25-\$45, 563-1102, www.honeywellcenter.org

Murder Among Friends — A comedic thriller whodunnit at Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Feb. 3-4, \$35, 424-5622 www.arenadinnertheatre.org

Radio Daze — A radio melodrama to benefit the Fort Wayne Youtheatre and featuring more than 20 local celebrities and actors at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 422-6900, www. fortwayneyoutheatre.org

Asides

AUDITIONS

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (May 3-20, 2012) — 1 man age 25-30 and 2 women ages 22-25 and 50ish needed, auditions at the First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne,1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 422-6329, www.firstpres-fw.org/the_arts/ theater

Sex PLEASE We're SIXTY (APRIL 20, 2012-May 5, 2012) — Auditions at the Arena Theatre Rehearsal Studio, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 4-5. 2012, 424-5622

RIP VAN WINKLE (APRIL 20-22, 2012) — Actors needed for the Fort Wayne Youtheatre production, auditions at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 4-6 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 13-14, 2012, 422-6900, www.fortwayneyoutheatre.org

ALIVE AND DEAD IN INDIANA (JUNE 1-10, 2012) — Auditions for the Civic Theatre's production will be held at the Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 5 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 15, 2012, 422-8641, www.fwcivic.org/PgAuditions. html

THE MARRIAGE GO ROUND (JUNE 8-23, 2012) — Auditions at the Arena Theatre Rehearsal Studio, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, April 22-23, 2012, 424-5622

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CALLS FOR CREW MEMBERS

The Wizard of Oz (Mar. 1-4, 2012)

— Assistant directors, techies, designers and volunteers needed for a stage production in March and an on-location video production May-Sept., 484-5946, www.ecstatic-theatrics.com

INSTRUCTION

MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTION — A new education program for students in grades seven and eight at the Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 23-Aug. 10, \$600, to request an application call the Embassy box office at 424-5665, fwembassytheatre.org/score

<u>Planning Calendar</u>

FEBRUARY

Music and the Movies — A multimedia presentation combining music and film at Honeywell Center, Wabash, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, \$55, 563 1102, www.honeywellcenter.org

2-4-1 — Two one-acts — The Pot Boiler by Alice Gerstenberg and The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard at the Studio Theatre, IPFW, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18 and Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, \$5-\$14, IPFW students w/ID free, 481-6555, http://new.ipfw.edu/theatre

PETER PAN — The Fort Wayne Ballet family series brings the book to life with an animated ballet followed by an interactive party with the characters at the Auer Center for Arts & Culture, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, \$10, 484-9646, www.fortwayneballet.org/peter_pan.htm

BLAST! — A musical event consisting of 35 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together for an evening of pageantry, a Broadway series production at the Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 424-5665, www fwembassytheatre.org./events_broadway.htm

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE — A farcical black comedy presented by Jay County Civic Theatre at Arts Place, Portland, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, \$8-\$10, 726-4809

MEDEA — A greek tragedy presented by the Huntington University Theatre department at MCA Zurcher Auditorium, Huntington University, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 23-24 and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, \$5-\$12, www. huntington.edu/MCA/

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MARCH

Wizard of Oz — A rambunctious new musical at the Allen County Public Library Theatre, downtown Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 1 (free showing for special needs/ too noisy for most audiences); 7 p.m. Friday, Mar. 2; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 3; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 4, \$6-\$10, 484-5946 www.ecstatic-theatrics.com

CIRQUE D' OR — A Cirque style show with acrobats, contortionists and aerial artists from around the world at the Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Mar. 2-3, \$22.75-\$62.75, 424-6287, www.fwembassytheatre.org

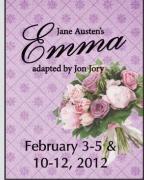
You Can't Take It WITH You — The classic comedy about the eccentric Sycamores and the unhappy Kirbys at First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 1-3 and Friday-Saturday, Mar. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 11; and 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Mar. 16-17, \$10-\$24, 422-6329, www.firstpresfw.org/the_arts/theater

THE 39 STEPS — The stage adaptation of the Alfred Hitchcock film about a man working to prove himself innocent of murder at Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. curtain, Friday-Saturday, Mar. 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, \$35, 424-5622

SENIOR SHOWCASE — An evening dedicated to showcasing the talents of Huntington University Theatre Department's six graduating seniors at MCA Zurcher Auditorium, Huntington University, 7:30 p.m. Friday Mar. 2, free, www.huntington.edu/MCA/

Gypsy — The classic musical drama about Gypsy Rose Lee and her life as a stripper turned stage mom. Presented by Civic Theatre at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 8 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 3; 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 4; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Mar. 9-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 11; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Mar. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 18, \$28-\$26, 424-5220, www.fwcivic.org





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This Week

- PRETTY THINGS PEEPSHOW A one of a kind traveling vaudeville show with midgets walking on glass, contortionists, singing, dancing, comedy, whip cracking, fire eating and more, 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, \$10, 456-7005, www.myspace.com/calhounsoupssaladsspirits
- RADIO DAZE Cocktails and Catablu radio hour to benefit Fort Wayne Youtheatre at Arts United Center, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, \$25, 422-6900
- RV & CAMPING SHOW At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, 12-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 2-4 and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, \$2-\$6, 484-1637, www. memorialcoliseum.com/
- COKING DEMOS Cooking demos at Three Rivers Co-op include raw Valentine's Day entrée for two by Diane, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; chipotle brownies by Don, 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9; gluten free chocolate cake with decorating ideas and raspberry filling by Echo, 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; forbidden rice stir fry with Sheila, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20; and how to get fiber into your diet with Kimberly, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 424-8812,
- www.3riversfood.coop/
 FAMILY FARM DAY View the FisherPrice farm exhibit and participate in farm-related crafts and games at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, Saturday, Feb. 4, \$5, 427-6440, http://www.botanicalconservatory.org/

Authors, Readings,

Poetry

- Воокworms Воок Сьив At Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6-8 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, free, 373-0505, www.fireflycoffeehousefw.com
- МЕЕТИР ВООК СLUB At Firefly Coffee House, Fort Wayne, 6:45-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month, free, 373-0505, www.firefly-coffeehousefw.com
- 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

Lectures, Discussions,

<u>Films</u>

- ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR 2012 AND RECENT ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE William Strauss, senior economist and economic advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago will speak in the Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb 2, free, 480-2090
- WORKSHOP FOR BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE CHINA STRATEGY A highly interactive and practical exploration of why and how to design and follow a China business strategy at NIIC, Fort Wayne, 12-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb 2, \$25, 399-1662
- FED 2, \$25, 399-1002

 MYSTERIOUS ANCIENT AMERICA

 CONFERENCE Authors will present their evidence on migrations to North America and who really built the mounds and earthworks in the midwest at the downtown Hilton Hotel, Fort Wayne, 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 4, \$30, 750-9500 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

- FACING DEATH LIKE A PROFESSIONAL:

 NAWIGATING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AT
 THE END OF LIFE A presentation by
 Assistant Professor of Philosophy
 Abraham Schwab in the Science
 Building, Room 168, IPFW, Fort
 Wayne, noon-1:15 p.m. Monday,
 Feb. 6, free, 481-6160, ipfw.edu/
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- STEPHEN PERFECT: 40 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY — Stephen Perfect speaks as part of the University of Saint Francis' Closer Look Series at the University of Saint Francis, North Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, free, 399-7700, ext. 8001
- TALKING WITH STRANGERS Lanah
 Hake will recount some of her
 many expeditions at the Botanical
 Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 6:30-8
 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, \$4-\$7, 4276440, www.botanicalconservatory.
 org/
- HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP — HOSted by It Is Well With My Soul at Link's Wonderland, Fort Wayne, 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 420-0765
- THE 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
- THE ROAD TO BROWN A video and panel discussion about Brown v. Board of Education in Topeka, KS presented in collaboration with the African/African-American Historical Society and the History Center at the History Center in Fort Wayne, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, free, 426-2882, www.fwhistorycenter.com
- COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE PART 2: INTERSECTIONS OF COMMONALITIES At the downtown Allen County Public Library, Meeting Room B, 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 420-0765
- THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS A debate at Walb Student Union, Rooms G-21 and G-21A, IPFW, Fort Wayne, noon-1:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 481-6992
- IF You MEANT IT, THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT A STAMP ON IT AWARD-winning 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, free tickets must be picked up in advance at the Schatzlein Box Office, 481-6495, omnibuslectures.
- BOTANICAL BROWN BAG: CRAZY SISTERS
 COFFEE KLATCH Cheryl Fry and
 Marcia Harward, co-owners of
 Crazy Sisters Coffee Roasters,
 will share their experiences running a coffee roasting business at
 the Botanical Conservatory, Fort
 Wayne, 12-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb.
 23, \$3-\$5, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/
- calconservatory.org/
 FORT WAYNE CIVIL RIGHTS: YESTERDAY
 AND TODAY A panel discussion
 about the civil rights movement in
 Fort Wayne in Neff Hall, Room 101,
 IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 23, free, 481-0509
- Ihursday, Feb. 23, free, 487-0509
 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, free, www.huntington.edu/fls

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- How 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, \$10 members, \$16 non-members, 424-2400 ext. 451 for reservations
- Education Reform Education
 Historian Diane Ravitch speaks as
 part of IPFW's Omnibus Lecture
 Series at Auer Performance Hall,
 IPFW, Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Mar. 13, free tickets must
 be picked up in advance at the
 Schatzlein Box Office, 481-6495,
 omnibuslectures.org
- I'LL HAVE A SALAD AND A DIET COKE:
 EATING AS A GENDERED ACT —
 Christina Van Dyke 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.
 Thursday, Mar. 22, free, www.huntington.edu/fls
- A CHINESE SERVANT, A CIVIL WAR
 GENERAL AND AN INDIANA LADY: A CASE
 STUDY IN PERSONAL AGENCY, UNLIKELY
 FRIENDSHIP AND MISSIOLOGICAL
 PARTNERSHIP LUKE S. FETTERS
 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, Apr.
 10, free, www.huntington.edu/fis
- FORT WAYNE'S HISTORICAL BASEBALL PAST
 Don Graham speaks as part
 of the George R. Mather Lecture
 Series at the History Center in Fort
 Wayne, 2 p.m. Sunday, Apr. 1,
 free, 426-2882, www.fwhistorycenter.com
- Bob KNIGHT Bob Knight speaks at the Wagon Wheel Theatre, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 14, \$55-\$69, wagonwheeltheatre.org
- Name THAT BONE Amanda Brown, clinical assistant professor of radiography, speaks as part of Science Central's Lunch with an IPFW Scientist at Science Central, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 14, \$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
- 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, 421-1220 **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 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-

songs and fingerplays for the whole family, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 421-1330

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

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 5 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

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,

421-1370 **Kid Stuff**

FAMILY FARM DAY — Visit pettable farm animals and explore the familiar crops and chores of the farm at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, \$3-\$5, 427-6440, www. botanicalconservatory.org/

Science Fun: Have a Heart — Learn about the heart and circulatory system with fun and family friendly experiments, demonstrations and activities for ages 5 and up at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and 18 and 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, \$3-\$5, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

FAMILY CONCERT — A family concert featuring Heartland singing whimsical children's music and special guest MR. Puppet at the University of Saint Francis NC Auditorium, Fort Wayne, 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 18-19, \$20 adult, kids free when accompanied by an adult, 436-8080

Basketball Clinic — A basketball clinic for boys and girls ages 8-12 at the North Highlands Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday thru Feb. 22, free, 424-5501 God Made You Special — VeggieTales at First Assembly of God, Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 17, \$20, 490-8585

Dance

OPEN DANCES

Ballroom Dancing — Open dance at American Style Ballroom, 8 p.m. lesson, 8:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, \$5, and 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, \$6, 480-7070

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DANCE or UNIVERSAL PEACE —

Participatory circle dancing of meditation, joy, community and creating a peaceful world at Fort Wayne Dance Collective, 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 11 and Mar. 10, fragrance-free, \$7, 424-6574 or 749-8090, www.fwdc.org/dup

VALENTINE DANCE — A mature crowd dance with prime rib dinner, roses for the ladies, champagne/cider and a cash bar at VFW Post 857, Fort Wayne, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, \$50 per couple, 740-7383

VALENTINE'S DANCE — Dancing, live music by Actual Size, snacks, door prizes and a raffle at American Legion Post 240, Avilla, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, \$5, 897-2225

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, **6-9** 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

Salsa Sundays — Group salsa lesson 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

Instruction

ALL-LEVELS ADULT YOGA AND KIDS ART EXPLORATION — VICKI SAIZDTUN Of LOTUS YOGA Wellness Gallery will teach a yoga class for parents while their children attend an art session at Artlink, Auer Center for Arts and Culture, Fort Wayne, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 22 and every other Wednesday thru June, \$10 yoga, \$20 kid's art class 424-7195, www.artlinkfw.com

BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP — Marjorie Kennedy-Babbit, owner of Sweet Annie's Basketry, will hold a basket weaving workshop at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, \$24-\$29, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

Dror-In Yoga In THE GARDEN — Yoga instructed by Lana K. Hake at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, \$5-\$7, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

Drop-In Zumba in the Garden — Zumba with licensed instructor Hillary Halsema at the Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, \$5-\$7, 427-6440, www.botanicalconservatory.org/

IPFW COMMUNITY ARTS ACADEMY — Art, dance, music and theatre classes for grades Pre K through 12, ongoing weekly lessons, prices vary, call 481-6059 for more information

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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

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. SUNDAY, MAR. 18 vs. Erie, 5 p.m. FRIDAY, MAR. 6 vs. Dakota, 7:30 p.m. SATURDAY, MAR. 7 vs. Dakota, 7:30 p.m. p.m.

HUCKET

KOMETS — Upcoming home games at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne SATURDAY, FEB. 4 vs. Dayton, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10 vs. Quad City, 8 n.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17 vs. Bloomington, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18 vs. Allen, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24 vs. Arizona, 8 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.

FRIDAY, MAR. 16 vs. Laredo, 8 p.m. SATURDAY, MAR. 17 vs. Laredo, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 21 vs. Quad City, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAR. 23 vs. Dayton, 8 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 25 vs. Dayton, 5 p.m.

MONSTER TRUCK SHOWS

MMP Life Tour Monster Trucks —
Monster truck show at Allen County
War Memorial Coliseum, Fort
Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday,
Mar. 23-24, \$15-\$25.50, www.
memorialcoliseum.com

ROLLER DERBY

FORT WAYNE DERBY GIRLS — Upcoming home games at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne SATURDAY, FEB. 18 Bomb Squad vs. Toronto CN Power, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEB. 18 S.W.A.T. vs. South Bend, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, APR. 21 Bomb Squad & S.W.A.T. vs. The Chicago Outfit, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 12 Bomb Squad & S.W.A.T. vs. Killamazoo Derby

WRESTLING

Darlins, 6 p.m.

FAMILY FEWD — PRESENTED BY Federation of Elite Wrestlers (F.E.W.) with special Guest WWE hall of famer Sunny at The Fight House, Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 10, \$7-\$15, www. fwfew.com

Sports & Recreation

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, \$100, 469-2700

Tours & Trips

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART — Join the School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis to view the exhibit "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus", Feb. 9, \$40, 399-7700, ext. 8001

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. rock104radio.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, \$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, \$5100, www.ipfw.edu/dcs/trips

SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT — A weekend scrapbooking retreat for beginners or advanced scrapbookers at Manchester College, North Manchester, June 1-3, \$140, 982-5246, www.meetatmanchester.com

February

Boat Show — At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 9-10, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, \$2-\$6, 484-1637, www.memorialcoliseum.com/

Jazz and Wine Tasting Event — Hosted by the Pierceton Chamber of Commerce at the Old Train Depot, Pierceton, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, \$25 adv. \$30 d.o.s., 574-594-2040

KE-KI-ON-GA LIVING HISTORY TRADE FAIR — At the Allen County Fairgrounds, Fort Wayne, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, www.kekion-gatradefair.webs.com

POLAR PLUNGE — Join in an icy dip to benefit the Special Olympics at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 800-742-0612, www.soindiana.org

SHARE THE LOVE VALENTINE'S BANQUET — An evening of fun and romance with live musical performance by former lead singer of Newsong, Michael O'Brien and the comedy of David Dean, hosted by Melissa Montana at World War II Victory Museum, Auburn, 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, \$130, 483-8236, www.star883.com

Dancing with the Arc Stars — Local celebrities will dance at the Marriott Marquis Ballroom, Fort Wayne, Friday, Feb. 17, \$75, 456-4534, ext. 267

Model Railroad Show & Swap —
Dozens of tables of model railroads including operating model railroad layouts hosted by the Maumee Valley Rail Road Club at Coliseum Bingo, Fort Wayne, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, \$4-\$6, 482-2203

WMEE BABY FAIR & FAMILY EXPO — At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, \$2, 484-1637, www.wmee. com

March

FORT WAYNE HOME & GARDEN
SHOW — At the Fort Wayne War
Memorial Coliseum, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, Mar. 1-2; 10
a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 3; and
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 4,
\$6-\$10, 482-9502

Brewfest — A beer-sampling event hosted at the downtown Masonic Temple, Fort Wayne, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 10, \$25, www.the-freemasonshall.com

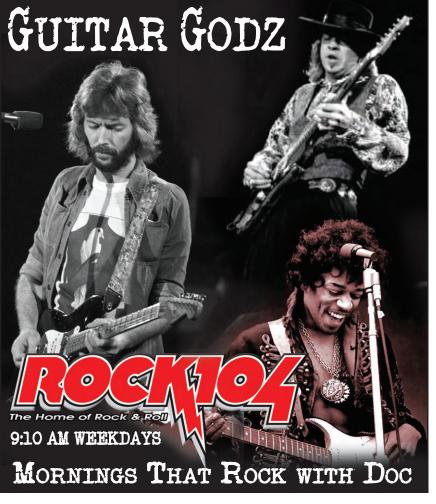
NORTHERN INDIANA GOLF SHOW — At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 10 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 11, 482-9502

Gun & Knife Show — At the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 10 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 11, \$2-\$6, 482-9502

DINNER AND GERMAN SPRING SHOW

— Dinner and entertainers from
Germany who are traveling the
eastern half of the United States
sponsored by the Fort Wayne
Männechor/Damenchor at park
Edelweiss, Fort Wayne, 5-6:30 p.m.
dinner, 7 p.m. show Friday, Mar.
16, \$30, 459-2225, http://www.fortwaynemaennerchor.us/

SchlachtFest — Celebrate the Schlacht Festival with dinner followed by a performance of the Männechor/Damenchor and music by the Haus Musicanten, Fort Wayne, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 17, http://www.fortwaynemaennerchor.us/





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OPENING THIS WEEK

Big Miracle (PG) Chronicle (PG) Woman in Black (PG13)

Bell and Daniel Craig star in this animated adventure that looks like a stylized version of a new Indiana Jones installment. COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:25, 9:45

Fri.-Wed.: 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN (PG) — Jaimie

ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (G) — The chipmunks (and chipettes)

take a vacation on a luxury cruise liner. Hijinks ensue.

CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Daily: 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 12:50

THE ARTIST (PG13) — The Golden Globewinning and Oscar-nominated, dialog-free, black-and-white film centers of a superstar of the silent movies (Jean Dujardin) at the advent of talkies and an up-and-coming young actress (Berenice Bejo).

• CINEMA CENTER DOWNTOWN, FORT WAYNE Thurs.-Fri.: 6:30, 8:30

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

• Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 1:35, 4:05, 6:30, 9:15 Fri.-Wed.: 1:55, 4:35, 6:50, 9:20

• JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 10:05 Fri.: 1:05, 3:50, 7:40,10:15

Sat.-Sun.: 11:35, 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:15 Mon.-Wed.: 1:05, 3:50, 7:25, 10:10

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (G) — Disney goes to the well one more time by bringing back this animated family favorite in 3D.

· CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:20 (3D), 3:40 (3D), 6:00 (3D),

Fri.-Wed.: 1:20 (3D), 3:40 (3D), 6:00 (3D)

· COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE All Shows in 3D

Thurs.: 2:15 4:45 6:55 Fri.-Wed.: 2:15. 4:45 HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 12:30, 2:40, 4:50

JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE All Shows 3D

Thurs.: 1:20, 4:20, 7:35 Fri.: 4:10. 10:40 Sat.: 12:00, 5:25, 10:40 Sun.: 12:00, 5:25, 10:30

Mon.-Wed.: 4:10, 10:10 NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW All shows in 3D

Mon.-Wed.: 4:35, 6:45

Thurs.: 4:30, 6:45 Fri.: 4:35 6:45 9:00 Sat.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 6:45, 9:00 **Sun.:** 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 6:45

BIG MIRACLE (PG) — Drew Barrymore and John Krasinski star in this family-friendly drama about a family of gray whales trapped by ice in the Arctic Circle.

CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.-Wed.: 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40 COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

 Huntington 7, Huntington Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.-Sat.: 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25,

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Sun.-Wed.: 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25

• JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.: 1:10, 4:05, 7:35, 10:25

Sat.-Sun.: 11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35,10:25 Mon.-Wed.: 1:10, 4:05, 7:15, 10:05 NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.: 4:35, 7:00, 9:15 Sat.: 12:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:15 Sun.: 12:00 4:35 7:00 Mon.-Wed.: 4:45, 7:00

CHRONICLE (PG13) - A superhero/sci-fi flick that stars nobody you've ever heard of but has gotten surprisingly good reviews.

CARMIKE 20. FORT WAYNE

Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 12:50. 3:00. 5:10. 7:20. 9:40 • COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

• HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.-Sat.: 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30. 9:35 11:40

Sun.-Wed.: 11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30,

· JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.: 1:25, 4:00 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sat.: 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun.: 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30 Mon.-Wed.: 1:25. 4:20. 7:10. 9:45

NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Fri.: 5:00, 7:15, 9:15 **Sat.:** 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15 **Sun.:** 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15 Mon.-Wed.: 5:00. 7:15

 STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE Starts Friday, Feb. 3

Sat.: 2:00, 7:15, 9:00 Sun.: 2:00, 7:15 Mon.-Wed.: 7:15

CONTRABAND (R) - Mark Wahlberg plays a one-time crook forced to re-enter a life of crime to bail out his brother-in-law. Ben Foster, Kate Beckinsale and Giovanni

• Carmike 20, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00 Fri.-Wed.: 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00 Coldwater Crossing 14. Fort Wayne Thurs.: 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25

Fri.-Wed.: 7:25, 10:05 JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 10:05

Fri.: 12:55, 4:20, 8:15, 10:55 Sat.: 12:10, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55 **Sun.:** 12:10. 2:55. 5:35. 8:15 **Mon.-Wed.:** 12:55, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

· North Pointe 9, Warsaw Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 4:30, 7:00

A DANGEROUS METHOD (R) — A suspenseful drama about a beautiful psychiatric patient (Keira Knightley) and renowned psychiatrists Carl Jun (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortenson).

. CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10:05

THE DARKEST HOUR (PG) - Emile Hirsch and Max Minghella star in this sci-fi adventure, set in Moscow, about an attack from outer space.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 12:35, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50

THE DESCENDANTS (R) — Alexander Payne

(Sideways, About Schmidt) directs George Clooney in this dramatic, sometimes tragic comedy about an indifferent father and husband whose wife dies in a boating accident · CARMIKE 20. FORT WAYNE

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Jefferson Pointe 18, Fort Wayne

Thurs.: 12:45, 3:50, 7:05, 9:50 Fri.: 12:45, 3:50, 7:20, 10:10 Sat.-Sun.: 12:50, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10 Mon.-Wed.: 12:45, 3:50, 7:20, 10:10

THE DEVIL INSIDE (R) - Not to be confused with the video game of the same name, this is a horror film about a woman who really, really needs an exorcism. Written and directed by and starring people you've never heard of.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE **Thurs.:** 12:45, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00 Fri.-Wed.: 12:35, 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 10:15 p.m

EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE (PG13) — Kids Jeopardy champ plays a young boy who loses his father (Tom Hanks) in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, Sandra Bullock co-stars.

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For a Mostly Silent Picture, *The Artist* Speaks Loudly of the movie references to enjoy The Artist. Visual and verbal. Those are two sides taken with himself. Valentin is played by

of the coin of how we humans communicate. Both are vital. Both can be delightful. No single work of art in recent memory is as good at being both heads and tails of that coin than The Artist. Just how good? The Artist is almost completely dialogue-free, yet one of its 10 Oscar nominations is for Best Original Screenplay. Yes, a movie with almost no words is a screenplay nominee. That is movie magic.

Movie magic lover that I am, it did still take me a few minutes to settle down and realize I was witnessing something so very different than the usual big screen fare. But The Artist seduces and then wraps you up in

How does it seduce? Let me count the ways. Romance. Action. Laughter. Humor. Loyalty. Sentimentality. Corny cuteness. Handsome human romantic leads. A dog with a big personality. Recognizable good guys and bad guys. Human frailty and virtue in every scene. Great dancing and great music. An avalanche of references to other movies. Fabulous clothes and cars. I love seeing a movie with a crowd when we all laugh and cry at the same moments and applaud at the end.

That is how The Artist begins, with an audience watching a movie and reacting. The year is 1927. The film is silent, but the orchestra plays and the audience gasps. They applaud enthusiastically at the end. This is the first of many winks at the audience.

The moviegoers are watching a film starring George Valentin, an actor very much Jean Dujardin, a French actor who bears a resemblance to Gene Kelly. He's as handsome and charming as he can be. The physical resemblance - the slick hair, the moustache, the smile and the profile - is only enhanced by the story taking place in The Artist, which is a cousin of Singin' in the Rain, perhaps Kelly's greatest role. Cinema Center hoped to bring Singin' in the Rain for a show or two during the run of The Artist, but the studio has it withdrawn from distribution through

In Singin' in the Rain the characters struggle to adjust to the arrival of sound at the movies. Most of them adjust. George Valentin is too proud and too vain to grasp the significance of the changes swirling around him.

Like Singin' in the Rain, our hero has a flirtation with a beautiful girl who wants to sing and dance her way onto the big screen. She is full of talent and ambition, and has a name to match: Peppy Miller. Berenice Bejo is charming as the ingénue rising star.

Both of these actors are nominated for Oscars, Dujardin for Best Actor and Bejo as Best Supporting Actress. They would both have my vote if I had one. They don't sing, but boy do they dance! And act.

These are virtuoso performances. Bejo has a scene where she uses Valentin's suit as a partner. Dujardin is dazzling as well. His face is delightfully expressive, and he has an easy likable physicality. They don't speak, but you don't miss the words. They make the challenge of not using dialogue look fluid



The Artist borrows and pays tribute to many great Hollywood films. The plot of the film is a variation of A Star is Born. George's career sinks as Peppy's rises. But George helped Peppy get started, giving her a signature birth mark. Peppy remains loyal to him and tries to help him.

There are also hints of Sunset Boulevard and Citizen Kane. Valentin is married to a woman (Penelope Ann Miller) who doesn't have much affection or respect for her husband. Her glowering expressions across the breakfast and dinner table are the humorous version of the classic Citizen Kane scenes. Dujardin enlists his trusty canine companion to try to get a smile from his wife. It doesn't work. The Hollywood sign reads Hollywoodland, as it did at the time.

But despite the many homages to other films, the old Hollywood plot, the lack of dialogue, the black and white cinematography and the nostalgic styling, The Artist isn't a movie that feels anything less than absolutely of the moment.

The Artist is always winking at the world it depicts. It plays with sound, with a nudging reminder every few scenes that we're watching an illusion. There are a few intertitles, present mostly for extra laughs

You don't have to be familiar with any

You don't feel distanced by the imitation of early cinematic conventions. It isn't like other movies, but it doesn't feel unlike them

Unfotunately, in many respects we live in times very much like the late 1920s. Money rules. (John Goodman is properly gruff and greedy as the head of the studio.) Audiences want something new! Valentin's comfortable world is turned upside down by a new technology. His wealth evaporates in the stock market crash. There is even a hint at the climate extreme, the beginning of the dust bowl, that will lead to banks taking over family farms and homes. One newspaper headline notes "Huge Crop Failures." None of this feels forced. You can notice it or not. I was just surprised at how like our own times The Artist feels, full of change and turmoil.

The Artist was shot in Hollywood and features old Hollywood landmarks. Art direction and cinematography are two other categories where The Artist is up for Oscars. Many Americans worked on and in the film, but writer and director Michel Hazanvicius. some of his team, and his stars are French. Movie loving is an international affair, and I hope everyone who claims to love movies will see The Artist. Black and white and nearly dialogue free, it will put color in you cheeks and get you talking.

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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NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Thurs.: 6:30 Fri.: 5:45, 8:45 **Sat.:** 12:00, 3:00, 5:45, 8:45 **Sun.:** 12:00, 3:00, 5:45 Mon.-Wed.: 6:30

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R) - David Fincher directs this remake of the first book in Stieg Larsson's The

Millennium Trilogy.
• CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 2:10, 5:30, 8:50 Fri.-Wed.: 12:45, 6:30

· JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 3:10, 6:35, 9:45

Fri.: 3:30 Sat.-Sun.: 3:15 Mon.-Wed.: 3:30

THE GREY (R) — Liam Neeson stars as the leader of a band of oil rig workers whose plane crashes in the middle of nowhere, . Alaska. Dermot Mulroney co-stars. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 9:00
Fri.-Wed.: 12:30, 3:15, 7:15, 9:50
• Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne **Thurs.:** 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20

Fri.-Tues.: 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:20 Wed.: 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

• Huntington 7, Huntington Thurs.: 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20 Fri.-Sat.: 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20, 11:55

Sun.-Wed.: 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20 · JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 12:55, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00 Fri.: 12:40, 3:55, 7:00, 10:00 Sat.-Sun.: 12:55, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00 Mon.-Wed.: 12:40, 3:55, 7:15, 10:05 North Pointe 9. Warsaw

Thurs.: 4:30, 6:45 Fri.: 4:35, 6:45, 9:05 Sat.: 12:45, 3:30, 6:45, 9:05 Sun.: 12:45, 3:30, 6:45

Mon.-Wed.: 4:35 6:45 NORTHWOOD CINEMA GRILL, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 6:45 Fri.: 4:00, 7:15

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

• Strand Theatre, Kendallville Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.: 7:00, 9:00

Sat.: 2:00. 7:00. 9:00 Sun.: 2:00, 700 Mon.-Wed.: 7:00

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

 COVENTRY 13. FORT WAYNE **Daily:** 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

HAYWIRE (R) — Steven Soderbergh (Out of Sight, Michael Clayton) directs this thriller starring Channing Tatum, Ewing McGregor, Michael Fassbinder, Antonio Banderas, Michael Douglas and MMA star Gina Carano.

 CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Fri.-Wed.: 4:10, 9:50

Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35
 Fri.-Wed.: 9:45 p.m.

 Huntington 7. Huntington Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30

· JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:15, 4:15, 7:40, 10:15 Fri.-Sat.: 11:00 p.m. Sun.: 10:05 p.m.

Mon.-Wed.: 9:45 n m North Pointe 9. Warsaw Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 5:00, 7:00

HUGO (PG) - Martin Scorsese's adaptation of the Brian Selznick novel, The Invention of Hugo Cabret, stars Ben Kingsley, Sacha Baron Cohen and Asa Butterfield.

COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:30 Fri.-Wed.: 1:30, 4:15, 6:55

• JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE All shows 3D Thurs: 12:35, 6:55 Fri.: 12:35, 3:40, 6:40 Sat.-Sun.: 12:05, 3:05, 6:40 Mon.-Wed.: 12:35, 3:40, 6:50

THE IRON LADY (PG13) - Meryl Streep is generating huge Oscar buzz for her portrayal of Britain's first female prime minister, Margaret Thatcher.
• CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Daily: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18. FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 3:40, 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.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:20, 2:25, 4:35, 7:00, 9:10

JOYFUL NOISE (PG13) — Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton. Now there's a pair.

• CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Daily: 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00 COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2

Thurs.: 4:25, 10:05 • HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON

Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 7:00, 9:40 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:50, 3:55, 7:10, 10:15

Sat.-Sun.: 2:35, 7:45 Mon.-Wed.: 12:45, 7:20 • NORTH POINTE 9, WARSAW Ends Thursday, Feb. 2

Fri.: 12:45, 7:45

Thurs.: 4:30, 6:45

MAN ON A LEDGE (PG13) - Sam Worthington (Avatar) and Elizabeth Banks (The 40 Year Old Virgin) star in this drama about a man on a ledge and the

negotiator trying to talk him down.

CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Daily: 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 2:05, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45 Fri.-Wed.: 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35

• HUNTINGTON 7, HUNTINGTON

Thurs.: 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:35, 9:10 Fri.-Sat.: 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:35, 9:10, 11:30

Sun.-Wed.: 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:35, 9:10 • JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 12:55, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00 Fri.: 1:05, 4:10, 8:05, 10:35 Sat.: 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:05, 10:35

Sun.: 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30 Mon.-Wed.: 1:05, 4:10, 7:25, 10:10

• North Pointe 9, Warsaw Thurs.: 4:45, 7:00 **Fri.:** 4:45, 7:00, 9:10

Sat.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:10 Sun.: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:00 Mon.-Wed.: 4:45, 7:00

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE GHOST PROTOCOL

(PG13) — Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) returns in a story helped along by co-screenwriter J.J. Abrams (Super 8) Star Trek). Brad Bird (Ratatouille, The Incredibles) directs.

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Fri.: 12:30, 3:35, 7:55, 10:05 Sat.: 12:20, 4:55, 7:55, 10:05

Sun.: 12:20, 4:55, 7:55 Mon.-Wed.: 12:30, 3:35, 6:55, 10:00

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.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:30, 3:15, 6:50, 9:35

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.

• COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE

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Daily: 12:00, 1:00, 2:35, 3:45, 6:30, 7:20,

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN (R) - Michelle Williams gives an award-worthy performance as Marilyn Monroe in an otherwise

lightweight drama starring Dougray Scott, Judi Dench, Eddie Redmayne and Kenneth Branagh. · Cinema Center @ Indiana Tech

Fri.-Sat.: 6:30 Sun.: 4:15

Mon.: 8:30

NEW YEAR'S EVE (PG13) — Garry Marshall redoes his critically panned Valentine's Day from 2010, changing the name and many of the faces (Hilary Swank, Ashton Kutcher, Jessica Biel, Ludracris, Halle Berry, Robert DeNiro, etc. etc.)

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 12:45, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45

ONE FOR THE MONEY (PG13) - Katherine Heigl plays a novice recovery agent for a bail bonding company whose first target is, of course, a murder suspect (Jason O'Mara) who seduced and then dumped

her in high school. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40 Fri.-Wed.: 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 9:55 COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10 Fri.-Wed.: 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25 • Huntington 7, Huntington
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Fri.: 1:20, 4:15, 7:30, 10:50 **Sat.:** 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30,10:50 **Sun.:** 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30 Mon.-Wed.: 1:20, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50

North Pointe 9. Warsaw Thurs.: 5:00, 7:00 Fri.: 5:00, 7:00, 9:05

Sat.: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00, 9:05 Sun.: 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00 Mon.-Wed.: 5:00, 7:00

PUSS IN BOOTS (G) — Antonio Banderas reprises his character from the Shrek franchise in this Dreamworks animated

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE **Daily:** 12:15, 2:20, 4:30, 7:05, 9:15

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.

COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:50, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25

RED TAILS (PG13) — Directed by Anthony Hemingway (*Empire Records*), this drama tells the story of the African-American pilots of the experimental Tuskegee train-

ing program during WWII. • CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

Daily: 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:50 • Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Thurs.: 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00 Fri.-Wed.: 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30

 Huntington 7, Huntington Thurs.: 11:10, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50 Fri.-Wed.: 9:40 p.m.

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Mon.-Wed.: 12:35, 3:40, 6:50, 9:45

SHERLOCK HOLMES: GAME OF SHADOWS (PG13) - Robert Downey Jr. (Holmes), Jude Law (Watson) and Rachel McAdams (Irene Adler) return in Guy Ritchie's second in what, hopefully, will be a long series of Sherlock Holmes movies.

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Fri.: 12:30, 6:55, 9:55 Sat.-Sun.: 11:30, 6:55, 9:55 Mon.-Wed.: 12:30, 7:00, 10:00

THE SITTER (R) - Jonah Hill continues his quest to become this millennium's Peter Lorre in this twisted comedy from David Gordon Green (Pineapple Express). • COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 12:40, 2:45, 4:40, 6:55, 9:20

Fri.-Wed.: 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 7:15, 9:20 TAKE SHELTER (R) - Michael Shannon and Jessica Chastain star in this suspenseful

drama about a family facing an encroaching, apocalyptic storm. • CINEMA CENTER @ INDIANA TECH

Fri.-Sat.: 8:30 Sun.: 2:00 Mon.: 6:15

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

· COVENTRY 13. FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55

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.

· COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:55, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING (R) — Kate Beckinsale reprises her lead role as Serene, the vampire warrior caught in a war between Lycans, vampires and humans

· CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 1:45, 2:15 (3D), 4:30, 5:00 (3D), 7:00, 7:20 (3D), 9:30, 9:45 (3D) Fri.-Wed.: 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00 (3D),

9:30 5.30

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**Fri.Wed.: 1:45, 4:00 (3D), 6:40, 9:30

 Huntington 7, Huntington Thurs.: 11:05 (3D), 1:10 (3D), 3:15 (3D), 5:20 (3D), 7:25 (3D), 9:35 (3D), 11:40 Fri.-Wed.: 11:05 (3D),1:10 (3D), 3:15 (3D), 5:20 (3D) 7:25 (3D)

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(IMAX), 3:45, 6:45 (IMAX), 7:05 (3D), 9:40 (IMAX), 9:55 (3D) North Pointe 9, Warsaw All shows in 3D Thurs.: 5:00, 7:00 Fri.: 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Sat.: 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Sun.: 12:30, 2:30, 5:00, 7:00 Mon.-Wed.: 5:00, 7:00

WAR HORSE (PG) — Steven Spielberg directs this Golden Globe-nominated adaptation of the Micahel Morpurgo novel

· CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Daily: 12:45, 3:40, 6:45, 9:45 · COLDWATER CROSSING 14, FORT WAYNE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2

Thurs.: 9:10
• Jefferson Pointe 18, Fort Wayne Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 9:55 p.m. · SILVER SCREEN CINEMA, GARRETT

Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.: 7:00

Sat.-Sun.: 2:00, 7:00 **Mon.-Wed.:** 7:00

• STRAND THEATRE, KENDALLVILLE Ends Thursday, Feb. 2 Thurs.: 7:00

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG) - Cameron Crowe (Almost Famous, Jerry McGuire) directs Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson in a dramatic comedy about a single dad who buys a zoo in order to give his family a fresh start.

 CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE Daily: 2:20, 5:15, 8:15 · JEFFERSON POINTE 18, FORT WAYNE

Thurs.: 12:50, 3:55, 7:10 Fri.: 12:50, 3:40, 7:10 Sat.-Sun.: 12:40, 3:40, 7:10 Mon.-Wed.: 12:50, 3:40, 7:10

• NORTHWOOD CINEMA GRILL, FORT WAYNE Thurs.: 6:30 Fri.: 3:45, 6:30 Sat.: 12:45, 3:30, 6:30

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· CARMIKE 20, FORT WAYNE

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG13) — Daniel "Harry Potter" Radcliffe stars as a young lawver who confronts a vengeful ghost in this Victorian-era horror tale. Janet McTeer co-stars.

Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 1:45, 4:00, 6:50, 9:15
• Coldwater Crossing 14, Fort Wayne Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.-Wed.: 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

 Huntington 7, Huntington Starts Friday, Feb. 3

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Mon.-Wed.: 1:15, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00, 10:15
• North Pointe 9, Warsaw

Starts Friday, Feb. 3 Fri.: 4:50, 7:10, 9:10 Sat.: 12:00. 2:30. 4:50. 7:10. 9:10

Sun.: 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10 Mon.-Wed.: 4:50, 7:10 YOUNG ADULT (R) — The always good

Charlize Theron plays a writer of literature for teens in this dramatic comedy directed by Jason Reitman (Up in the Air, Juno) and written by Diablo Cody (Juno) COVENTRY 13, FORT WAYNE

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A Hit for Carnahan

Opening This Weekend: Releasing a new movie this time of year is never a great idea, not if you're a studio hoping to score big bucks. Mostly, people go to the theater this time of year to check out the Golden Globe winners and Oscar nominees. Nonetheless, three new films open wide this coming weekend, led by Fox's poorly promoted action/drama Chronicle, a Seattle-set flick about three old friends who suddenly gain superpowers. First-time feature director Josh Trank leads the way, and the great Michael B. Jordan stars. Could very well be a surprise hit. Ken Kwapis' Big Miracle, starring Jim Halpert, Veronica Mars and Drew Barrymore, also opens everywhere. A cheesy-looking PG drama about a small Alaskan community that helps a family of gray whales escape rapidly forming ice in the arctic circle, we suppose Big Miracle looks like a solid enough family film. Last but not least we have horror/thriller flick The Woman in Black, starring Daniel "Harry Potter" Radcliffe and said to be very, very well made. Also be sure to check the listings for Oscar nominee expansions, as they should be aplenty over the next few weeks. Tops at the Box: Joe Carna-

han, known for his features Narc, Smokin' Aces and The A-Team, finally caught his artistic break with last weekend's No. 1 film, action drama The Grey. Scoring \$20 million in sales over its first three-day weekend, The Grey, starring Liam Neeson and written by Carnahan, is already a big success, scoring well with both critics and fans. Sure, this is a slow time of the year at the box office, and sure, the competition right now is unusually poor. Regardless, The Grey stands as a big win for Neeson, Carnahan and producers Ridley and Tony Scott. We at the ScreenTime offices plan to check out the flick soon, though likely not until it hits home video in, oh, six weeks or so. More From the Box: Under-

world: Awakening, the fourth film in the Kate Beckinsale-led saga about a vengeful Death Dealer who takes on vampires, werewolves and the like, took the No. 2 spot at the box office last weekend, selling \$12.5 million in tickets and upping its 10-day total to just over \$45 million in the U.S. Sure, Beckinsale is a handsome woman and all, but I just don't get the success of this series. Pretty girl plus vamp equals money? Taking the No. 3 spot at the box office last weekend was Katherine Heigl vehicle One For the Money, selling a disappointing \$11.75 million in the U.S. Remember when Heigl sold big?



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Yeah, we never got that one either, and we're thrilled to see the trend finally tail off. Nabbing the No. 4 spot last weekend was the Anthony Hemingway-directed, George Lucas-produced (and financed) action film Red Tails which brought in \$10.4 million over the weekend. upping its 10-day total to just over \$33 million. Based on the Tuskegee Airmen, this said-to-be well-made action film stars Cuba Gooding Jr. Terrence Howard, Bryan Cranston and Method Man. Looks alright. Rounding out last weekend's Top 5 was Asger Leth's promising new thriller, Man On a Ledge, starring Sam Worthington, Jamie Bell, Ed Harris, Ed Burns and Anthony Mackie. Great cast. Selling only \$8.3 in tickets over the weekend. Ledge is on pace to go down as a flop if things don't pick up over the next 10 days. Reviews? Very bad. Almost across the board.

Also of Note: The verycheesy-looking Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close saw a huge boost in ticket sales following an expansion and a Best Picture nomination; The Descendants and The Artist both also saw boosts in sales for the same reason. Can't say the same for Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, unfortunately, which we suspect is the best of the herementioned films. ScreenRant: Rather than talk

about all the great actors and writers and directors and producers and films the Academy nominated for this year's Oscar Awards Show, set to take place on Sunday, February 26, we figured we'd focus on the snubs, as there were a whole lot of 'em. The two biggest oversights of the year, we think, are Lars Von Trier's great Melancholia, which received zero nominations, and Nicolas Winding Refn's Drive which received only one minor nomination. We feel that both films deserved, at the very least, Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Editing and Best Cinematography nominations. And Ryan Gosling and Kirsten Dunst both also deserve Best Actor/Actress nominations, especially Dunst, whom we think deserves this year's statue. Some would also argue that both Albert Brooks and Charlotte Gainsbourg deserve Best Supporting Actor/Actress noms. too. We also felt that Take Shelter's Michael Shannon and Perfect Sense's Eva Green deserved Best

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Actor/Actress nominations for their career-best performances. And while we were very happy to see *The Tree of Life* director Terrence Malick get nominated for Best Director, we were mega bummed to see Steven Soderbergh's incredible work on the underrated *Contagion* go ignored. Oh, and did we mention how much we hate that the very mediocre *The Help*, winner of four Oscar nominations? Ditto for the uber cheesy *War Horse*, which received six noms. All that said, we're very much looking forward to the show, and will offer some predictions in the coming weeks. Oh, and if *The Help*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* or *War Horse* wins Best Picture, we promise never to watch the Oscars again. Chances are, the race will end up being between the overrated *The Artist*, the overrated *The Descendants* and the excellent *Hugo*.

New to Home Video: Out last Tuesday, January 31: The Big Year; Chalet Girl; The Double; Dream House; In Time; Janie Jones; The Thing; Texas Killing Fields; and, most importantly, Drive. Out this coming Tuesday, February 7: A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas; Project Nim; Anonymous; 3; a Blu-ray edition of Lady and the Tramp; and The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1. We highly recommend Drive if you've not yet seen it. Also, The Big Year is a surprisingly funny film that far too few people saw, especially when you consider the cast, producers, writers and director involved.

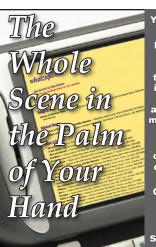
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